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# NEIL JENSEN

## CLUB CHAIRMAN

### 主席的話

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our members returning from their travels. Autumn always brings with it a renewed sense of energy. It's been particularly exciting to see the corridors buzzing with energy again, and I am looking forward to an exciting season ahead across all our sports.

Before looking forward, I must reflect on what was truly a highlight of the summer: the HKFC Annual Sports Awards Gala. It was a fantastic evening celebrating the achievements of our athletes and contributors. Congratulations once again to all of our winners. This year, the Club has taken the step of engraving their names on the second floor, establishing a lasting tradition of recognising excellence. Future winners will join this distinguished list, ensuring their accomplishments are honoured for years to come.

I am also pleased to share two new initiatives that reflect the Club's commitment, both to our members and to the wider community. First, we have established a connection with a number of local dog rescue shelters. With the extreme weather conditions over the past few months, there has been a great need for supplies. The Club will be donating used towels and linen, which we would otherwise have disposed of, to assist the shelters in their efforts.

The Club will be introducing specific strength and conditioning group classes to the Training Triangle. As a HYROX affiliate, we will look to provide specific training for all levels in the coming months.

With plenty to look forward to, I am optimistic that the season ahead will be both successful and memorable. I look forward to seeing many of you around the Club as we enjoy the months to come together.



Neil Jensen  
Chairman



熱烈歡迎所有旅行歸來的會員回到本會。秋天總是帶來新的能量，看見本會四周再次充滿活力，實在鼓舞人心。期待本會所有體育項目都會迎來一個精彩的新賽季。

展望未來之前，必須回顧一下這個夏天最重要的盛事，就是年度香港足球會運動員頒獎慶典。這美妙的一晚是為本會運動員及作出貢獻的成員而設，慶祝他們的卓越成就，在此再次祝賀各位得獎者。本會今年更踏出一步，把得獎者的名字刻在二樓，以建立一個表彰卓越的長遠傳統，未來的得獎者亦會榜上有名，確保他們的成就往後也得到表彰。

同時，本會致力為會員及廣大社區盡心服務，因此很高興與大家分享兩個有質的新措施。首先，我們已經與幾個本地狗庇護所建立聯繫，除此之外，過去幾個月的極端天氣令庇護所的物資需求大增，本會將捐出原本要棄置的舊毛巾及床單，協助庇護所展開工作。

本會將在訓練場引入針對肌力及體能的團體班。作為HYROX官方合作伙伴，我們將會於未來幾個月為所有水平的學員提供針對性訓練。

之後有很多精彩的活動等着大家，相信新賽季將會是成功而難忘的一季。就讓我們一起享受接下來的季節，期待與大家在本會相見。

主席 Neil Jensen

# Race Box

Hong Kong Football Club

at Happy Valley Racecourse

The club maintains a shared box at the Happy Valley racecourse which is available for members to book in advance.

**Standard Buffet** with unlimited drinks\*

**\$730** per person

**Admission badge**

**\$60** per person

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Extra cost  
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**1. Whole piece of lobster**

**\$560**

**5. French Premium Cheese Platter**

**\$215**

**2. Deluxe Sashimi Platter**

Scallop, Hamachi, Red Shrimp and Salmon

**\$440**

**6. Standard Sashimi Platter**

**\$170**

**3. Lobster Cocktail with Sweet Mango**

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- Unlimited drinks\* includes soft drinks, mineral water, house beer, orange juice, tea and coffee
- Beverages are available from 6pm, and Dinner Buffet is available from 6:30pm to 9:30pm

## Reservations

- Booking forms are available at Reception (frontdesk@hkfc.com) and from our website hkfc.com

# MATT RAWNSLEY GENERAL MANAGER

## 總經理的話

It's a real pleasure to see many of you back at the Club after your summer breaks and getting ready for new seasons. In some recent communications, you will have read that the team has been very busy with repairs and maintenance work over the summer. There have been other changes too. Even this magazine looks a bit different and will now be a quarterly edition, not monthly. The main reason for this is due to the timing of a monthly publication. We are so busy during the period from September to July that when we are pulling together the magazine, it's very often old news by the time it comes to print. Having a quarterly edition will enable us to review the past while also looking ahead over a longer period.

There have been changes in personnel too. We welcome all the new members that have joined, over 130 of them at the time of writing. Whether you are representing teams or just enjoying the facilities, please feel at home, get stuck in and introduce yourself to people. Our Club is built on members, and I am sure that you will be made to feel welcome. On the staff side, we welcome some new team members across the Club, with a special welcome to our new Director of Rugby Operations, Andrew Durutalo, who joined us in August. We also say goodbye to Logan Asplin who takes up an exciting new role at Hong Kong China Rugby as their new Head Coach. Thank you for your service Logan. We wish you and the team all the very best in your preparations for the 2027 Rugby World Cup. We know you and the squad will do us proud and you will always be welcome at your second home.

We've also been working very hard behind the scenes on our facility planning for the future, and more will be communicated over the next several months. But you will have seen the new plunge pools and the new decking outside the Sportsman's Bar, which are great additions to help with enjoying sport and recovering after, whether that's a cold plunge or a cold beer!

A few other things of note that are worth mentioning: A new partnership with LUÜNA, which will enhance the experience for our ladies across the Club (please see page 15). It's been a busy time for recruitment with Andrew coming on board, and the search for the new Director of Sport, which is ongoing and takes time. However, it's crucial that we find the right person for this role. We've also been very busy in the planning and designing of the new Club app which is planned for launch in Q1'26, and we'll be asking some members to help with the prototype later this year.

Lots of very positive things happening at the moment, and in the next issue I hope to have more information to share on some other developments within our great club. In the meantime, enjoy being back in the swing of things and get behind our teams who will be wearing the badge with pride.



Matt Rawnsley  
General Manager



Matt Rawnsley  
General Manager

很高興見到很多人於暑假過後回到本會，為新賽季作準備。在最近的通訊中，大家可能已經了解到我們的團隊夏季忙於維修及保養工作。除此之外，本會還有其他變化，就連這本會刊看起來也略有不同，並且從原本的月刊改為季刊，主要原因是月刊的出版時間較短，我們9月到7月的賽季期間相當忙碌，先前每當整合好會刊後，內容於印刷時往往已經過時，現在季刊讓我們能夠回顧過去之餘，亦可以展望更長遠的未來。

本會人事也有變動。首先，歡迎所有新會員加入本會，下筆之際，新會員人數已經超過130人，無論你是代表球隊，抑或只是享受設施，請把本會當成家一樣，並融入其中，向大家介紹自己，本會以會員為本，所以肯定大家都會在這感到賓至如歸。員工方面，我們在本會各處都迎來一些新面孔，在此特別歡迎8月加入我們的新攬球營運線監Andrew Durutalo。同時，我們也向轉任中國香港15人攬球隊主教練的Logan Asplin告別，這是個令人興奮的新職位，感謝Logan為本會效力多年，我們祝福你及球隊在2027攬球世界盃的備戰一切順利，相信你們會為港爭光，而本會永遠都會歡迎你。

我們也在幕後紛盡腦汁，規劃未來的設施，之後幾個月會公布更多有關消息。不過，大家肯定已經看到新冷水浴池及Sportsman's Bar外面的新地板，享受運動後，來個冷水浴或冰凍啤酒，後續恢復自然事半功倍！

此外，還有其他值得一提的事項。首先，本會與LUÜNA建立合作伙伴關係，這個合作將令身處本會的女士享有更舒適的體驗，可閱讀第15頁以了解更多。多個職位的招聘工作亦進行得如火如荼，除了Andrew上任，我們正物色新體育總監，雖然過程需時，但最重要是找到合適人選擔任這個職位。我們也一直忙於規劃及設計新的Club手機應用程式，應用程式計劃於2026年第一季推出，今年稍後將邀請部分會員幫助測試原型。

總括而言，目前有很多非常正面的事情發生，希望下期會刊能分享更多有關本會其他動態的資訊。與此同時，一起享受重返賽季的喜悅，並到我們球隊身後，為自豪地展示本會隊徽的運動員打氣。

總經理 羅施利



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OCTOBER 2025**  
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MEET THE NEW SOUS  
**CHEF  
LORCAN**  
BRINGS GLOBAL  
FLAIR TO HKFC

Meet Lorcan Tang, the Dublin-born sous chef whose 15-year journey from bistros in the Irish capital to Michelin-starred kitchens now finds his home in Sports Road. Chef Lorcan shares his philosophy, his passion for growth, and his vision for the club's dining experience. Lorcan explains when asked about the Restaurant's new direction, "playing with ingredients, moving towards a Mediterranean fusion—different from the typical Western restaurant scene outside". The Restaurant will be serving a new menu to members from September onwards.





Fresh into his role after three months, Chef Lorcan is armed with a formidable resume. He's honed his craft under culinary luminaries: Tom Higgins (UK), the two Michelin-starred Kevin Thornton, experiences with top chefs in Singapore and in the Rosewood Hotel in Hong Kong, and even with David Beckham's former private chef.

It was his time at the Hong Kong Rosewood Hotel's opening that pushed him professionally. Joining in 2019 amidst a time of social unrest in the city, he led a 120-seat outlet with 25 staff after the head chef's sudden departure.

**"WITH THE EXECUTIVE CHEF'S SUPPORT, I STEPPED UP. IT TAUGHT ME CRUCIAL LESSONS IN COMMUNICATION, DELEGATION, AND RUNNING A LARGE OPERATION—IT FUNDAMENTALLY MADE ME A BETTER CHEF".**

Chef Lorcan's career began at the age of 16 in Dublin, fueled by childhood curiosity. "I would raid the fridge to make fried egg sandwiches," he laughed, reminiscing about being inspired by his parents' hard work putting food on the table. "I never imagined that spark would ignite a global career". So, for all of you guys who love a cheeky midnight sandwich, there's hope for your culinary career yet. To young, aspiring chefs,

his advice is unequivocal: "Find that passion or adrenaline and stick with it. Do something you love". He emphasizes going beyond just following orders. "Deliver something on a plate made with passion. Show interest, ask questions, learn. That's how you grow."

From Dublin to Hong Kong, Chef Lorcan embodies a global passion for food. His journey reflects enthusiasm, cross-cultural fusion, and a deep-seated belief that great food is born from passion, precision, and a willingness to learn.

### THE RESTAURANT

New menu available now. For enquiries and reservation please call 2830 9562 or [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)



# PUSHING LIMITS IN THE TRAINING TRIANGLE

Working out under Hong Kong's intense heat and humidity is no easy feat—but for those who embrace the challenge, the Training Triangle offers a unique environment to test both physical and mental limits. This outdoor space has quickly become a favourite for members looking to take their strength and conditioning to the next level.



## 4 EXERCISES AT THE TRAINING TRIANGLE

**1 KETTLEBELLS**

**What it is** | Versatile free weights used for swings, squats, presses, and carries.

**Club tips** | Avoid going too heavy at first. Build up resilience and grip strength first through lighter reps and higher rep sets.

