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Hairy Crab season in the Coffee Shop
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HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

MISSION STATEMENT

Vision: To be recognised as the leading Sports Club in the Territory.

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

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	: David Reeves

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Director of Food & Beverage	: Dominique Artigolle
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Membership Services Manager	: Kerry Ogle
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Executive Housekeeper	: Lily Huynh
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Club Magazine

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The Thoughts of the Chairman

The month of October starts off not only the competitive league seasons for our sporting Sections (and DSA and Societies) but also an extremely busy period for the Club culminating with our very special **New Year's Eve Party** on the **31st December**.

Very high on the list of busy days in the month will be **Saturday 30th October** where we will be playing host to a number of **Bledisloe Cup** functions as well as being heavily involved with the Hong Kong Mini Rugby Football Union's attempt at breaking the Guinness World Record for the world's largest **Mini Rugby Tournament** – it's going to be quite a day!

October brings with it the memory of the Bali terrorist bombing which so tragically affected the Club eight years ago. As last year, on **Tuesday 12th October 2010**, there will be no specific ceremony but the Octagon at the bottom of the Infield Tunnel will be laid out for remembrance and will be open to all Members, family and friends throughout the day to pay their respects. I would ask all Club Members to recognise the significance of the day and to be aware of those paying their respects at the Memorial Plaque throughout the Anniversary day. Also, as is now traditional, a wreath on behalf of the Club and the Hong Kong Rugby Football Union will be laid by a Club Member at the Bali Memorial in London.

I can advise Members that we have now placed on our website what has become known as the "Black Book" (which incorporates the Club's Articles of Association, Bye-laws and Policy Statements), under the icon, Member's Handbook. Previously all Members were given a CD-Rom which had all the relevant information on it. The CD-Rom is now defunct so, from now on, if you require information about the Articles etc., please access the Member's Handbook via the website. Please note too, that any changes or amendments to the Handbook will be made automatically so as to ensure Members are always kept updated.

Lastly, please don't forget that the **Annual General Meeting** of the Club is scheduled to be held on **Thursday 11th November** at 7pm at the Clubhouse.

See you at the Club!

FOOK AUN CHEW
Chairman



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The club is a versatile venue suitable for any occasion, including, business conferences, business meetings, team building activities and other types of personal functions, events and weddings.

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/reciprocal.asp>.



From the Desk of Mark Pawley

Unfortunately, at time of writing, the normal cooler temperature for this time of year hasn't actually arrived as yet, which means that we are still experiencing hot and humid weather. As a result the Swimming Pool Complex is still getting busy particularly at weekends. However, with a busy pool seems to come a few problems with what gets left in it! Without being overly frank, we have had occasion(s) this summer to have to close the pool for a few hours in order that we can super-chlorinate it – effectively to disinfect the water that has been spoilt by a “deposit”. Whilst I can't be clear who is causing these deposits I would remind all parents that leakproof swimwear (not nappies/diapers) must be worn by babies using the pools.

Perhaps not quite ideal but I now move on to the food and beverages promotions and events for October, one of these being the aptly named **Australia vs New Zealand Wine Kiosk!** If I have this right, there will be “free” wine tasting every day from the 15th to the 31st October and there will be a number of guest winemakers who will visit the kiosk from time to time – maybe we should call it the “Bledisloe Cup” Kiosk? Not to be outdone, from an antipodean viewpoint, that is, **Chef Julian's Discovery Menu** features British style menu albeit serving Australian and New Zealand wines. This is normally a very popular event so please do book early to avoid disappointment.

Also in the Restaurant, we bring back the popular **Wagyu Beef** promotion available throughout the month apart from Sundays where we continue the **Lamma Island Seafood Buffet** evening. The Sportsman's has a **Pork Knuckle** promotion and not to be outdone, the Coffee Shop has a **Hairy Crab Delights** promotion.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

MARK PAWLEY
General Manager

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

*Please note that **Saturday 30th October is Bledisloe Cup Day as well as the world record attempt on the world's largest Mini Rugby Tournament, and on Sunday 31st October, there is an afternoon race meeting in the Valley from midday through to 6pm. This will mean limited parking and likely tight police traffic controls around the Valley area over the weekend.***



The NEW digital wristband that helps children when they get lost

Once upon a time, there was a little boy who went to HKFC & got lost during an Under 7s tournament. It took quite a while for his parents to find him...

So mummy developed a magic wristband to help Billy and all his friends when they get lost.

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www.kidsshowandtell.com

◆ GENERAL PROMOTIONS ◆

LUNCH AT THE CLUB

In the Restaurant**Set Lunch with Starter Buffet**

**Monday to Friday
from noon to 2.30pm**

2-Course Menu: \$140,
3-Course Menu: \$160

In the Coffee Shop**International Lunch Buffet**

**Monday to Sunday
from noon to 2.30pm**

\$120 per Adult, \$70 per Child

**In the
Chairman's Bar****Express Set Lunch**

**Monday to Friday
from noon to 2.30pm**

4-Course Menu: \$88

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT THE CLUB!

Come and celebrate the new year of 2011 at the Sports Hall, the year of the Club's 125th Anniversary!

Once again, the Club has organised what is probably the ***best and the biggest party in town!!***

The ticket is inclusive of a very extensive Dinner Buffet with regular favourites, as well as unlimited standard drinks all night, Champagne at midnight and a fabulous breakfast early in the morning.

In addition, we will be bringing a live band from the UK which undoubtedly will help make this Eve party a memorable night.

Please book early to avoid disappointment. Booking form is available at the Front Desk and it can be downloaded from our website. You can also email:

kenny_chu@hkfc.com

TICKET PRICE:

\$1,400 (per Member)

\$1,900 (per Guest)

**FAMILY POOL PARTY**

with Monster Inflatable

Friday 15th October

from 6.30pm to 10.00pm

(Food served from 6.45pm to 9.15pm)

\$218 per Adult

\$148 per Child (age 3-12)

This is a booking event and the Poolside will only be 'open' after 6.30pm on the day of the event to Members (and their guests) who have booked. The pool will be closed to non-participants from 5.30pm onwards.