**Benefits** | Improves grip, coordination, and functional strength while boosting aerobic capacity.

**2 SLEDS**

**What it is** | Push or pull a weighted sled across the turf.

**Club tips** | When pushing or pulling, aim to keep a low strong posture and drive through the legs while engaging your core.

**Benefits** | Builds total-body strength, power, and cardiovascular endurance with low impact on joints.

Whether you're prepping for an event, preseason training, or looking to break out of your usual gym routine, the Training Triangle is your ultimate playground. Its open-air setup and versatile equipment make it perfect for functional fitness, high-intensity circuits, and explosive power work.

Head to the Sports Desk and ask if the facility is in use. If so, head down and start your workout. Just remember put away your equipment and lock away before leaving.

**3 TRAP BAR JUMPS & EXPLOSIVE EXERCISES**

**What it is** | Jumping with a loaded trap bar or performing plyometric drills like broad jumps and bounds.

**Club tips** | Stay balanced, land softly, and drive powerfully from the hips.

**Benefits** | Improves vertical jump, sprint speed, and reactive strength.

**4 CARDIO CIRCUIT**

**What it is** | A mix of rowing, SkiErg, wall balls, and med ball throws to simulate race-day effort.

**Club tips** | Prioritise technique and breathing. Explosive but controlled movement is key.

**Benefits** | Builds high-intensity endurance and functional power—perfect for competition or any cardio-heavy challenge.

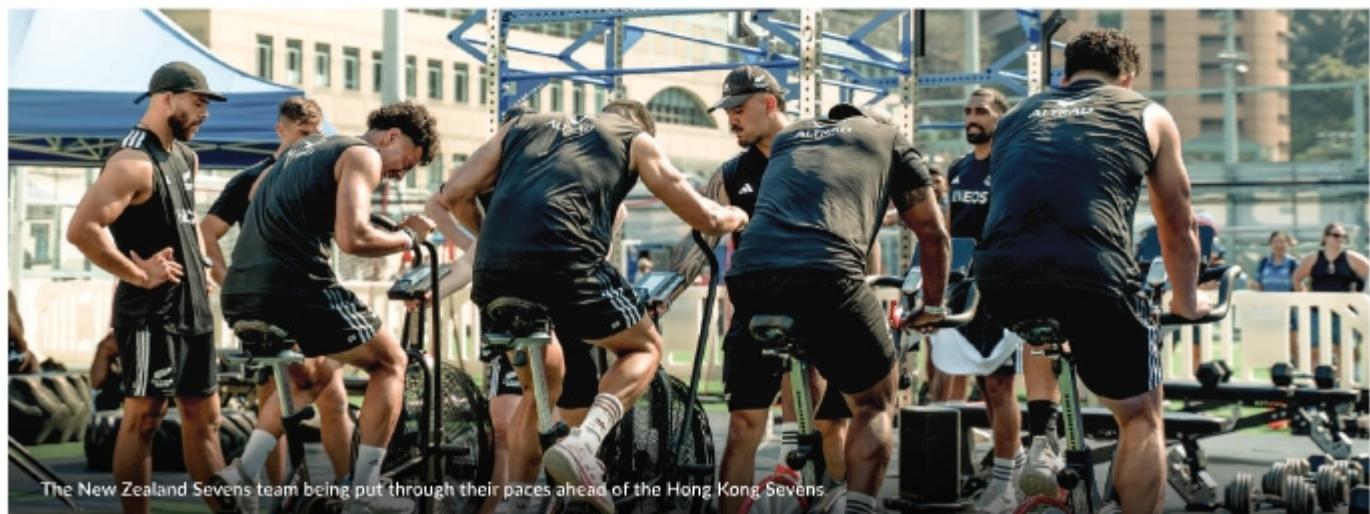
## REHAB AT THE CLUB

**Plunge Pools:** Cold therapy to reduce soreness and aid muscle recovery. Located in the Swimming Pool Complex.

**Swimming Pool:** Low-impact movement and active recovery through light stretching and mobility work.

**Sauna:** Relax muscles, promote circulation, and support overall recovery post-workout.

**Foam Rolling and Stretching:** Target tight spots in the gym using our range of rollers and mats.



# TERRAZAS DE LOS ANDES



## TERRAZAS DINNER

Terrazas Reserva Chardonnay 2024

Terrazas Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

Terrazas Reserva Malbec 2022

Terrazas Grand Malbec 2021

Terrazas Extremo 2021

**FRIDAY 12 SEP 2025 7:00PM  
(2/F Private Dining Room)**

Price: \$1,038 members, \$1,088 non-members

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LUÜNA founder Olivia Cotes-James sharing her story and how LUÜNA came to be.



## INTERVIEW

# BREAKING INVISIBLE BARRIERS WITH LUÜNA X HKFC

In Hong Kong, a quiet yet powerful shift is beginning to take root in support of women's health, and the Hong Kong Football Club is ready to lead by example. Partnering with LUÜNA, a social enterprise founded by Olivia Cotes-James, HKFC has taken the bold step to normalise menstrual care in sports spaces, ensuring every member feels supported and seen.

Liv, LUÜNA's founder, understands the issues firsthand, and through conversations with women in Hong Kong and Shanghai which evolved into a community. These conversations revealed the prevalent issue that traditional options create significant environmental damage and pose risks to our health, both due to the plastics in the existing products.

This inspired LUÜNA's dual mission: creating sustainable, transparent period

products and using revenue to support underserved communities. But launching products was only half the battle. The greater challenger? Convincing institutions and companies alike that free menstrual care is essential. HKFC, however, stands out from the silent crowd of companies.

When periods were highlighted as a barrier for women in sports during a panel discussion, the Club acted swiftly and decisively. "It wasn't long between that moment and implementation," Liv notes, calling HKFC a rare leader for its quick response. This alignment is deeply personal: "The link between sports and menstrual health has always been critical." Lack of support affects everyone—from gym-goers to athletes to everything in between.

For our members, the impact is immediate. With LUÜNA products

now in Club washrooms, potential embarrassment turns into seamless confidence—a small change with profound implications for participation and comfort. While LUÜNA now serving over 3000 washrooms across Asia, Liv eyes broader horizons: stadiums, entertainment venues and public spaces.

HKFC's partnership transcends practicality. It sends a clear message: menstruation is a normal part of life and athletic pursuit. And this partnership further drives home the point that HKFC is a premier sports club that encourages all its members to excel. By removing this barrier, the Club champions well-being and inclusivity for all members—proving that progress thrives where empathy meets action.

Watch out for further updates on the instalment of LUÜNA period products in HKFC bathrooms.

## INTERVIEW

# MOSTAFA ASAL

EGYPT'S SQUASH  
SUPERSTAR IN CONVERSATION  
WITH HKFC

At just 24 years old, Mostafa Asal has already been identified as an Egyptian squash prodigy, having already reached the rank of World's No.1. Hong Kong Football Club recently had the privilege of hosting his elite training camp for budding squash players, where we also took the opportunity to sit down with him for an exclusive interview. Asal's developed a strong affection for HKFC, proudly calling it "one of the best clubs ever", and the dedication the Club and its members have to all of our sports is not lost on him. **"The members here love squash and all the other sports in the Club".** Known for his explosive playing style and relentless determination, Asal divulged to us his journey, rigorous training and plans for the future.





Photo Credit: SCMP  
Asal battling Elsas in the Hong Kong Open

## From Rookie to World Champion

Asal can trace his squash history back to 15 years ago when he first picked up a squash racket at age 9, having been inspired by his uncle, a former professional player and coach. Perhaps unsurprisingly to his fans, it wasn't the first hit of the racket that got him hooked, but rather the rush of competition. "I didn't even like squash at first," he admitted openly, laughing as he did. "But once I started competing, I became addicted to the speed and intensity of the game."

His kickstarted enthusiasm paid off quickly. By the time he was 16, he turned pro in Egypt's fiercely competitive squash circuit where many get a young start on the sport and players are known for their early development and intense training regiments.

**“**  
"In Egypt," Asal explained, "we start so young that by 30, many players are already veterans."  
**”**

## A Season of Triumphs

Though he started at 9 years old, it wasn't until the 2024-25 season that marks Asal's arrival as a true squash contender. He captured his first PSA World Championship title—widely considered the most prestigious and elite tournament in professional squash, for those who may not be squash-aware—in an epic final against long-time rival Ali Farag, a player who he's faced over 20 times and who has also proved to be a legendary player. The victory was part of an outrageous 25-match winning streak that cemented Asal's reputation as one of the sport's most dominant players.

But it's more than just rocking up to court with normal training under your belt. "Squash demands everything from you—physically, mentally,

emotionally," Asal explained to us. "You train four to five hours daily, travel constantly and push through injuries." His secret? Arriving at tournaments a week early to adjust to time zones and fine-tune his game.

And as a piece of advice for anyone who's driven to pursue going pro in squash, your mental health and resilience will need to be as high level as your physical abilities. "Squash is you versus you," he advised those he trained. "If you're not believing (in yourself) or believing that you're going to beat this player, you're not going to beat him."

At just 24, Mostafa Asal has already achieved what most players dream of their entire careers. Yet with his combination of raw talent, relentless work ethic and passion for growing the game, it's clear that his greatest achievements are still yet to come.



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While you're there, make use of their dining & facilities! After taking a dip in the indoor pool, a hit at the squash courts (perfect for our squash enthusiasts and section players who want to continue their routine) or taking a stab at the fencing salle, you can grab a bite at their Courtyard Brasserie and a drink in their historic Round Room Cocktail Bar. If the courts or pool are not your cup of tea, there's also a full schedule of fitness classes and personal trainers available.

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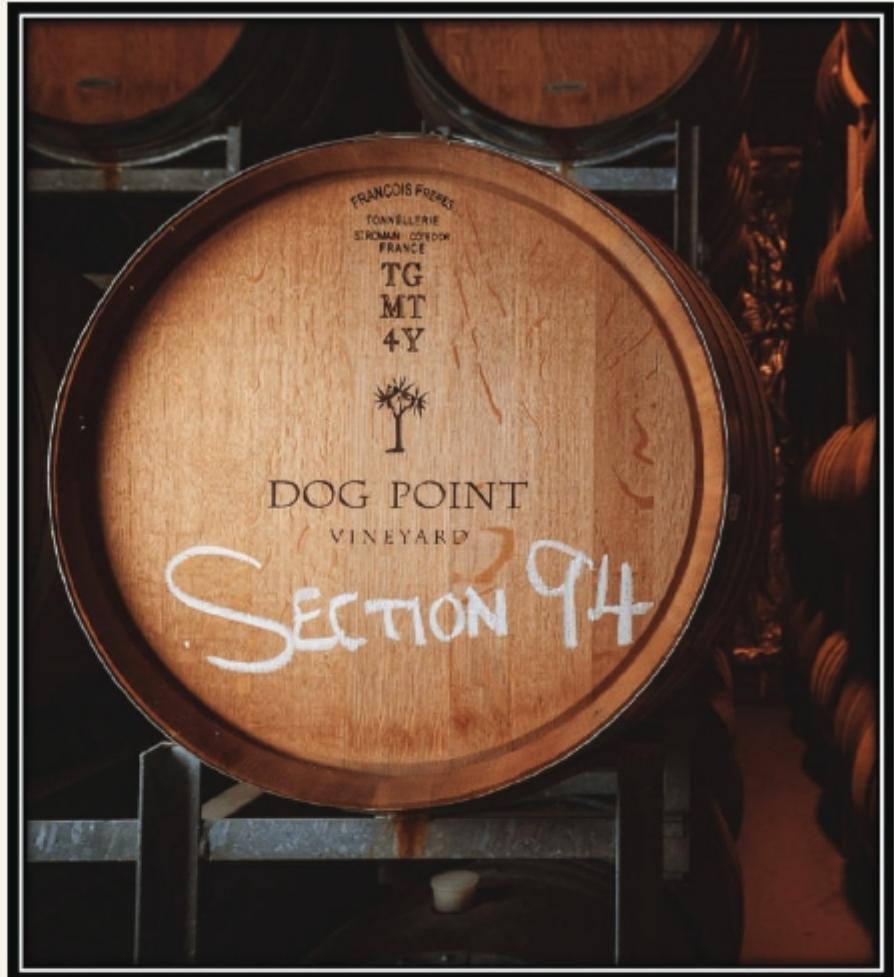
For those who want to use the reciprocal membership for the Lansdowne Club (or any of our other reciprocal clubs, which we will be featuring on our website's blog section), members should apply for an **Introductory Letter** from the **Membership Department**.

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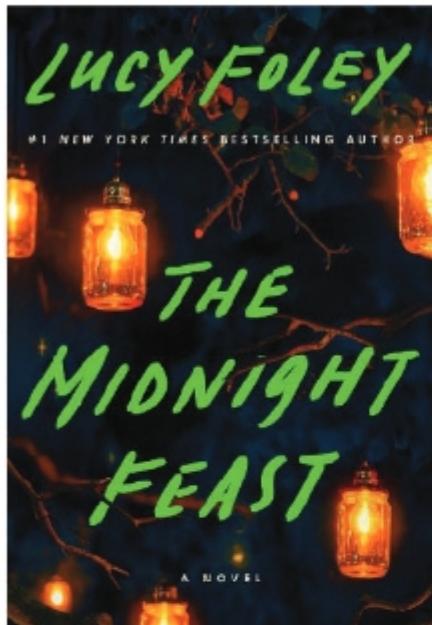


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## The Midnight Feast, Lucy Foley

Genre: Mystery Thriller

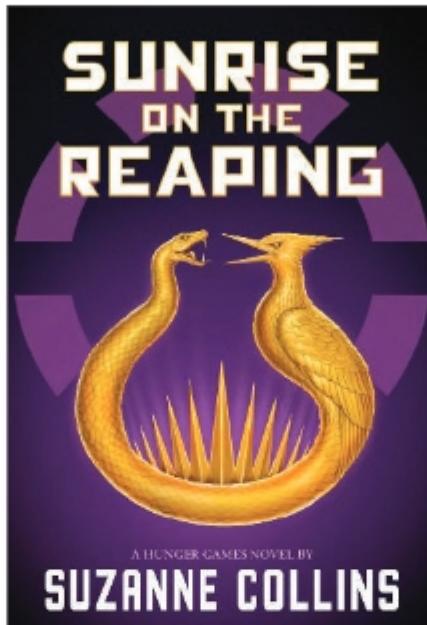
Rating: 4/5 ★★★★☆

**Blurb:** It's the opening night of The Manor, the newest and hottest luxury resort, and no expense, small or large, has been spared. The infinity pool sparkles; the "Manor Mule" cocktail (grapefruit, ginger, vodka and a dash of CBD oil) is being poured with a heavy hand. Everyone is wearing linen.

But under the burning midsummer sun, darkness stirs. Old friends and enemies circulate among the guests. Just outside the Manor's immaculately kept grounds, an ancient forest bristles with secrets. And it's not too long before the local police are called. Turns out the past has crashed the party, with deadly results.

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## Sunrise On The Reaping, Suzanne Collins

Genre: Young Adult

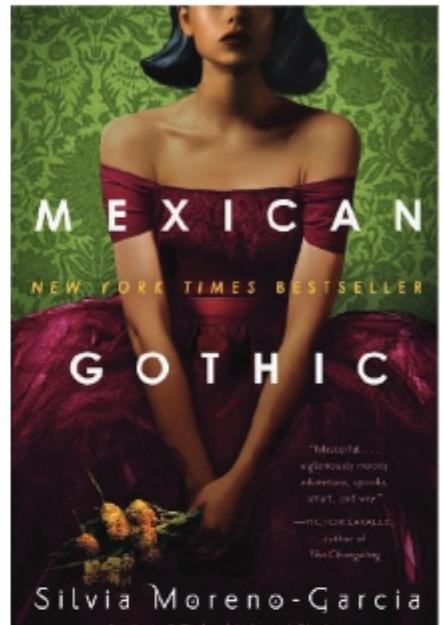
Rating: 4/5 ★★★★☆

**Blurb:** When you've been set up to lose everything you love, what is there left to fight for?

As the day dawns on the fiftieth annual Hunger Games, fear grips the districts of Panem. This year, in honour of the Quarter Quell, twice as many tributes will be taken from their homes.

Back in District 12, Haymitch Abernathy is trying not to think too hard about his chances. All he cares about is making it through the day and being with the girl he loves.

When Haymitch's name is called, he can feel all his dreams break. He's torn from his family and his love, shuttled to the Capitol with the three other District 12 tributes: a young friend who's nearly a sister to him, a compulsive oddsmaker and the most stuck-up girl in town. As the Games begin, Haymitch understands he's been set up to fail. But there's something in him that wants to fight... and have that fight reverberate far beyond the deadly arena.



## Mexican Gothic, Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Genre: Horror

Rating: 4/5 ★★★★☆

**Blurb:** Set in 1950s Mexico, the story follows Noemí Taboada, a glamorous and headstrong socialite from Mexico City. Her life of parties and suitors takes a sharp turn when she receives a distressing letter from her newlywed cousin, Catalina. Catalina's letter is filled with ominous claims about her new husband, Virgil Doyle, and the eerie mansion they reside in, called High Place. Concerned for her cousin's well-being, Noemí travels to the remote town of El Triunfo to investigate.

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# MEN'S SOCCER FIRST TEAM A NEW BEGINNING

BY GEORGE YANG

**O**n the 1st of August, the Hong Kong Football Club First Team held its press conference and media day in anticipation of the upcoming new season. In the press conference, Head Coach Chancy Cooke outlined the objectives for the season and the focus on youth development for Hong Kong's footballing ecosystem. The First Team had the most young player debuts in the previous campaign and looks to continue to foster an environment for young players to get the chance to play in the highest level of football available in Hong Kong.

Further, the First Team also unveiled the new playing kits supplied by Puma in the press conference. The Puma kit honours HKFC's iconic colours while integrating advanced performance features. Equipped with PUMA's dryCELL moisture-wicking technology and ultra-lightweight, sustainable fabrics, the kit offers unparalleled comfort and style for players and fans alike. Puma will supply all football-related apparel and equipment for HKFC's soccer section over the next two seasons. At the official kit launch, Hong Kong U22 representative Yoshi Chan Ho Ka, alongside teammates Naveed Khan, Aristide Gry, and Dipen Gurung, showcased the new designs.



## COACHING TEAM

Head Coach 主教練 | Chancy Cooke 谷卓斯

Assistant Coaches 助教 | Gilles Meyer 麥亞, Thomas Tsang 曾灝謙, Alex Snow 孫力山

GK Coach 龍門教練 | Yan Kin Keung 袁堅強

S&C Coach 體能教練 | Jacky Tam 譚潤璋

Technical Advisor 技術總監 | Anto Grabo 基保安度

## FIRST TEAM PLAYER LIST

(As of 1st August 2025)

BENNIE Jack John 彬尼  
 BLOXHAM Calum Howard 博偉程  
 CHAN Ho Ka (Yoshi) 陳浩嘉  
 CHAN Max 陳恆亮  
 CHAN Pak Hei 陳柏熹  
 CHENG Chun Wang Ryan 鄭進泓  
 DIETRICH Enzo 安素  
 DOWN Toby Philip 唐道碧  
 GRY Aristide Joseph 展庭  
 GURUNG Dipen 古得贊  
 HO Tung Lam (Stanley) 何東霖  
 INOUE Tatsuya 井上龍也  
 JIM Ho Chun 詹皓鍾  
 JOHNS Dominic Sy 莊文歷  
 KEDWARDS Nicholas Alexander 歷祈活  
 KRANICK Auston Anthony 關歷克  
 LAI Hoi To 黎鰲韜  
 LAM Ho Hei 林灝希  
 LAW Cheuk Hei 罷焯熙  
 LI Chung Hang (Chris) 李宗恒  
 MA Chin Ho 馬阡皓  
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 PEREZ-DOYLE Felix Alejandro 費利皮爾  
 ROLLIN Arnaud 羅諾德  
 SALAZAR Jesus Francisco 薩拉沙  
 SALZMANN Luis Gabor 西施文樂宜  
 SHIN Jae Ho 申在鎬  
 SILVA MOREIRA Hugo Filipe 莫雷拉  
 WONG Tsz Chung (Eric) 王子聰



## SENIOR SOCCER SECTION SEASON 2025/26 PREVIEW

BY GEORGE YANG

As we gear up for yet another season of football, the section is looking forward to seeing the team assembled by Chancy Cooke in the Hong Kong Premier League, the highest possible football available locally. The previous season saw massive changes implemented in the First Team. The section objective of fostering youth development has seen many young talents: produced by our esteemed youth academy, awarded with debuts last season. Nicholas Kedwards, Jack Bennie and Cai McGunnigle are just a few names that have gone through our youth academy and made a senior appearance for the First Team. We look forward to seeing more talents coming through the ranks this season and much more of the ball possession, quick passing and high press that Chancy has begun to implement in the way that the first team plays.

The women's 1st team competed in the Jockey Club Women's Football League 1st Division last year avoiding relegation to the 2nd division. They came top of the relegation group after the league split into Championship and Relegation Group but will look on this season to try and get into the Championship group this upcoming season and finish higher than the previous year.

Lucky Mile finished 4th last season in the 2nd division coming very close to the promotional spots. Just as the team thought they had missed out on promotion, several fortunate factors led to the football association of Hong Kong, China, restructuring the division in Lucky Mile's favour. They will be competing in the 1st Division, one tier below the Premier League, in the coming season. The LM boys

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will look to stay in the division this upcoming season and be competitive against the likes of yesterday giants such as South China.

As to our Yau Yee League sides. Wanderers gaffer, Tom Halder, is stepping down as commander in chief this upcoming season. This change may not be a welcoming one for the Wanderer boys as Rich's Albion looks to build on his first season in charge and challenge the stronghold that the Wanderer boys had in the league in recent seasons. Our Club Academy will aim to make it back to the top 3 so the club can finish in the top 3 places in the YYL First Division, claiming complete dominance in the league once again. We can't wait to see what drama unfolds this season!