Please contact Kenny on 2830 9504 or email: Kenny_chu@hkfc.com for reservations.



◆ GENERAL PROMOTIONS ◆

VEUVE CLICQUOT ON SPECIAL OFFER



**\$330 per bottle or
\$300 per bottle for a
purchase of 12 bottles**

How to order:

By fax – 2576 7598

By Email – foodandbeverage@hkfc.com

Payment method and delivery:

- The total bill will be charged to the Member's account
- We can arrange for delivery to most parts of Hong Kong, Kowloon and N.T.
- Delivery service will be available from Monday to Friday, and not applicable on Saturday, Sunday or Public Holidays.
- Free delivery service is offered for every order of 12 bottles or more
- \$200 of delivery charge applies to orders under 12 bottles

Please allow for 5 working days for processing your order (and for delivery if required)

BAKER'S CORNER

Orders must be placed in the Coffee Shop with an advanced notice period of at least 24 hours.

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

Tresse/butter soft bread (350g): \$14

White Bagel (100g): \$9

Poppy Seed Bagel (100g): \$10

Sesame Seed Bagel (100g): \$10

Sugar Cinnamon Doughnut (90g): \$12

Dark Chocolate Doughnut (90g): \$12

White Chocolate Doughnut (90g): \$12

Butter Croissant (80g): \$12

Chocolate Butter Croissant (85g): \$13

Healthy Croissant Straight (65g): \$12

(Added Calcium, Magnesium and vitamin E)

KINGFISHER
PREMIUM
LAGER BEER

This best-selling beer from India is now available at the Club!

CATERING SERVICE

Plan your **Christmas Party** or **End of Year Party** with our professional catering team.

Festive Lunch Menu from \$320 per person and Buffet Dinner Menu from \$405 per person (minimum 30 persons)

For enquiries and bookings, please call the Catering Department on 2830 9513 or email to lisa_ng@hkfc.com

AUSTRALIA vs
NEW ZEALAND
WINE KIOSK

FREE Wine Tasting Every day

from 15th - 31st October
Ground Floor Lobby

Opening Hours:

Mon - Fri 5pm - 9pm

Sat - Sun 11am - 9pm

Meet Our Guest
Winemakers

**Please check kiosk window for
visiting times**

Greg Koch: Redden Bridge

Chris Darline: Darling Wines

Chris Jamieson: Mosquito Hill

Tim Adams: Tim Adams Wines

Richard Buller: Buller Wines

Chris Best: Leabrook Wines

Angela Meaney: Bundaleer Wines

Sue Trott: Five Geese Wines



◆ RESTAURANT ◆



CHEF JULIAN'S DISCOVERY MENU

Theme: British Food

in the Restaurant

Friday 15th October

from 7pm to 11pm

This very popular monthly event is a great way to spend time with family and friends.

A 4 course menu inclusive of 2 selected wines served generously with your meal.

Please book early as this event was completely sold out last month.

There will be No "A La Carte" available on the evening.

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



Amuse Bouche

Tomato Jelly with Bacon Onion Cream

1st Course

Smoked Haddock Cake with Beurre Blanc

2nd Course

Leek and Potato Soup with Poached Oyster

3rd Course

Orange Braised Lamb Shank

with Parsnip, Snow Peas and Roast Garlic Mashed Potatoes

4th Course

Autumn Fruit Pie

Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee

Wines Selected from
New Zealand and Australia

White Wine:

Cellar 9 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2009

Red Wine:

Angels Bay Shiraz Cabernet

**** Please note: Every diner will also enjoy a glass of
Château Pessan 2005 – France
(The only case available in all of Hong Kong!)**

\$398 per person

(Inclusive of dinner and
free flow of 2 selected wines)

or

\$350 per person

(Exclusive of beverage)

◆ RESTAURANT ◆

Highland Park Whisky “Private Dinner” Single Malt pairing with Chinese Food

Join Ron Taylor’s Private Table as he talks to you about what is recognised as the “Best Spirit in The World” *

With over 200 years of experience, Highland Park has refined expertise in making outstanding single malts. This exceptional whisky has earned the title of “The Best Spirit in the World” and “Distiller of the Year”.

An exclusive “Private Table” offers our Members and their Guests a unique experience. The spirit of the Occident paired with dishes from the Orient. We invite you to share this exclusive evening and experience the complexities of Highland Park Single Malt Whisky with a specially created Chinese Menu.

* F. Paul Pacult, Top 110 Spirits, Spirit Journal June 2005 & 2009
** San Francisco World Spirits Awards 2007

Venue : The Restaurant, VIP Room
Date : Thursday 21st October 2010
Time : 7:00 pm - Cocktail Reception
7:30 pm - Dinner
Price : HK\$588 per person
RSVP : 22 seats available only.
Please contact the Restaurant
at 2830 9562 for reservation or
email : restaurant@hkfc.com

Who is Ron Taylor :

A Scottish National, Ron is based in Hong Kong and has been a wine and spirit professional, consultant and educator for more than 10 years. Ron participates actively in the programme development and teaches wines and spirits at the Open University. A WSET Diploma holder, Ron is a Member of the UK Institute of Wine and Spirit, Society of Wine Educator and Hong Kong Wine Society.