Finally, our social sides of Dynamics, Rovers and Gazelles will look to continue having strong social matches on Friday evenings against friends of the section and against one another, often seeing several players playing for 2 teams on the same evening!



## HKFAC ANNUAL DINNER AND AWARDS CEREMONY

BY GEORGE YANG

On July 22nd, representatives from the soccer section attended the Football Association of Hong Kong, China's Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony to celebrate the success the section had in the previous HKFAC season. Congratulations to Mathias Tong, who plays in our HKFC under 14 Premier Youth Team for winning the Most Valuable Player Award in the division. Our youth teams were very competitive throughout this past season with our PYL HKFC U18 winning the F.A. Youth Cup as well as coming second in the season.

In women's football, Jeanne Duporion from the Women's 1st team was nominated for Women's Footaller of Year but unfortunately was not able to come home with the prize. However, a huge congratulations to her for being one of seven players nominated for the prestigious award.

In attendance were also representatives from Lucky Mile, who were presented with a 4th place trophy in 2nd Division. A fortunate turn of events has led them to be promoted to the 1st division for the season 2025/26. The



promotion was based on league positions obtained in the 2024/25 season and well deserved for a team that was very close to the promotion places throughout the past season. A huge congratulations to Shinn and the team for getting Lucky Mile back to where they should be.

## SUMMER SOCCER SIXES

BY GEORGE YANG

In July, the soccer section hosts an annual Summer Soccer Sixes tournament for section members and the wider HKFC Community to enjoy. This year's edition saw the Rugby and Squash Section enter once again with several friends of the section teams alongside competitive and social sides of the section. The games take place over the course of the month on the usual Tuesday training slots to ensure a little bit of fun across club and section.

A huge thank you to all those that participated in the Annual Summer Soccer Sixes this year! The last Tuesday of July saw a fierce Cup final battle between Wanderers and Lucky Mile. Wanderers and Lucky Mile drew in the round robin match but Wanderers were able to find the winning goal in the Cup final to secure victory and claim the 2025 Summer Soccer Sixes Cup!

Congratulations to the Squash Section for winning the plate and MAFC for winning the Wooden Spoon. Fair play award went to Kieran Flynn for his great efforts in providing everyone with no nonsense, professional refereeing over the course of the tournament! Thank you Matt Littlefield & Jeff Ho for all your work organizing the tournament for members and friends to enjoy!

### MEN'S SOCCER FIRST TEAM FIXTURES SEP - NOV

Sunday, 14th September 2025  
4:30PM | Main Pitch



**HKFC vs BC Rangers**

Saturday, 20th September 2025  
6:30PM | Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground



**Eastern District vs HKFC**

Sunday, 5th October 2025  
4:30PM | Main Pitch



**HKFC vs Golik North**

Sunday 19th October 2025  
4:30PM | Main Pitch



**HKFC vs KC Southern**

Sunday, 26th October 2025  
3:00PM | Sham Shui Po Sports Ground



**Kowloon City vs HKFC**

Saturday, 1st November 2025  
6:00PM | Mong Kok Stadium



**Lee Man vs HKFC**

Sunday, 9th November 2025  
4:30PM | Main Pitch



**HKFC vs Eastern**

Sunday, 30th November 2025  
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## OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF RUGBY OPERATIONS

# ANDREW DURUTALO



It's not every day that a club welcomes someone who has played on rugby's biggest stages—and then some. But this season, Hong Kong Football Club Rugby is doing just that with the arrival of our new Director of Rugby Operations, Andrew Durutalo.

It should not be understated how excited we are to announce Andrew's hiring. It's a nod to our ambition to run our rugby programme with the same precision and professionalism you'd expect from an elite sporting organisation. And in Andrew, we've found someone who knows exactly what that looks like.

With an education and career that spans several continents, Andrew has a wealth of life and sports experience to call upon. His playing journey has taken him from the USA Eagles—earning 22 caps in Fifteens and over 40 HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series appearances—to the 2015 Rugby World Cup and the 2016 Rio Olympics.

On the professional front, Andrew has thrilled crowds in Super Rugby with the Sunwolves, battled in England with Ealing Trailfinders and Worcester Warriors, and capped off his career in Major League Rugby with the Seattle Seawolves—helping them to a Championship Final. Somewhere in between, he found time to earn not one but two Blues at Oxford University, scoring tries in consecutive Varsity Match victories over Cambridge and even taking home a Man of the Match award—while completing his MBA.

Since hanging up his boots, Andrew hasn't stepped away from the game. He's taken on roles off the pitch, from developing rugby programmes to serving as a sports ambassador for the US Department of State. That combination of elite playing experience and organisational know-how is exactly what HKFC Rugby needs as we continue to raise our game.

As we welcome Andrew into the Rugby Section, we also welcome him into the wider HKFC community. If you spot him around the Club—whether in the stands, the gym or at the café—don't be shy. Say hello, talk rugby and maybe ask him what it's really like to play in front of 50,000 roaring fans.

# HISTORY MAKERS!

On a hot and humid day in Icheon, South Korea, Hong Kong China wrapped up yet another successful Asia Rugby Championship campaign in style, coming away as 70-22 winners against a determined Korean side.

More importantly, the result clinched their first-ever Men's Rugby World Cup tournament berth, meaning the likes of our Club men facing the world's best in Australia come 2027. Led by Club captain Josh Hrstich and Club coach Logan Asplin, Hong Kong China's attack flourished as they dismantled teams, emerging as worthy winners.

## Congratulations to our Club men:

Josh Hrstich (Capt.), Callum McCullough, Patrick Jenkinson, Jack Bartlett, Keelan Chapman, Pierce MacKinlay-West, Tyler McNutt, Tom Hill, Julien Bourron, Ben Axten-Burrett, Matteo Avitabile, Murray Brechin, Matthew Worley, Nate de Thierry, Jack Abbott and Anthony Coebergh.

TEAM	TOTAL POINTS
1st Place Hong Kong China	15
2nd Place United Arab Emirates	10
3rd Place South Korea	7

\*1st place advances to the Men's Rugby World Cup 2027. 2nd place enters a playoff against the runner-up from the 2025 Africa Cup.

# FROM UK'S TOPFLIGHT TO HONG KONG: MEET OUR NEW SIGNINGS!

Our Women's Premiership side, HKFC Natixis Ice have enjoyed a meteoric rise in recent years, from a 5th place finish in 2022 to two league titles and three Grand Championship finals in three years. With momentum on our side, we're hoping this year the girls can go one further and capture that elusive Grand Championship.

Helping them in their search is Head of Women's Rugby Hannah Edwards. She's entering her second season at the helm and will look to build on such a promising start to her tenure. Helping her cause are three new recruits from the PWR (Premiership Women's Rugby) league in England, the top domestic club competition in the world. You'll see them soon in the blue & white, and on the touchlines coaching our youth teams.



NAME	PREVIOUS CLUB	POSITION	ACHIEVEMENTS
Niamh Orchard	Exeter Chiefs	Second Row/Back Row	England U20s
Lauren Knowler	Ealing Trailfinders	Fly-Half/Centre	England U18s
Georgina Tasker	Exeter Chiefs & Loughborough Lightning	Back Three	England U20s & England 7s

# CENTAURS INTERNATIONAL MINI & YOUTH INTERNATIONAL RUGBY TOURNAMENT 2025



The loss of Tanglin's pitches had meant our regular tours to competitions in Singapore had instead required a hop over the border to Johor in Malaysia. So when our friends at Singapore Centaurs announced they would be hosting a tournament in Singapore itself, our Junior Youth teams jumped at the chance.

September is the start of the Hong Kong season, meaning little time to practice but that didn't stop an enthusiastic touring

party from u8, u9 and u10 signing up to go and take on Southeast Asia's finest.

For some of our players this would be their third overseas tour in 2025, reflecting how these experiences – such as playing competitively or, bonding with team mates, are such a key part of the joy they get as part of the HKFC rugby programme.

Read the next issue to hear how we got on!

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The President's Award - James Po



### THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD: JAMES PO

The President's Award recognises Club players who have showcased their elite athleticism and dedication by playing for the Hong Kong, China National Team. For the HKFC Sports Awards Gala 2025 held this past June, the Lawn Bowls Section's James Po won the coveted President's Award!

Some of his notable recent achievements in the Asian Lawn Bowls Championships (Men's) include:

**GOLD**

**BRONZE**

**SLIVER**

Singles 2025

Triples 2025

Singles 2024

Continuing his impressive record, James has also been selected to compete in the prestigious 2025 World Cup in Malaysia on Tuesday, 4th November 2025 - Saturday, 8th November 2025! We wish him the best of luck as James will be representing Hong Kong, China on the international stage, competing in one of the biggest Lawn Bowls events globally.

# SECTION PLAYER OF THE YEAR



## FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: GLORIA HA

Her recent achievements include:

EVENTS	RESULTS
Asian U25 Championships (Girls' Singles 2024)	Silver
Women's National Singles Championship (2023, 2024)	Champion
Women's National Fours Championship (2024)	Champion
Women's Knock-out Singles Competition (2024)	Semi-finalist
Women's Triples League Division 1 (2024)	Champion & Champion Rink
Women's Premier League Division 1 (2023, 2024)	Champion



## MALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: ADRIAN YAU

His recent achievements include:

EVENTS	RESULTS
Men's Knock-out Singles Competition (2024)	Champion
Men's National Fours Championship (2024)	Champion
Men's Triples League Division 1 (2023, 2024)	Champion

# **NATIONAL COACH OF THE HONG KONG, CHINA LAWN BOWLS SQUAD**

One of our own, Sunny Chung, was recently appointed to be the National Coach of the Hong Kong, China Lawn Bowls Squad on Sunday, 1st June 2025.



Men's National Pairs Championship Runner-up:  
[Left to Right] Philip Chan, Langley Au Yeung



## **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 FINALS DAY**

The 2025 National Championships Summer Finals Day was held on Sunday, 13th July 2025 at Indian Recreation Club. 3 of our Section's Pairs teams fought all the way from Round 1 to this Finals Day.

### **MEN'S NATIONAL PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP**

Runner-up **Langley Au Yeung, Philip Chan**

### **MIXED PAIRS COMPETITION**

Champion **Yu Yee Sin, Lyndon Sham**

Runner-up **Shadow Law, Stanley Luk**

Late August – Late October 2025 **Premier League (2nd half of the Season)**

28th September & 1st October 2025 **National Day Cup 2025**

29th October & 1st November 2025 **Mike Worth Memorial Cup 2025**

4th – 8th November 2025 **2025 World Cup (Malaysia)**

16th November 2025 **HKFC LBS End of Season Party**

15th – 23rd November 2025 **Hong Kong International Bowls Classic 2025**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND COMPETITIONS**

*(SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2025)*

## MIKE WORTH MEMORIAL CUP 2025

### JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER 2025 AND SATURDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER 2025!

We are thrilled to announce the Mike Worth Memorial Cup, one of our most cherished annual lawn bowls events, will be held on Wednesday, 29th October 2025 and Saturday, 1st November 2025. This prestigious competition honours the legacy of Mike Worth whose decades of dedication and passion for lawn bowls continue to inspire our community.

The Mike Worth Memorial Cup is a combination of unity, sportsmanship and the enduring spirit of lawn bowls, bringing together enthusiasts of all ages from across Hong Kong, fostering camaraderie and encouraging participation in the sport Mike so dearly loved.

Last October, the event saw an impressive turnout, with 48 teams from various clubs including 6 from HKFC. Our

teams delivered an outstanding performance, dominating the leaderboard by securing the top four positions.

This year, we aim to invite a total of 56 teams (including 12 guaranteed HKFC teams – free entry!) to compete in this 2-day event, a brand-new format with prizes will be brought in! Stay tuned for more event details!

Apart from competitors, we invite all other members to join us for this year's event to celebrate Mike Worth's legacy and create new memories on the green.

Let's come together to honour Mike's vision and make the 2025 Mike Worth Memorial Cup another unforgettable day for our lawn bowls community!

## LAWN BOWLS SECTION END OF SEASON PARTY

### THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER 2025

The Lawn Bowls Section End of Season Party will be held on Sunday, 16th November, 2025 to celebrate the achievements and spirit of the Club's vibrant lawn bowls community!

Following the success of last year's event where 113 members and guests gathered for a memorable night, we anticipate another fantastic celebration. Last year's party was a joyful

occasion, filled with recognition for our members' outstanding performances in the Premier League and various open competitions.

Join us as we come together to honour this season's success, thank our hardworking members and enjoy an evening of festivities to mark the end of another remarkable year on the green!

## HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL BOWLS CLASSIC 2025

### SUPPORT OUR HKFC PLAYERS!

The Hong Kong International Bowls Classic 2025, one of the world's premier outdoor lawn bowls competitions, will be held from Wednesday, 15th November 2025 to Thursday, 23rd November 2025!

First launched in 1981 with men's pairs, the event expanded to include men's singles and, since 2008, women's competitions following the amalgamation of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association and the Hong Kong Ladies Lawn Bowls Association. Today, it is widely regarded as a global pinnacle of the sport.

Our talented HKFC members will compete in both the Pairs and Singles events, showcasing their skill against top players from around the world. Venues will include Kowloon Bowling

Green Club, Kowloon Cricket Club and Club de Recreio.

Last year's event saw HKFC shine brightly. Our Singles qualifiers included Stephen Sy (men's semi-finalist) and Patrick Choi (men's quarter-finalist), while Stanley Luk/Stephen Chan and Yu Yee Sin/Gloria Ha represented us in Men's and Women's Pairs respectively. Additionally, five HKFC players – Lyndon Sham, Tony Cheung, Longinus Ha, Ada Lai, and Phoebe Ho—competed for the Hong Kong, China Team, with Lyndon Sham/Tony Cheung reaching the men's pairs semi-finals.

Join us in wishing this year's players the very best of luck in their pursuit of excellence!

# GUEST MIXOLOGIST IN CHAIRMAN BAR

SIUMING WONG

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FINALIST IN THE HACHI SHOCHU  
COMPETITION 2024



6 & 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER | 6 PM-10 PM



CHAIRMAN'S BAR



PŌKENO



NAVY ISLAND  
JAMAICA





# WELCOME TO THE NEW SEASON OF HKFC HOCKEY!

BY PAUL CHAN, CHAIRPERSON FOR THE HOCKEY SECTION

We are gearing up for an exciting new season, and as the newly elected chairperson for the Hockey Section, there's a whole lot of excitement.

I am buzzing with anticipation and enthusiasm. We are poised for a year filled with growth, camaraderie and opportunities for silverware across our men's, women's and junior teams alike.

First, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to past chairperson Lynsey Edgar. Her outstanding leadership and dedication have laid a solid foundation for our section, and her contributions will be felt for years to come. Thank you, Lynsey, for your hard work and commitment!

This season brings exciting news: the return of our eighth men's team and additional sessions across the week for the youths. These expansions are a testament to the commitment of our members and reflect our goal of providing more opportunities for participation and competition. We look forward to witnessing new talents emerge and existing players elevate their game.

To our seasoned players, your dedication and passion are the heart of HKFC Hockey. Your commitment inspires us all to strive for excellence. For our newcomers, we're thrilled to have you join our hockey family and can't wait to see your contributions both on and off the pitch. And to our junior players—

you are the future of our club! We are dedicated to fostering an environment where you can develop your skills and grow to love the game.

This year, we have an array of initiatives planned to enhance your experience. From "town-hall" sessions that encourage direct dialogue with our executive committee to social events like tours, we aim to strengthen our community and create lasting memories.

Thank you for being an integral part of the HKFC Hockey Section. Here's to an amazing season ahead, filled with thrilling matches and cherished moments—hopefully topped off with a few more photos on the wall! Let's make this season one to remember!



## PLAYER PROFILE /

# DAVID EVANS HOME GROWN AND BACK AGAIN

**1. You've just returned to the Club after playing hockey at uni—what was that experience like, and how does it feel to be back playing for your home team?**

I loved my time playing uni hockey. It was an amazing and rewarding experience where I was able to learn, grow and give back by captaining the uni first team. That being said, to come back and play for my home club again really is something special. Playing alongside my old coaches and people that went through the junior section just like me makes the Club feel like home.

**2. Your family has deep roots in this Club—with your parents both playing and umpiring here. How has their involvement shaped your own journey in hockey?**

My parents have been a massive part of my hockey journey, from taking me to the Club every weekend for U8 trainings to youth tournaments and lifts back home after late night national team

trainings. Their incredible and continuous support to this day has allowed me to play this sport and get so much out of it. I also think so many other families all playing hockey are such a great reflection of what Club hockey is all about.

**3. As an 'OG junior' who grew up in this club, what are some of your favourite memories from your early playing days?**

The Perth tours were some of my favourite memories. Going to Australia to play against some really good teams and just being on tour with your team was a great time.

**4. Now that you're back and playing in the A team, what are your personal goals for the 25-26 season, and how do you hope to contribute to the squad?**

My personal goal for the 25-26 season is to play as much hockey as I feasibly can. Obviously as you get older the amount of time you can dedicate to hockey gets taken up by other priorities. I still hope

to balance things as much as I can and help the team finish in a strong spot. The long-term goal is winning the league, but I think a lot of work needs to be done and we're still a couple seasons away from that.

**5. Having seen the Club from both a junior and senior perspective, what advice would you give to young players coming up through the ranks?**

My advice to junior players would be to never get comfortable and always push yourself. As in all walks of life, growth and development come from challenge. When I first started training with the A's and B's, it was honestly a pretty tough experience. Everyone was bigger, stronger and faster than me, and I'd go home from training completely miserable. But the next session was always a little bit easier. It's easy to be comfortable just as it's easy to be average. It was the encouragement, guidance and support I had from all my teammates and coaches that made all the difference.



**FEASANT PLUCKERS |**

# **STILL PLUCKING STRONG IN SEASON 11**

BY ANTHONY FORD

The Feasant Pluckers have soared through their 11th summer season with the grace of a bird and the grit of a badger. With over 40 players joining across the Summer 6s and Mixed 11s League, the flock was in full force—sometimes resembling a well-oiled machine, other times more like a barnyard... but always having a good time.

We welcomed fresh feathers from the squash section, with Mark Low, Carmen Lee and Ashray Ohri trading rackets for sticks and proving that hand-eye coordination is transferable (mostly). Their energy and enthusiasm added a new bounce to our step—especially when chasing down loose balls or post-match beverages.

#### **\*Farewells, Comebacks & Cookies\***

This season also marked bittersweet goodbyes to long-time Pluckers Karen Thorne and Rachel, who left Hong Kong in style. Their final matches were made extra special by their children Kristen and James joining the team—Kristen's cookies at the last game were so good that we briefly considered offering a permanent role for her baking alone.

Meanwhile, Sarah McGrath and April Cheng made triumphant returns after maternity breaks, reminding us all that motherhood builds stamina—and apparently, sharp-shooting goals. Ellie Micklewright captained our Tuesday 6s team with flair, keeping the flock flying high and the WhatsApp banter on key.

#### **\*Leading the Charge & Digging Deep\***

Derek Siu, one of the original Pluckers, led our Mixed 11s team through a fiercely competitive league this year. His coordination, calm under pressure and ability to herd hockey cats (aka teammates) were nothing short of heroic. Under his guidance, the team dug deep, pulled off some epic comebacks and kept the spirit of the Pluckers alive and well.

From stunning goals to post-match socials, the Feasant Pluckers proved once again that summer hockey is about more than just the scoreline. It's about camaraderie, resilience, and the kind of banter that makes you forget you missed an open goal. Here's to another season of plucking brilliance—same time next year?



# WELCOMING DICK LAU AS DIRECTOR OF SQUASH OPERATIONS

It's an exciting time for the HKFC Squash Section as we proudly announce the appointment of Dick Lau as the new Director of Squash Operations.

Many of you already know Dick as a passionate coach, a familiar face on the courts and a dedicated contributor to our squash community. Now, in his elevated role, he brings that same energy and vision to the entire Squash Section.

*"I'm thrilled to share that I've been appointed as the Director of Squash Operations at the Club!" Dick said. "This role is a dream come true, allowing me to lead squash development, manage a talented team of coaches and organise exciting tournaments like the HKFC Junior Open and Club Championships. I'm eager to engage with the squash community, create inclusive programmes for all members and bring my passion for the sport to elevate the HKFC Squash Centre. With the support of the Committee and members, I'm ready to make a positive impact!"*

As DoSO, Dick will spearhead the Club's squash development, creating programmes tailored for all levels and age groups—

from juniors to seasoned players. His mission is clear: to promote a dynamic and inclusive squash culture that welcomes both long-time members and newcomers alike.

One of the key responsibilities of this role is to lead our talented team of coaches. Under Dick's guidance, the coaching team will continue to deliver exceptional instruction and support, aligned with a development plan that benefits every corner of our squash community.

Tournaments remain a major pillar of squash at HKFC, and Dick will take the lead in planning and executing events such as the HKFC Junior Open, HKFC Masters Open, International PSA tournaments, and of course, our much-loved internal competitions like the Club Championships and Handicap Tournament. He'll also coordinate matches against visiting clubs, ensuring the club continues to be a hub for high-quality squash.

Please join us in congratulating Dick on this well-deserved appointment. The courts are in good hands, and we can't wait for the season to get started.



# BIG NEWS DAVID'S RUNNING FOR VICE PRESIDENT!



It's with immense warmth and gratitude that we shine a spotlight on David Cross, a true pillar of our community, whose passion has helped make the Hong Kong Football Club the incredible place it is today. For 20 years, David has poured his heart into our Squash Section, serving in 15 seasons across roles like Vice Captain, Captain, Chairman and General Committee Representative. His drive to excel on the court—chasing that ever-improving SportyHQ ranking—mirrors his boundless energy off it, where his knack for securing sponsors has brought us unforgettable moments.

Thanks to David's vision, we've welcomed world-class teams to HKFC and hosted the iconic HKFC Squash Open, a PSA Tour-level event that's put our club on the global stage.