HIGHLAND PARK
SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

Menu

Welcome Drink

Highland Park 12-Year Single Malt

*Asian Wok-Cooked Fragrant Mussels
Served on a Savoury Pastry Case*

Highland Park 12-Year Single Malt

*Steamed Garoupa fillet
with Dried Mushroom, Yunnan Ham Ginger
and Oyster Sauce*

Highland Park 18-Year Single Malt

*Stir Fried Sliced Beef Tenderloin
with Black Bean and Garlic Sauce
on Crispy Noodle*

Highland Park 18-Year Single Malt

*Baked Sea Whelk
Stuffed with Dried Seafood, Lobster,
Chicken, Onion and XO Sauce, Fujian Fried Rice*

Highland Park 25-Year Single Malt

Crème Brûlée and Lotus Paste Bun
Highland Park 30-Year Single Malt



◆ RESTAURANT ◆

AUSTRALIAN WAGYU BEEF

in the Restaurant

every night, except Sunday

from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

throughout the month of October

Wagyu Beef has acquired a worldwide reputation for its unique tenderness, fine marbling and rich flavour. It is a generic breed of Kobe Beef that has many health and nutritional benefits. Join us at the Restaurant to experience the taste of this premium beef from Australia.



**DINNER THEATRE EVENING –
AMARETTI ANGELS**

in the Restaurant

Friday 8th October from 7.30pm

Price: \$500 per person (includes the play, a three-course menu with a half bottle of wine)

The proceeds from this performance will be donated to the **East Bali Poverty Project** in memory of **Clive Walton**, Captain of the Rugby Section who was tragically killed in Bali in 2002.

Please contact Kenny on 2830 9504 or email: Kenny_chu@hkfc.com for a reservation.



**SUNDAY LAMMA ISLAND
SEAFOOD DINNER BUFFET**

in the Restaurant

every Sunday from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

throughout the month of October

\$225 per Adult; \$128 per Child (age 12 and under)

Lamma island is famous for its fresh and large selection of seafood. You can enjoy the Lamma/Hong Kong-style seafood right here at the Restaurant without the hassle of taking the boat. A kaleidoscope of mussels, sea whelk, garoupa, prawns and crabs are on offer in the Restaurant this month.

**SUNDAY FAMILY BRUNCH BUFFET
WITH SPARKLING WINE**

in the Restaurant and Chairman's Bar

every Sunday from 11am to 2.30pm

throughout the month of October

\$208 per Adult (with sparkling wine)

\$128 per Child (with soft drinks and chilled juice)

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

Dress Code: Club Casual – No Collar-less T-shirts, no Flip-Flops, no short Casual Shorts (knee length – no beach wear). Ladies are required to dress to a comparable standard.

BRING YOUR OWN WINE

continues until 31st October

in the Restaurant

available in the evenings

No corkage will be charged (up to a maximum of four bottles per booking) as long as a minimum of two courses per person is selected from the A la Carte menu and that there is a minimum booking for two made beforehand.

Get a bottle or two of wine that will compliment the food and book your table now. No matter the type of wine you bring, we have the glass to accompany it.

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

◆ COFFEE SHOP ◆

**HAIRY CRAB DELIGHTS**

**in the Coffee Shop
for Lunch and Dinner
throughout the month of October**

As autumn approaches, foodies lick their lips in anticipation of the hairy crab season. Chef Harry has prepared a Hairy Crab menu in both Western and Chinese styles. Come and enjoy this special seasonal dining experience.

Hairy Crabs will also be available for takeaway. Please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 for more details.

WEEK DAYS DINNER BUFFET

**in the Coffee Shop
Monday to Thursday
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

The all-time favourite dinner buffet presents a delightful Salad Bar as well as a wide selection of Mains and Desserts, all served under the supervision our Coffee Shop Chef.

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

**OUTDOOR DINNER BBQ BUFFET**

**in the Coffee Shop
every Friday and Saturday night
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

The popular outdoor barbecue is back on at weekends starting in October. Aside from a variety of grilled meats, vegetables and seafood, our Spit Roast Head Chef will also serve Spit Roast Lamb or Spit Roast Pig every weekend.

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

AFTERNOON CREPES

**in the Coffee Shop
Every day from 3pm to 5.30pm
throughout the month of October**

Freshly baked vanilla pancakes available only between 3pm - 5.30pm.

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



◆ CHAIRMAN'S BAR ◆



WEDNESDAY BURGER AND BEER

in the Chairman's Bar
every Wednesday from 6pm to 9.30pm

Come and try the miniature version of our 'Restaurant Monster Burger' and a refreshing pint of San Miguel (or a glass of selected wine) **for only \$98!**

WINE CAROUSEL

in the Chairman's Bar
every day from 6pm to 10pm

From 6pm until 10pm daily, you can enjoy 2 hours of free-flowing wines from 12 award-winning wineries for a set price of **\$130 per person**. Alternatively you can select any two wines for only **\$68**.

OYSTERS IN THE EVENING

in the Chairman's Bar
every day from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

The Chairman's Bar is offering a happy-hour special.

Get two jet-fresh oysters and a glass of bubbly for just \$88 or enjoy 6 oysters for \$100 (minimum order of 6 pieces)



IN THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR



ROASTED PORK KNUCKLE

every Saturday from Noon – 9.30pm and every Sunday from 3pm to 9.30pm

To add some variety to our regular menu, we are introducing Roasted Pork Knuckle on Saturdays and Sundays.

SUNDAY LUNCH BUFFET

every Sunday from 11.30am to 3pm

Don't miss our popular Sunday Lunch Buffet which includes a number of all-time favourites from the regular a la Carte menu, and saves you from making any hard decisions!

SAN MIGUEL DRAUGHT

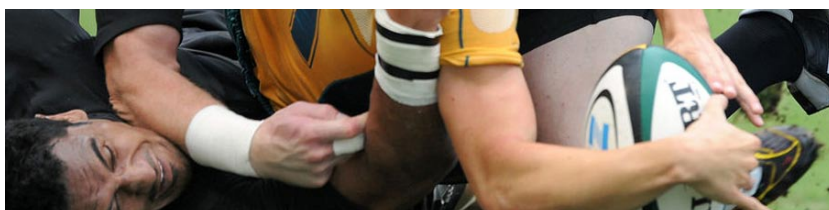
special price throughout the month of October

BLDISLOE CUP AND SPIT ROAST LAMB BBQ DINNER BUFFET

Saturday 30th October

The *All Blacks* and *Wallabies* will battle for the *Bledisloe Cup* at the Hong Kong Stadium on **Saturday 30th October**, kicking off at 4.30pm. It is the second time this important trophy has been up for grabs in Hong Kong.