We're overjoyed to share that David is now running for a Vice President position on the HKFC General Committee! With his infectious enthusiasm, proven leadership and deep love for our Club, David is ready to take HKFC to even greater heights. This is a chance for him to bring his warmth and vision to the entire club, and we couldn't be more excited.

Let's rally around David, celebrate his incredible contributions and support him in this exciting new journey. Stay tuned for GC election updates and join us in cheering for David as he steps up to shape HKFC's future!



## ENDOWUS HONG KONG MASTERS SQUASH OPEN 2025 RECAP

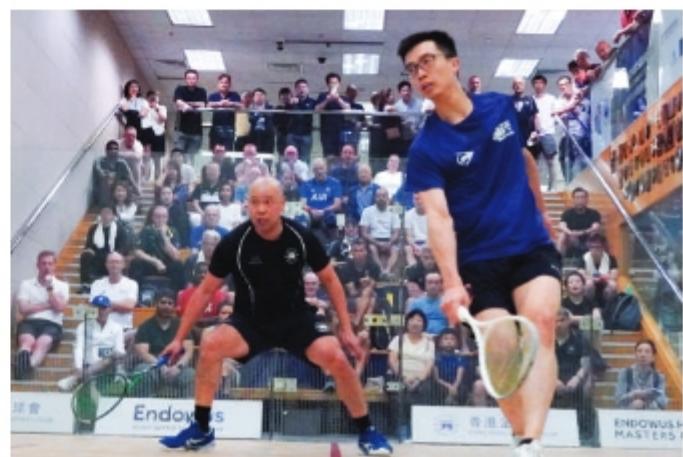
From 29th May to 1st June, the Squash Centre was the place to be as players from around the world descended to compete for the WSF Masters Tour titles. The tournament saw 271 fiercely contested matches showcased the skill and determination of the highest level.

The prize-giving ceremony provided a fitting conclusion, with awards presented by distinguished figures: Vincent Yu, HKFC Squash Section Chairman; Heather Deayton, SAHKC Committee Member; Neil Roberts, HKFC Honorary Secretary; and Gregory Van, CEO of Endowus.

WSF Representative Gary Irwin praised the tournament, stating, "The Endowus Hong Kong Masters Squash Open is a benchmark for masters events worldwide. HKFC's exceptional organisation is a credit to the sport." The event's seamless execution was made possible by the dedication of the HKFC Squash Section, as well as volunteers and referees.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our title sponsor, Endowus, for their generous support, and to all players, referees and volunteers for their passion and commitment. Congratulations to all our worthy winners!

Scan the QR code for the full list of winners



# 2025 SECTION AWARDS

## AGM WINNERS FROM THE SQUASH SECTION

Congratulations to the winners recognised at this year's Squash Section AGM, as well as the volunteers who work tirelessly in the background to organise and grow the section. The AGM also provided a platform to discuss member feedback and future improvements, ensuring squash remains inclusive and thriving. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this fantastic event. Here's to another successful season on and off the court!



### 2025 SQUASH SECTION - AGM WINNERS

CATEGORY	AWARD	WINNER	REMARK
Individual Awards	Chair's Award	Dick Lau	Premier Main and Masters deciding matches win
	Men's Captain Award	Andrew Au	Quadruple & Convenor
	Ladies 'Captain Award	Yurisa Yeung	
	Action Man/Woman Award	Yurisa Yeung	39 Matches Played
	Adam Wilson Award	Lam Wai Ming Simon Ng	
Team Awards	Best Main Division Team	D7B	Did the Double
	Best Ladies' League Team	L4A	Community Building
	Best Masters League Team	M4B	Most Improved & Big Win

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF TOM TANG

The Club is deeply saddened to share the passing of Tom Tang, former Chairman and Captain of the Squash Section. Tom passed away peacefully on the morning of Monday, 23rd June 2025, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Tom was a beloved member of the HKFC community, known not only for his contributions to squash, but also for the warmth, generosity and quiet strength he brought to all aspects of Club life. Tom's leadership within the Section was both impactful and enduring. He served first as Captain of Squash and later took on the role of Chairman.

Tom and his wife May joined the Club in the early 1990s after relocating to Hong Kong from Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. Since then, both have been steadfast supporters and familiar faces in the Squash Section and beyond. Their children, Peter and Jennifer, quite literally grew up within the Club's walls. We extend our deepest condolences to May, Peter, Jennifer and the entire Tang family.

He will be greatly missed and forever remembered.



# MEET YOUR 2025 WORLD AQUATICS MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM



The Swim Society pulled out all the stops for the biennial World Aquatics Masters Championships in Singapore, held from Thursday, 7th August 2025 - Thursday, 14th August 2025. This championship is a mass participation event featuring five aquatic sports of swimming, water polo, diving, artistic swimming and open water swimming. The event is open to international and local participants aged 25 and over, and attracted more than 6,000 competitors from 100 countries to Singapore.

It was the biggest team ever in club history with nine men and six ladies entering the swimming and open water swimming events. The competition pits swimmers against the best in the world. With countless personal and national records set, HKFC's swimmers made their mark. What was most visible was the great team spirit, dedication and commitment to excellence in Masters swimming.

## THE CLUB WAS REPRESENTED BY:

MEN	WOMEN
Simon Holliday	Farah Master
Marcel Smit	Alison Tam
Robin Leung	Melissa Eichelberger
Kelvin Chiu	Janet Wu
Man Hon So	Lucy Barton
Anthony Lo	Christina Sjoholm
Edmund Wan	
Patrick Ip	
Peter Inglis	

## PERSONAL BESTS

Competition swimming is a notoriously difficult sport to continue to excel in at masters level. Having said this, we had over 20 personal bests (including a mix of lifetime and masters PB's) which is a testament to our team's commitment to hard training and continued motivation. Well done to the following swimmers for their own personal bests: Robin, Edmund, Marcel, Man Hon, Farah, Janet, Anthony, Christina, Melissa and Kelvin.



## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Marcel smashed five HK Records: 100m Free (53.36), 200m Free (2:02.50), 50m Free (23.96), 100m Fly (57.83), and nabbed a bronze medal in the 50m Fly (25.93)

Farah secured two silver medals in the 100m Free (1:01.78), and 200m Free (2:15.77), and set HK records in the 50 Fly (30.07) and 100 Fly (1.07.66)

Alex Fong won gold in 200 backstroke, 200 IM and 400 IM and claimed the HK masters record in the 200IM event.

Christina won bronze in the toughest 400 IM event (5:53.10) and earned top 10 finishes in the 200 Back, 200 IM, 100 Back and 50 Back.

Alison earned top 10 placings in the challenging 400 IM, 50 Fly and 100 Back.

Kelvin set a new HK record for the 50m breast (32.01) while Anthony also hit his personal best with (32:75).

Our top 10 finishers also include: Robin 800 Free, Peter 100 Breast, Melissa 50 Free.



## RELAY ACHIEVEMENTS

On the final day of the competition and after many of our swimmers had competed in multiple races, there were still the relays to go. Our teams have been practicing relay takeovers for weeks prior to ensure tight takeovers were delivered and executed perfectly. This paid off, and the club broke three Hong Kong relay records including the following:

- 4 x 50 Women Free Relay (160 age category) winning a fantastic bronze in a HK record time of 1:54.00 (Melissa, Christina, Alison and Farah)
- 4 x 50 Women Medley Relay (120 age category) broke their own record set last year by nearly 3 seconds in a time of 2:07.83 (Christina, Lucy, Farah and Melissa)
- 4 x 50 Mixed Medley Relay (160 age category) in a time of 1:59.67 (Christina, Kelvin, Man Hon and Melissa).

A shout out must go to Farah for swimming through a stress fracture in her foot. Despite the injury, she helped secure two of these records on the final day. Well done to these teams for their incredible results and proving their dominance in the Hong Kong relay scene.

Open water swimming specialist, Simon Holliday was the only HKFC participant to take part in the 3km open water event in Sentosa on the southern tip of Singapore. Against a competitive field, he managed 20th in a time of 59:03.

Massive thanks to our coaches Dominic Tsui and Craig Nortje for helping the team perform at such a high level. Kudos to all the society members who volunteer their time to help make this society what it is.



# OCEANMAN 10KM IN KOTA KINABALU, MALAYSIA

The Oceanman Kota Kinabalu 2025 is a highly anticipated open water swimming event, and Simon Holliday represented HKFC S&T society in this diverse competition set in the beautiful, but unpredictable, waters of Malaysia.

Simon competed in the Master 40-49 category of the full Oceanman (10km), where he faced off against swimmers from many different countries. Despite the challenging race, Simon finished second place in his category, clocking a time of 3:05:24. Swimmers had to navigate through waves and varying currents, and Simon's ability to adapt to these conditions played a significant role in his strong finish.



## HKS&T SOCIETY SPORTS AWARDS WINNERS 2025 CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUPERSTARS FAIRAH MASTER AND MAYANK VAID!



We're proud to celebrate our two remarkable athletes, Farah Master and Mayank Vaid for another year of triumph.

Master joined the society in 2014 and has broken multiple Hong Kong records during her time, such as the 25m, 50m, and 100m Butterfly (long course), along with a record in the 100m Individual Medley (short course) just this past year. In addition, our society's achievements in breaking many HK relay team records can be attributed to her incredible speed. She continues to inspire our swimmers with her dedication to training and commitment to the society. Congratulations Farah for these amazing achievements!



Mayank Vaid is a remarkable athlete who has made a name for himself in the world of ultra-endurance sports. Less than 100 people have ever completed the solo Enduroman Triathlon, which involves running from Marble Arch in London to the coast of Dover, swimming the English Channel to France, and cycling to the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. In 2021, Mayank broke the record for this gruelling challenge, finishing in just over 50 hours. Mayank also showcased his resilience by earning a qualifying spot for the Ironman World Championships in Nice this September. Additionally, he completed the 4Trails Ultra, a 298km non-stop trail run across three trails in Hong Kong.



David Williams, Thomas Tsang, Chris Page, Greg Brutus



The Winners | Phil Head, JP Cus, See Moon, Yison Fung, Greg Medhurst, Glenn Smith, Paul Webb Johnson, Jonny Brock, Jennifer Chapman, Chris Page, Colin Lunn



Murray Brechin, Callum Brechin, Graeme Brechin, Sean Kirk

## GOLF SOCIETY

# SUMMER ROUNDUP

## JULY 2025 / WASHED OUT BUT NOT WASTED

July wasn't kind to us on the weather front, with three golf events in a row rained out as Hong Kong battled against the elements. Typhoons and rain warnings put a stop to the outings. A tough run of luck, but the spirit of the group didn't falter. With clubs staying dry, we made the most of the extra time to catch up over drinks and a few laughs.

**Friday, 18th July 2025**  
KSC South

**Tuesday, 22nd July 2025**  
Clearwater Bay

## LOOKING AHEAD WHAT'S COMING UP IN Q3

There's plenty to look forward to in the next few months. In September, the Golf Society, consisting of 23 members, will travel to Chiang Mai for their 2025 golf tour.

The Match Play Championship will continue with Round 3 scheduled for Q3. Defending champion, Jonny Brock, is still in the running as he looks to fend off fresh competition.