Post match, we will be offering a **BBQ dinner buffet** inclusive of our famous *Spit Roast Lamb*.



New sponsor scored for HKFC Mini / Junior / Youth Soccer

The Hong Kong Football Club Mini, Junior and Youth Soccer programme has signed up a brand new sponsor. Regus, the world's largest provider of workplace solutions, will support HKFC's programme to deliver soccer coaching and playing experience to over 500 young footballers from the ages of 4 to 15. The sponsorship will run for the 2010/2011 season and is expected to help the club develop the programme to the next level.

"The Football Club has without doubt one of the largest and best managed soccer coaching programmes for young players in Hong Kong. With our regional headquarters here and 12 business centres across the city, Regus is proud to be associated with such a prestigious and worthwhile community endeavour" said **Paul Gregory**, Marketing Director, Asia Pacific for Regus. The company's investment will enable the programme to purchase new equipment and kit, as well as supporting additional events for the teams. The Mini, Junior and Youth Soccer season commenced in September with the Club fielding competitive teams in the Hong Kong Junior League from Under 9 up to Under 13, as well as a selected representative Under 15 side defending the Nike Cup (won for the first time by last season's HKFC Under 15s) as well as competing in the local Crocodile Elite League.

Chris Plowman, newly appointed Chairman of the HKFC Mini, Junior and Youth Soccer programme, is delighted with the new sponsorship arrangement: "The committee and volunteer parents of the programme have done a great job in establishing what is one of the finest and best value soccer coaching programmes for young players in Hong Kong. With the support of Regus we will now be able to move forward and develop the programme even further, with new equipment, a brand new kit featuring the sponsor's logo (just like Premiership clubs!) and plans for such events as overseas tours, charity days, end of season awards presentations, as well as continuing our programme to get all of our 120+ volunteer parent coaches to a minimum of an English FA Level 1 qualification, or equivalent, with some 20 coaches already qualified at Level 2".

HKFC Mini, Junior and Youth Soccer is open to children of club members and non-members, both boys and girls. So popular is the programme that registrations for most Mini Soccer age groups for the season 2010/2011 are already fully subscribed. For more details about the programme visit: www.hkfcminisoccer.com

For details about Regus fully furnished, equipped and staffed offices, world-class business support services, meeting conference and training facilities and video conference rooms, visit their local website at: www.regus.hk

OCTOBER SPECIAL FREE AIR-TICKET

EAT to WIN and EARN

EAT-




Eat and Drink at any of The Club's food and beverage outlets with spending of over HK \$500 or above.

WIN-



You will be entitled to a lucky draw where you will have a chance to WIN a free ticket to LONDON on Virgin Atlantic Airways. Simply drop in your dining receipts into our lucky draw boxes located at each of the 8 outlets.

EARN-



Additionally, you will receive a Travel Voucher in amount of HK\$200 offered by Sunpac Tours & Travel Ltd.

Enjoy your dining at The Club and be rewarded!!

SPECIAL FARES TO CLUB MEMBERS


VIRGIN ATLANTIC

*** to London : \$4,550^{up}**

*** to Sydney : \$5,300^{up}**

*Departure from 1st August 2010 to 31st July 2011.


*Subject to all applicable taxes and fuel charges. *High season surcharge & certain terms & conditions apply.



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

TEAM UPDATES



Neil Jensen, Soccer Section Captain

Stock up the Sportsman's Bar, the football season's back!

Last season was one of the best on record for the Section and like all good soap operas there are plenty of cliffhangers to carry forward into the new season. In this issue I'll be bringing you up to date with all of the news as the campaigns begin for the regular teams.

Now, for those of you wondering who's in the photo currently putting you off your cup of tea as you read this, allow me to introduce myself as the new Soccer Section Captain. I'm known around the Section as Growler possibly due to the amount of noise I make and I was previously running Wanderers until stepping down at the end of last season.

I'd also like to thank Stewart Montgomery on behalf of the Section for the great work that he did over the last 3 years as Section Captain. For a 'wee' Scotsman he's certainly left big shoes to fill.

If anyone would like to contribute articles for future months or have any comments (keep them clean) you can email me at growler11@yahoo.com

As well as updating you on the progress of the teams, next month we'll see how the social teams are faring, have a chat with the Section Chairman and have an update from the ladies too.

Good luck to all of the teams throughout the Section for the forthcoming season and I look forward to seeing you all in the weeks ahead.

Neil Jensen, Soccer Section Captain

1st Team

Having secured the HKFA 2nd Division title last season, the 1st team accepted promotion to the 1st division to face the big boys and they've had a great start in their first game away at Tai Po. Club Coach **Tony Sealy** and the lads have worked hard to get ready for the season despite the pitch being out of action for most of pre season.

1ST TEAM IN ACTION:
Pictures from their first away game this season at Tai Po.



Lucky Mile

Originally planning for a campaign in the HKFA 3rd division, Lucky Mile (LM) manager **Graeme Lane** (GL) returns to find the team promoted to the 2nd division without kicking a ball.

NJ – So, back as LM manager, how does that feel?

GL – It feels good, I’m really enjoying that and also the fact that my wife is expecting twins at the end of October so I’m in for a busy time.

NJ – Promotion without kicking a ball? Explain.

GL – LM were invited to go up to the 2nd Division by the HKFA, which the Section decided to take, after 2 seasons down in the 3rd division, having narrowly missed out on promotion.

NJ – How do you see the team faring in the 2nd division?

GL – The squad is currently changing hugely from that of last year as we look to add better players who can help the team consolidate our position at this level. Success for LM this year would be to retain 2nd division status in what looks a very competitive league with the likes of Happy Valley coming down from the 1st division

and many clubs paying money to attract talent.

NJ – Any new signings to the squad?

GL – Marc Huff, Jezza Gill and Tom Taw have all joined from the 1st team and they look really sharp, as well as Eddie Chambers in midfield.

NJ – Any other players to look out for?

GL – Seb Page, hopefully he can still score goals in large numbers after 3 years away and Niall Cox could also be one to watch as he develops.

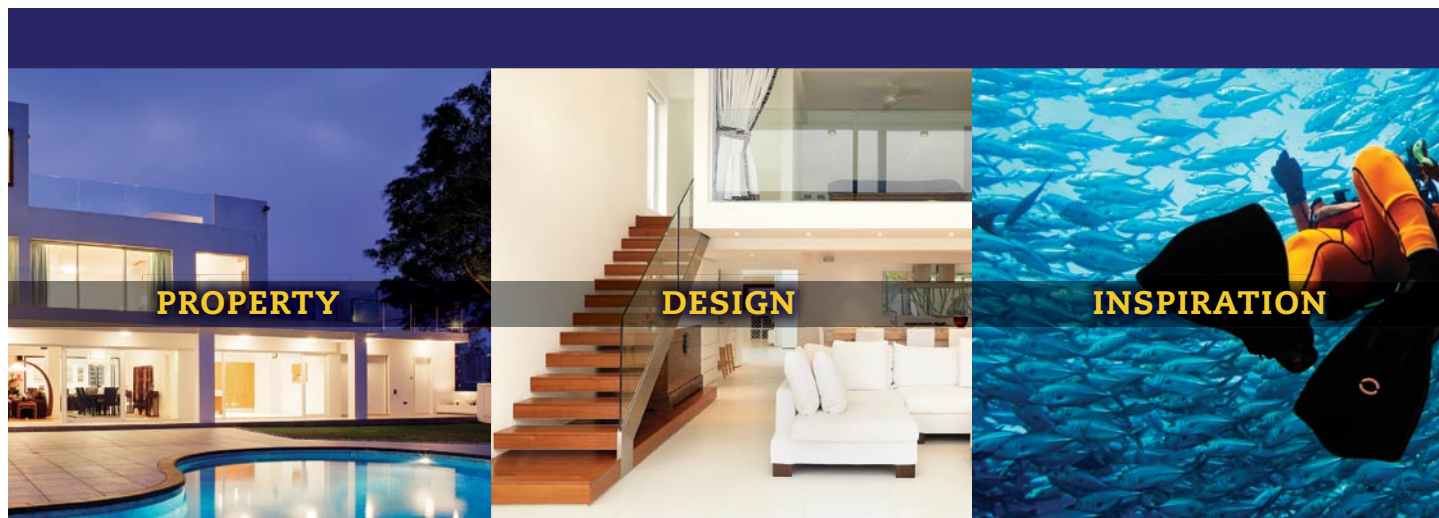


GRAEME LANE
Lucky Mile Manager

NJ – What’s the most difficult part of running the team?

GL – HKFA restrictions continue to hamper the squad as we are only allowed 3 ‘foreigners’ with the remainder being local, i.e., being in HK a minimum of 7 years to attain Permanent Residency. The younger guys back from the UK will help us overcome another restriction, to have at least two players on the pitch at all times who are under 25. These rules together with the step-up in class will certainly make for a testing season for the Mile!

“ Success for LM this year would be to retain 2nd division status in what looks a very competitive league... ”



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LEE DOURIS
Albion Manager

Albion

The Yau Yee League Division 1 surprise package of the season was our very own Albion and only a tense inter-club thriller with Wanderers on the final day robbed them of the league title. Here's what Albion's player manager **Lee Douris** (LD) had to say:

NJ – How has pre-season gone?

LD – We started pre season fairly early as it looked like a few boys had enjoyed their summer a little too much (**Ned**?) and there are a few of us not getting any younger either. **Tony Hamilton** has worked hard to get the boys up to speed and now it will be just a matter of match practice before the real business begins...saying that 2 defeats out of 3 friendlies is not ideal.

NJ – Hopes for the season?

LD – Obviously we would like to go one better than last season, though I do foresee the YYL being a lot more competitive this year. Being in contention with the Albion boys enjoying their

football will suffice until Christmas.

NJ – Any new players?

LD – Still working on it, although **John Casey** looks like a find - good footballer, great attitude and a nice bloke too.

NJ – Players to watch?

LD – **Jason Langston**...Wants it so badly. **Reda Chaouch**... Excited to have him back.

NJ – Best and worst dressed player in the team and why?

LD – Not sure we have any snappy dressers, **Hans Pompen** has got some interesting footwear, **Dave Shaw**'s got a pair of Y fronts we could all get in, **Ian Stewart**'s got a favourite shirt, **Mark (Stormin) Norman**'s got some vests no one else could get away with and it's amazing how many pairs of shorts that go with nothing the team has.



MARK BAVIS AND STEVEN CRANE
Wanderers Managers

Wanderers

Faced with a choice of defending the league title won on the last day of the season or quitting while I was ahead, I sensibly chose the latter and handed the reigns over to my assistant for the last 2 seasons, **Mark Bavis** (Bavo). Fast forward to 9.30am of the first pre season game and he was possibly already regretting it when 3 people had already been in touch to cry off for that day's game...

Bavo has brought in **Steven Crane** (Craney) as his number 2 and I caught up with them in the Sportsman's to gauge their thoughts on the season ahead:

NJ – How's management treating you?

Bavo – A tough act to follow (trying not to laugh...)

NJ – Any new players in the squad?

Bavo – There's one or two on the fringe, however we've only lost a couple of players from last season so there'll be no major changes. Great to see **Andy Bratsanos** back though.

NJ – And how is the new management duo gelling together?

Bavo – Like butter and jam

Craney – or peaches and cream?

NJ – Hopes for the season?

Bavo – Surviving Christmas, surviving Growler and doing the league and cup double.