October brings the Club Championship, with Henry Lai (Men's Division) and Jenny Chapman (Women's Division) both looking to defend their titles.

Scan the QR code for more information



where we'll share highlights, results and plenty of photos from all these events.

## SUMMER CUP 2025

**Monday, 23rd June 2025**  
The Hong Kong Golf Club, Fanling

1st	Colin Lunn	38 points
2nd	Chris Page	37 points
3rd	Jean Paul Cuvelier	36 points

Men's Longest Drive  
Jonny Brock

Women's Longest Drive  
Jennifer Chapman

## KSC SOUTH GOLF OUTING

**Saturday, 28th June 2025**  
Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course

1st	Jean Paul Cuvelier	42 points
2nd	Peter Ayres	35 points
3rd	Ruud de Hart	35 points

Men's Longest Drive  
Murray Brechin

Women's Longest Drive  
Shuana Davis



# Catering CONSULTATION DAY

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# SUMMER RECAP

## MACAU OPEN 2025 HAPPY LO

As part of the BWF World Tour, the Macau Open 2025 welcomes the world's best from July 19th to August 3rd. Happy Lo Sin Yan was in good form as she progressed past the round of 32 stage Lo beating Malaysia's Karupathavan Letshanaa (21-13, 20-22, 21-19). However, she was defeated in the Round of 16 by Lin Hsiang Ti in a close match with a few crucial points going the way of Lin.

As one of Hong Kong fastest growing sports, and a favourite amongst our members, there was no shortage of HKFC logos on badminton courts from the club to Macau - even as far as Germany!



## WORLD UNIVERSITY GAME 2025 SALONI MEHTA

With over 8,500 students athletes from 150 countries, the World University Games in Germany was an intense spectacle of sports as Saloni Mehta represented Hong Kong in the mixed team badminton event. Hong Kong eventually finished 5th in the mixed team event with Saloni gaining great exposure competing against strong international competition, noticeably her match against Eliana Zhang of Canada was of the highest quality.

# A NEW BENCHMARK FOR ASIA'S YOUNG BADMINTON TALENT

## WOMEN'S SINGLES

R32

<b>GOLD</b>	AmpangJaya Malaysia
<b>SILVER</b>	Less Is More (Hong Kong)
<b>BRONZE</b>	Macau Alliance
<b>4TH PLACE</b>	HKFC Junior Team

R17

<b>GOLD</b>	YauTsimMong District Team
<b>SILVER</b>	Sinsport
<b>BRONZE</b>	HKFC U17 Team A
<b>4TH PLACE</b>	HKFC U17 Team B

We joined with Torq Sports to host the highly anticipated Overseas Junior Team Championship 2025, held on 26-27 July at the club. The event brought together approximately 120 promising young badminton athletes from Hong Kong, Macau, and Malaysia, highlighting the rising level of junior talent across the region.

With teams fielded by top junior academies, including Ampang Jaya Badminton Academy from Malaysia, the competition level was intense and inspiring for all in attendance. Torq Sports, directed by John Leung—an ex-England junior national coach and multi-time Welsh national champion—ensured the event matched international standards. The resounding success signals a bright future for junior badminton in the region.



Friendship in the making among players from Macau Alliance, HKFC Junior Squad and Ampang Jaya Badminton Club at a post-game dinner buffet



## JOINT TRAINING SESSION WITH AMPANG JAYA

The Ampang Jaya Badminton Club from Malaysia joined the HKFC junior squad for a training session ahead of their championship game. The visiting team included two U23 players, currently ranked 300th in doubles and 600th in singles globally. The exchange of skills and sparring sessions should be an invaluable experience for our junior squad.



Left to right: Ho Khek Mung (Ampang Jaya Badminton Academy owner), Michael Cha, Kenneth Chau, Curtis Cheah, Bosco Fung and Coach Mark.

# MALAYSIA CAMP 2025

Continuing our collaboration with Ampang Jaya Badminton Club, our junior associate members attended training camp with the club and New Vision Badminton Club. The camps offered young athletes an elite training experience, focusing on enhancing their technical skills and match strategies in a competitive environment. In addition to the training camp, the HKFC junior squad players also participated in the Haier One Junior Tournament, providing a valuable platform for the players to test their abilities against top youth talents from the region.



Our U12 talents (left to right) Annabelle Ku, Jackson Bryan, and Anna Wong in the Inter-school (primary) award ceremony

# SUPER STARS!

A big shoutout to our U14 players who kept the momentum going strong all summer long! While many took a break, they couldn't stop playing, having fun and training hard. Their commitment and energy are truly inspiring—keep it up, champions!

## UPCOMING JUNIOR EVENTS

31st August 2025  
**National Day Celebratory Tournament 2025**

September - December 2025  
**Ladder Series**

September - December 2025  
**Team Series**

September - December 2025  
**Yau Tsim Mong Team League 2025**

1st October 2025 & 7th October 2025  
**YMCA Junior Team Tournament 2025**

October - December 2025  
**President Cup 2025**

January - May 2026  
**HKBA Mixed and Double League**

May 2026  
**HKFC & Torq Sports Junior Tournament**

July 2026  
**HKFC & Torq Sports Junior Overseas Team Championship 2026**

Dicky Palayama and John Leung



Dicky Palayama, ex-professional with previous world ranking in the top 50 singles category and Head Coach John Leung reunion at the New Vision Badminton Academy in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia

## COACHES' CORNER HEAD COACH JOHN LEUNG'S TRIP TO MALAYSIA

I feel very proud of the dedication and commitment shown by the young players who participated in the recent Ampang Jaya training camp. It was a valuable experience that gave them the opportunity to improve their technical skills and competitiveness in a professional and focused training environment. The Haier Junior Tournament served as an important platform for these young athletes to test their ambitions at a higher level and showcase their potential to coaches and officials.

My meeting with Dicky Palayama, a former professional player and experienced coach, was particularly meaningful as it allowed us to exchange ideas and training approaches that can be adapted to enhance our squad's performance. Dicky shared many insights on mental preparedness and tactical awareness, which are crucial for young players facing increasingly tough competition.

Additionally, the extra training camp organized with New Vision Badminton Club demonstrated our commitment to building a strong foundation for players from grassroots levels toward excellence. With continuous support and well-structured training strategies, I am optimistic that this collaboration will produce more talented players capable of shining on the international stage.

Overall, these training camps and activities not only hone technical skills but also foster a strong fighting spirit and discipline among the players. I extend my gratitude to everyone involved and hope that our journey in developing badminton continues to be blessed with success in the future.





## **FRIENDLY MATCH WITH HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

On 6 June, the HKFC Badminton Society welcomed the Hong Kong Fire Services Department to HKFC for a very competitive friendly match. After an evening of tough matches, HKFC team unfortunately fell to a close 12-9 loss to very strong opponents.

Highlights for the night included Jason's singles close fought match against the former HK team representative Chan Dick Long, our junior team members (Nixon and Kenneth) having a competitive match against a strong men's doubles pairing and some great wins in mixed doubles, men's doubles and men's singles.

Following the matches the badminton society treated the HKFSD representatives to a well earned dinner and plenty of drinks!



## **SILVER MEDAL WIN FOR HKFC AT THE 2025 VICTOR YAN OI TONG BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP**

Derek and Bryan did the club proud as they fought off strong competition to earn a silver medal at the 2025 Victor Yan Oi Tong Badminton Championship, held on 1st and 15th June.

## JASON - 2ND RUNNER UP OF THE 35+ HK ANNUAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

We are delighted to share that Jason Cheng achieved a remarkable result at the Hong Kong Annual Badminton Championships 2025. Competing in the Men's Singles 35+ category, Jason demonstrated outstanding skill, perseverance, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Facing tough competition from across the city, Jason battled through several challenging rounds to claim the 2nd runner-up position.

Congratulations to Jason on this accomplishment!



## BADMINTON SOCIETY AGM 2025

Chairman Sammy Li opened the meeting by sharing his recent discussions with club management, emphasizing our mission to establish badminton as a leading club in Hong Kong. He reaffirmed our commitment to fostering a diverse, inclusive, and thriving community within the HKFC.

### Over the past year, our society has made significant strides:

- Recruited new SPMs
- Increased participation in competitive tournaments
- Our Men's B Grade team reached the quarterfinals
- Elite player Happy Lo proudly represented Hong Kong at the Paris Olympics — a remarkable milestone for the Society

### BADMINTON SOCIETY COMMITTEE 2025-2026

ROLE	NAME
Chairman	Sammy Li
Secretary	Steven Ng
Treasurer	Lawrence Li
Membership Secretary	Danny Leung
S&RSC Representative	Jason Cheng
Tournament Officer	Nora Man
Society Captain	Lam Chun Tin
Ladies Captain	Jaff Lo
Society Secretary	Leo Ng
Youth Representatives	Elliott Clutterbuck Shelson Lim
General Officers	Lam Tat Kuen Lawrence Leong Bryan Leung



# HKFC - ATA

# EVENT CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2025

### **US Open Social**

- 🎾 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 | 2:00 - 6:00 PM

### **Junior Red Ball Tournament**

- 🎾 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- 🎾 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM

### **Orange and Green Ball Tournament**

- 🎾 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- 🎾 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM

### **Ladies Social Matchplay**

- 🎾 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 | 10:00 AM - 1:00PM
- 🎾 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 | 10:00 AM - 1:00PM

### **Teenagers Social Tennis and Pizza night**

- 🎾 OCTOBER 2025 | 6:00PM - 8:00 PM

### **WTA**

- 🎾 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

### **HKFC Club Championship**

- 🎾 8<sup>TH</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### **ITF Masters Tournament**

- 🎾 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

### **Family Fun Day**

- 🎾 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 | 1:00PM - 3:00PM

### **Ladies Xmas Social**

- 🎾 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 | 10:00AM - 1:00PM

### **End of term for Junior Programme**

- 🎾 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025



# NEW SEASON AHEAD!



A new season brings along new challenges, and we cannot wait to get back together and challenge the other clubs in the year. Club and ATA are running events throughout September to December. Check out the event calendar for dates and times. They're great for playing competitive and social tennis.

## TENNIS SOCIALS

# ROLL ON ROLAND-GARROS

While we were glued to the action in Paris, Carlos Alcaraz overcame a two-set deficit in a thrilling five-set match to retain his title. Our members got together to showcase similar spirit in a vibrant social day on Saturday, 7th June 2025.

— “  
**FUN FACT!**  
 No Hawk-Eye  
 at the  
**French Open**  
 ” —

The French Open is the only Grand Slam tournament that does not use the Hawk-Eye line-calling system. Instead, it relies on judges and chair umpires to make calls based on ball marks on the clay court.



## HKFC WIMBLEDON DAY RECAP!

Donned in the iconic Wimbledon attire, 34 players dressed in classic whites and competed across Open and Social categories in a lively 3-point doubles tournament.