NJ – The previous two managers of Wanderers won the YYL division 1 title. Any pressure on your shoulders?

Bavo – Why are all these questions in your favour?

NJ – If there was one question you'd like to be asked, what would it be?

Bavo – How far out was that goal I scored at Celtic Park?

Craney – Why did you put me on at right back against the Colts?

“ ... we've only lost a couple of players from last season so there'll be no major changes... ”



Colts

NJ – How’s pre season shaping up?

RL – Pre season has been tough as is normal at this time of year as many of last year’s players have moved on either to other teams or further education...we have a new batch of young players and hope that they will settle and get stronger as the season progresses...as is normal at this stage of the season, to avoid being involved in a relegation battle is the first objective.

NJ – Players to watch?

RL – probably a bit too early to say about the new/younger players but I do expect big things from **Kevin Maguire** who is maturing very well plus **Kento Kurasako** who was being considered by LM and one young lad who played a few games last season **Daniel Man** looks good.

NJ – How do you share the management duties within the management team?

RL – we have a management team consisting of **Tony Bratsanos**, **Les Collett**, **Anto Grabo** and myself. Anto is the coach and spends the most time with the lads particularly during the week. Whilst I am the manager and deal with all of the admin, we select the team as a group. Tony and Anto tend to give the team talks before/during and after the games....during the matches we tend to discuss possible substitutions amongst ourselves and in 99 cases out of 100 we tend to agree with each other but it is good to bounce ideas off each other.... a cohesive management!



BOBBY LAWSON (RL), LES COLLETT, TONY BRATSANOS, ANTO GRABO
Colts Managers

NJ – Do the current and former West Island School lads call (P.E. teacher and Colts centre half) Richard Lant, “Lanty,” Mr Lant or sir?

RL – I think “Mr. Lant” is the most common address but Richard encourages them to treat him as any other player.

NJ – What would be a good Colts season in your view?

RL – as is normal at this stage of the season, to avoid being involved in a relegation battle is the first objective.

NJ – Is Anto concerned that Mark Grainger may hog the hairdryer after the game?

RL – not a problem so far as Mark has showered before Anto....but no one beats Tony Bratsanos when it comes to getting ready quickly !

SOCCER SECTION FIXTURES IN OCTOBER

DATE	COMPETITION	TEAM	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME
2nd October	HKFA 2nd Division	Lucky Mile	Yuen Long	HKFC	20:15
3rd October	Yau Yee League Division 1	Wanderers	HKDC Mobsters	HKFC	15:00
3rd October	Yau Yee League Division 1	Albion	Swiss XI	HKFC	16:30
3rd October	Yau Yee League Division 1	Colts	Antonhill	HKFC	18:00
10th October	HKFA 2nd Division	Lucky Mile	Wing Yee	Po Kong Village #1	13:30
10th October	Yau Yee League Division 1	Wanderers	Swiss XI	HKFC	15:00
10th October	Yau Yee League Division 1	Albion	Spartans	HKFC	16:30
10th October	Yau Yee League Division 1	Colts	HKDC Mobsters	HKFC	18:00
15th October	HKFA bma 1st Division	HKFC	Tai Chung	HKFC	20:00
16th October	HKFA 2nd Division	Lucky Mile	Adv. Double Flower	HKFC	20:15
23rd October	HKFA bma 1st Division	HKFC	Citizen	HKFC	18:00
23rd October	HKFA 2nd Division	Lucky Mile	Fukien	HKFC	20:15
24th October	Yau Yee League Division 1	Wanderers	Spartans	HKFC	15:00
24th October	Yau Yee League Division 1	Albion	French Kiss	HKFC	16:30
24th October	Yau Yee League Division 1	Colts	Swiss XI	HKFC	18:00



SQUASH NEWS



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Club Night Extraordinaire

“... Thanks again to Ali, Thierry and Julian for their time and contribution to the sport, and for entertaining us so generously.”

Club nights are organised every other Friday evening by **Phil Head**, and are always good fun and an excellent opportunity to meet and play different members of the Squash Section. Members register their interest in advance and participate in a variety of different game formats organised by Phil on the night. After the squash, we make for the bar - which makes for a very pleasant evening, combining squash with some post match socialising.

A real treat was in store for us on Friday August 20th as a number of top professionals were in town for the HK Squash Open 2010. Phil had organised with **Ali Walker** (World no. 17) to attend Club night with two colleagues, **Thierry Lincou** (World no. 8) and **Julian Illingworth** (US no. 1 and World no. 35). The format for the evening was that Squash Section members would each play one game

with one of the three pros. This would last a few hours, after which they would play some exhibition games to entertain us.

Well, what a fantastic evening! I have not seen so many Squash Section members attend Club night before - and everyone arrived so promptly! The guys were fantastic sports and made a huge effort to make us all feel good about our own game - whatever our standard. Helpfully, they varied their level of play so that it wasn't too one-sided! I can report that none of the three pros lost a game that night. A number of Squash Section members scored between 6 and 9 points each - against their 11. **Rob Nigro** came closest in his game against Thierry Lincou. Their match went to 10 all, although Thierry did win in the end. However, Rob put in an excellent effort and pushed him all the way!

TOP PROFESSIONALS AT THE CLUB

ABOVE: Julian Illingworth (US no. 1 and World no. 35), Ali Walker (World no. 17) and Thierry Lincou (World no. 8) with Squash Section Chairman, Mike Wood

RIGHT: Thierry Lincou with Squash Section Mens Captain, Malcolm Kerr

MIDDLE: Simon Ho and Thierry Lincou

FAR RIGHT: Thierry Lincou and Ali Walker



After the squash we retired to the bar, and the three pros were very happy to chat before heading off for dinner.

Thanks again to Ali, Thierry and Julian for their time and contribution to the sport, and for entertaining us so generously. We very much look forward to welcoming them again next year.

For information, Julian proceeded to win his two HK Open 2010 qualifying matches, but lost in the first main round to **Peter Barker** (seeded no 8) – Peter went on to lose in the semi-finals. Ali got through his first round match, but also came unstuck against Peter Barker. Thierry had a good run, beating the HK local, **Dick Lau**, followed by **David Palmer**, but finally losing to **Karim Darwish** (seeded no 4).



JUNIOR COACHING SESSION
Ali Walker and Phil Head after a juniors coaching session

Meco HKFC International 3's Squash Competition

The evening of Friday 27th August saw the start of the fourth International 3's Squash team competition. The event comprised 25 teams (16 Open teams, 5 Masters and 4 Ladies teams), including strong representation from Singapore, Australia, Malaysia, England and Thailand, as well as local teams/players from Hong Kong. Playing this year we also had **Ali Walker** (world no 17) and **Leo Au** (Hong Kong no 4). The main Open event is based on a knockout format, with losers in the first round proceeding to the Plate competition (also knockout). The Masters and the Ladies played box tournaments, with each team playing all other teams in their 'box' for points.

By the end of the first evening, approaching 40 matches had been played, after which players enjoyed a buffet dinner and drinks in the vicinity of the squash courts.

The next morning at 10am sharp, the Masters were on court, playing the first of their two matches that day. Next up were the Ladies, then the Open players, followed by another round of each later that day. Interspersed amongst these matches were the Plate matches. One of the highlights of the afternoon was

the match between LRC 1's **Mike Ferreira** and ASC's Leo Au which had the watching crowd enthralled, with Leo eventually prevailing 3-1. By the end of Saturday, the strongest teams were starting to emerge, with all to play for on Sunday, Finals day.



Ali Walker

In the Open event, Blade competed in the Final against ASC. First up was **Rob Nigro** (Blade) against **Neal Soo** (ASC). Both were keen to get a point on the board for their respective teams. The match started at an electrifying pace - with both players managing to keep this up for the duration of the match. In the first game, it was very evenly matched. Rob started to get ahead in game 2 and eventually took the match 3-1. Blade were one match up. **Phil Head** (Blade) then played **Patrick Choi** (ASC). Phil got off to a good start, and played a very tight and well disciplined game - if slightly less fast paced than the previous match. Phil continued to dominate, whilst Patrick never seemed

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WINNERS

BELOW LEFT: Blade, Open winners with HKFC Chairman Fook Aun Chew and Tournament Convenor David Murray
BELOW RIGHT: Mouldies, Masters Winners with Fook Aun Chew





ACTION SHOTS AND MORE

TOP LEFT :
Phil Head and Patrick Choi

TOP MIDDLE:
Leo Au and Ali Walker

TOP RIGHT:
HKFC L2, Helen Chan, Kate Geary and Patricia Choong



Pike, Lynley Solomon and Julie Savoie), with HKFC Ladies 1 (Ruchika Kumar, Denise Ng and Cheryl Ward) in second place. In the Masters, Mouldies (Hugh Dyus, William Fan and Phil Neilson) came top, with Singapore Cricket Club Masters (Allan Chang, Manmindar Singh and Nick Cochrane) in second place.

to get his nose in front. Phil took the match 3-0, securing victory for Blade, whatever the outcome in the final match - Ali Walker (Blade) versus Leo Au (ASC). Ali was over from UK for the Hong Kong Open, and had trained at the Club, as well as attending Club night (see other article). Leo is the brother of Annie Au, the well known Hong Kong professional player, and a very accomplished player in his own right.

The match was a real showcase in squash, and the audience were captivated. The first few games were fairly close with Leo matching Ali shot for shot. In both games Ali managed to get ahead at the right time to take a 2-0 lead, despite Leo's tenaciousness and near impossible retrieves. Leo fought back in the third, and won the game to take it to 2-1 to Ali. Ali got the upper hand in the fourth to win the match 3-1. The audience showed their appreciation for a marvellous match, played in really good spirits. Blade were the Open winners by 3-0.

In the open Plate Competition, LKA (**Lincoln Chan, Kenny Foo and Adrian Ng**) defeated LRC 2 (**Gillem Tulloch, Chris Caves and Mike Fowlds**) in a close 2-1 match. This is Kenny Foo's second Plate win having been part of last year's Plate winning team from Malaysia.

At around the same time as the Open event Final was taking place, the ladies and the Masters played their final box matches to determine who had the most points in each. The Ladies winners were Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre (**Emma**

Soon after the matches ended, players and guests went upstairs to the Happy Valley Suites for a sumptuous buffet, followed by the prize giving ceremony.

Finally, it should be said that we are very grateful to the International 3's main sponsor, Meco, for partnering with HKFC for this year's event. Meco will be involved with next year's event also, which will coincide with the Club's 125th year. We also thank Phil Head and Blade for generously contributing the prizes, as well as helping to organise the event with Tournament Convenor, **David Murray**. Being on the periphery this year, it was a surprise to me how much work actually goes into running the event. We would also like to thank Carlsberg for kindly supplying their thirst quenching lager; the Club as hosts; and others too!

We look forward to next year's event which promises to be 'bigger and better' to celebrate the Club's 125th year!

“...we are very grateful to the International 3's main sponsor, Meco, for partnering with HKFC for this year's event...”



BELOW LEFT:
Joseph Kwok and Hugh Dyus

BELOW RIGHT:
Neal Soo and Rob Nigro



Summer Leagues

As reported in the last edition of the Club magazine, with just a week to go The Godfather were back in the lead with Blade Runner and Citizen Kane in joint second place. The final matches of the Summer League season saw a further change around with **John Thompson's** Blade Runner coming through to take the winning spot on the basis of the total number of games won throughout the event, narrowly beating The Godfather. Congratulations to Blade Runner which comprised **John Thompson, William Fan, Dave Cross, Martin Wright** and **Denise Ng**.