### OPEN WINNER

Alex Wilton

### SOCIAL WINNER

Khey Lim

### DOUBLES CHAMPS

Justin Flowers & Tony Wilke

### HKFC MEN'S B:

## CHAMPIONS OF THE BANK OF CHINA HONG KONG SUMMER LEAGUE 2025

On Wednesday, 2nd July 2025, HKFC Men's B team faced off against Heng Fa Chuen Club (HFCC) for the championship title at the HKFC home court, cheered on by a lively crowd. Represented by Henry, Sammy, Daniel, Wayne, Nadeem, and Romain, the team engaged in a fiercely contested match that showcased the intensity of the competition.

The tension was high as the match became increasingly competitive, ultimately reaching a nail-biting 3-3 tie. With nerves running high, HKFC clinched the victory with a final score of 5-4.

The HKFC Men's B team would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire squad—players, supporters and the community—for their incredible turnout. The team will be progressing to the A Division next season.

### MEN'S B PLAYERS TOP 12 STANDINGS

Ranked	Players	Win - Loss
1st	Dusan Zivkovic	23 - 4
2nd	Jordan James Rhodes	21 - 3
11th	Wen Chang	15 - 3
12th	Henry Ka Kin Lai	14 - 1



# SPORTS CALENDAR

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CLUB

| SEP 2025 to NOV 2025

### HKFC POOL PARTY 2025

**Date:** Friday, 5th September | Friday, 24 October

**Time:** 4PM - 10PM

**Location:** Swimming Pool, 2/F

### BADMINTON SOCIETY GREATER BAY AREA LEAGUE

**Date:** Sunday, 14th September

**Time:** 11AM - 5PM

**Location:** Sports Hall, 1/F

### INAUGURAL PICKLEBALL LEAGUE

**Date:** September onwards

**Location:** Sports Hall

### RUGBY SECTION VALLEY'S 50TH-ANNIVERSARY VS. FC

**Date:** Saturday, 4th October

**Time:** 10:30AM - 12:45PM

**Location:** Main Pitch

### HKFC HALLOWEEN PARTY 2025

**Date:** Saturday, 25th October

**Time:** 12PM - 6PM

**Location:** Sports Hall

**How to reserve:** Contact the sport desk or e-registration

### HONG KONG CHINA RUGBY INTERNATIONAL TESTS

**Date:** Saturday, 8th November | Saturday, 15th November

**Location:** Main Pitch

### HKFC SQUASH WING DING ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT

**Date:** Saturday, 22th November

**Location:** Squash Centre, HKFC

### HKFC PSA SQUASH OPEN

**Date:** Tuesday, 25th November - Saturday, 29th November

**Location:** Squash Centre, HKFC

### WORLD MASTERS HOCKEY ASIAN CONTINENTAL CUP 2025

**Date:** Tuesday, 25th November – Sunday, 30th November

**Location:** Hockey Pitch, Training Triangle

### HKFC ITF WORLD TENNIS MASTER TOUR 2025

**Date:** Friday, 28th November – Friday, 5th December

**Location:** Tennis Court, 3/F

For details, please visit  
[hkfc.com](http://hkfc.com) or scan the  
QR code



# SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

**HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**OKTOBERFEST**  
18 86

Saturday, 4th October 2025

**HKFC Oktoberfest 2025**

Time: 7pm - 12am  
Door opens at 7pm

Venue: Sports Hall

Price: \$498 per Adult  
\$398 per Child (Aged 4 - 11)  
Free for Infants (Under 4)

Food serving time: 7pm - 10pm  
Enquiries and bookings: 2830 9513 or [catering@hkfc.com](mailto:catering@hkfc.com)

**RECOMMENDED**  
TOP PICK

**CATERING**

**Friday, 5th September 2025**

**Back to School Pool Party 2025**

**Time:** 6pm - 9pm (Food last until 9:30pm)  
**Venue:** Poolside, 2/F  
**Price:** \$420 per Adult | \$318 per Junior (Aged 12 - 17) | \$205 per Child (Aged 4 - 11) | Free for infant (Under 4)

Welcome gifts available for kids

Enquiries and bookings: 2830 9513 or [catering@hkfc.com](mailto:catering@hkfc.com)

**Sunday, 19th October 2025**

**Catering Consultation Day**

**Date:** 1pm - 4 pm  
**Venue:** Happy Valley Suite 1, 2/F

Free admission | By appointment only

**Friday, 24th October 2025**

**Family Fun Pool Party**

**Time:** 6pm - 9pm (Food last until 9:30pm)  
**Venue:** Poolside, 2/F  
**Price:** \$420 per Adult | \$318 per Junior (Aged 12 - 17) | \$205 per Child (Aged 4 - 11) | Free for infant (Under 4)

Welcome gifts available for kids

Enquiries and bookings: 2830 9513 or [catering@hkfc.com](mailto:catering@hkfc.com)

**Sunday, 7th September 2025 | Sunday, 5th October 2025 | Sunday, 2nd November 2025**

**Sunday Brunch**

**Time:** 11:30am - 2:30pm  
**Venue:** Happy Valley Suites  
**Price:** \$398 per person

Free flow beverage package: \$194

Enquiries and bookings: 2830 9559 or [bar@hkfc.com](mailto:bar@hkfc.com)

**CHAIRMAN'S BAR**

**Friday, 12th September 2025 | Friday, 10th October 2025 | Friday, 14th November 2025**

**Jazz After Hours**

**Date:** 7 - 10 pm  
**Venue:** Chairman's Bar



**September & October 2025**

**Food:** *Cajun Delight*  
**Tea Set:** *Royal Afternoon Tea*  
**Beverage:** *Whisky Flight*

**November 2025**

**Food:** *Cheese Fondue*  
**Tea Set:** *Royal Afternoon Tea*  
**Beverage:** *Guest Mixologist*

**CAPTAIN'S BAR**

**September & October 2025**

**Food:** *Khachapuri*  
**Beverage:** *Black Sesame Latte*

**November 2025**

**Food:** *Baked Rice*  
**Beverage:** *Hot Ginger Drinks*

## FOOD & BEVERAGE

### FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS



Thursday, 27th November 2025

#### **Thanksgiving Day**

**Restaurant:** 4-Course Dinner

**Coffee Shop:** Buffet Dinner

Thanksgiving Day Takeaway Order and Thanksgiving Platters are also available in November

### COFFEE SHOP



Sunday - Tuesday, 5th - 7th October 2025

#### **Mid-Autumn Festival Buffet Dinner**

**Price:** \$286 per Adult

\$144 per elder child (Aged 8 - 11)

\$105 per child (Aged 4 - 7 years old)

Free for Infants (Under 4)

Children can join the workshop during dinner on 6th October 2025 for \$120 per person

### POOL BAR

September & October 2025

**Food:** *Asian Cold Noodle*

**Beverage:** *Virgin Banana Colada, Banana Colada with Rum*

November 2025

**Food:** *Grilled Sandwiches*

**Beverage:** *Kumquat Lemon Honey, Oat Milk Ovaltine*

### RESTAURANT



September & October 2025

#### **Crab Creations**

November 2025

#### **Kagoshima Beef, A cut above**

### KIOSK



September & October 2025

#### **Baked Pasta**

#### **Mid-Autumn Gift Hampers (Sep Only)**

November 2025

#### **Festive Goodies and Hampers**

## SPORTSMAN'S BAR



Saturday, 20th September 2025 | Saturday, 18th October 2025 | Saturday, 15th November 2025

#### Band Bash

Time: 7pm - 10pm  
Venue: Sportsman's Bar

Don't miss out on our exclusive buy one, get one free offer on selected beers!



September & October 2025

#### Germanfest BBQ at the Back Patio

November 2025

#### Back Patio: Caribbean BBQ

## FAMILY LOUNGE

September & October 2025

Food: **Engadin Nut Tart**

Beverage: **Red Bean Fleecy** 紅豆冰

November 2025

Food: **Pumpkin Cheese Tart**

Beverage: **Black Cow Drink**

## MASTER CLASS



Thursday, 18th September 2025

#### Saicho + Kaviari Masterclass

Time: 7pm - 8:30pm  
Venue: Happy Valley Suite 1, 2/F  
Price: \$258 per person

## WINE FAIR

Saturday, 27th September 2025  
Sunday, 28th September 2025

#### Mid-Autumn Bazaar

Time: 1:30pm - 6pm  
Venue: Lockhart Room, 2/F  
Tasting Available

Saturday, 25th October 2025  
Sunday, 26th Oct 2025

#### Wine Pop-Up (Amoroso Fine Wines)

Time: 1:30pm - 6pm  
Venue: Lockhart Room, 2/F  
Tasting available

## HAPPY HOUR

September & October 2025

#### SUNTORY Buy 1 Get 1 Free

Time: 5 - 7 pm on Monday to Friday  
Venue: Captain's Bar and Sportsman's Bar

## SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

For more information, please scan the QR code to see our events calendar



# WINE DINNER CALENDAR

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CLUB

SEP 2025 TO NOV 2025

### TERRAZAS DINNER

Date: Friday, 12th September 2025

Time: 7PM

Venue: Private Dining Room, 2/F

Price: \$1,038 Per Member | \$1,088 Per Member's Guest



### DOG POINT WINE DINNER

Date: Friday, 26th September 2025

Time: 7PM

Venue: Restaurant, 2/F

Price: \$888 Per Member | \$938 Per Member's Guest



### CHÂTEAU BATAILLE WINE DINNER

Date: Friday, 17th October 2025

Time: 7PM

Venue: Restaurant, 2/F

Price: \$938 Per Member | \$988 Per Member's Guest

### DOM PÉRIGNON CHAMPAGNE DINNER

Date: Friday, 7th November 2025

Time: 7PM

Venue: Restaurant, 2/F

Price: \$1,888 Per Member | \$1,988 Per Member's Guest

### LOUIS LATOUR WINE DINNER

Date: Friday, 21st November 2025

Time: 7PM

Venue: Restaurant, 2/F

Price: \$938 Per Member | \$988 Per Member's Guest



COFFEE  
SHOP

CELEBRATE TOGETHERNESS UNDER THE FULL MOON

# Mid-Autumn Festival Buffet Dinner

SUNDAY, 5TH OCTOBER &  
TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER

5:30PM TO 9:30PM

MONDAY, 6TH OCTOBER

6PM TO 9:30PM

**\$286**

Per Adult

**\$144**

Per Elder Child\*

**\$105**

Per Child\*

\* Age for elder child: 8 – 11 years old | Age for children: 4 – 7 years old  
Free of charge for infant below 4 years old

Children can join the workshop during dinner on Monday, 6th October  
for \$120 per person



Enquiries and Bookings | 2830 9569 or [coffeeshop@hkfc.com](mailto:coffeeshop@hkfc.com)



## CLUB SHOP



### GEAR UP AND SAVE!

— For any Club Logo items —

**20%** off **for purchase 2 items**

**30%** off **for purchase 3 items**



Available throughout the months from  
September to November at the Club Shop.

While stock lasts.





TASTING AVAILABLE

WINE FAIR

# Mid-Autumn BAZAAR

SATURDAY

27TH SEPT - 28TH SEPT

SUNDAY

TIME

1:30PM - 6PM

VENUE

LOCKHART ROOM  
2/F

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