All teams also participated in the play offs on Saturday 21st August. The top four teams in the main event went through to the Cup play off semifinals whilst the bottom four teams competed in the Plate play off semifinals.

Cup winners were **Henry Ng's** The Godfather. Other team members were **Terrence Teo, Emma Pike, Mike Tsang** and **Wai Lam**. Runners up were Blade Runner.

In the Plate competition Quiet Man won, comprising **Vinod Harjani, Phil Neilson, Ashwin Padgaonkar, Simon Ng** and **Tim Everest**.



Commiserations and the obligatory wooden spoons went to Psycho - **Colin Owen, Gene Soo, Lee Robinson, Marcelo Perez** and **Julia O'Toole**.

Another excellent event came to a close, with thanks going once again to **David Murray** for organising it. With summer leagues behind us, we now look forward to the 2010/11 Season.

SUMMER LEAGUE TEAMS

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Blade Runner, Cup winners and runners up in the Play offs

The Godfather, Play off winners

Psychos, losers receiving their wooden spoon!

The Quiet Man, Plate winners

World Masters Squash 2010 Köln, Germany 23rd to 28th August

James Barrington, Glenn Hitch and **Malcolm Kerr** travelled to Germany to compete in the 10th World Masters Squash Championship.

The event was divided into 5-year age categories from 35-39 up to 75 and over, and involved 800 competitors from 55 countries.

Having trained hard, the Club players all had high hopes of progressing through the early rounds to reach the final 16 or better in their respective categories.

JB who was seeded 9-16, progressed to round three with a bye and an easy win before meeting Indian, Vaman Apte. Vaman, a brilliant exponent of the drop-shot quickly took the first game before JB stepped up the pace and thereafter managed to keep his opponent at the back of the court and away from the "T". JB won the match, progressing to the next round.

Meanwhile, Hitchy, seeded 2 in the 35-39s, relied on his aura of invincibility to sail into the last 16 without even hitting a ball – a first round bye followed by 2 walkovers allowed him to focus on fending off the media and the Japanese ladies squad.

MK, seeded 9-16, was also given a first round walkover. Round 2 was an easy warm up for the tougher challenge to follow. Hard hitting Swede Christian Borgvall at 6'4" and with biceps the size of MK's legs was never going to go quietly. Despite taking a quick 8-3 lead, MK dropped the first game 8-11. Game 2 was an epic, going to MK 17-15. Already it seemed a five game battle was on the cards. Sure enough game 3 and 4 were long and brutal, and were split evenly. The decider saw MK claw back from 8-3 down to level at 8-8 before the Swede blasted two clean winners out of nowhere,



“ Having trained hard, the Club players all had high hopes of progressing through the early rounds to reach the final 16... ”

WORLD MASTERS SQUASH

James Barrington (far left), Malcolm Kerr (second from right) and Glenn Hitch (far right) - with Kevin Ryan (ex HK squash stalwart) and Kylie (middle).



PLAYERS WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE OPPONENTS

TOP TO BOTTOM:

James Barrington; Malcolm Kerr; Glenn Hitch

finally taking the match 11-9 in the fifth. It was a great match, with MK reassigned to a coaching role in the Hitchy entourage.

JB met another super-fit Swede in the last 16, Björn Alström, seeded 4 and formerly a world ranked top 30 player. Brilliant tactical play and accurate shot making gave JB an early advantage as he took the first game. The relentless pace of the Swede gradually swung the advantage his way, and some onlookers were fooled into thinking JB was finished. An inspired recovery from match ball down in game 4 pushed the match to a decider. Game 5 saw JB again get away to a lead. However, Bjorn was not to be denied as he put in a perfect reverse angle boast which finished JB's challenge. A really excellent performance from JB. Alström progressed easily to the semi-final and finished in 3rd place overall.

So to Hitchy, the only team member still in the event and yet to play a game! Yet another Swede, Peter Blomqvist, stood in his path to the quarter-final and again this Viking had clearly been working hard on his fitness. Losing the first game gave cause for concern, but having woken up, all looked to be back on course as Glenn took the next 2 games. But no - 15 minutes later it was 2 games all and 8 all in the 5th! What could the no 2 seed pull out now? Using

“The Force” and a straight volley, our man walked off court a winner in the 5th and into the quarter finals.

Stephen Cooke (Dutch?), was next in line. Hitchy did not disappoint the girls as he cruised around the court, feeding his opponent with delightful boasts and cross-courts. Three or four minutes later having lost the first game 11/3 his coaching team had to realign his focus with some choice language! Duly refreshed, our prize fighter got back in there with a bit more of the killer instinct. Game on! However, a tough tussle in the second saw Cooke recover from game ball down to take it 14-12. It was a now or never moment as the 3rd got underway. Again a very close game, with the key points going the wrong way. 13/11 to Cooke and it was all over for 2010.

And so to the bar! Watch out for a team of Swedes who have promised to come to the next HKFC International 3's event!

The Club players all put in a great amount of effort in training for the event and performed at or very close to their best in the big matches. The results fell short of what seemed possible, but we are no doubt better players for the experience. Next time – Birmingham, August 2012.

By Malcolm Kerr

12th Wing Ding Squash Tournament 2010

Squash Centre, Saturday 20th November



The 12th Wing Ding Squash Tournament will again be held at HKFC Squash Centre. It is an annual fun charity event and a part of the RTHK/South China Morning Post's “Operation Santa Claus” Appeal, which raises money for specific projects across a wide range of charities in Hong Kong. In 2009 Wing Ding raised nearly HK\$550,000 for Operation Santa Claus - which we hope to beat this year.

The tournament was started in remembrance of Yuen, Kam-Wing (“Wing”), who worked at the Urban Council Squash Centre on Cotton Tree Drive looking after the court bookings and serving at the small bar there. He was physically disabled and for him life was a constant struggle, but his constantly cheerful outlook, sense of humour, and heart-felt kindness was an inspiration to all who knew him. When he died in 1998, a group of his friends from the Squash Centre vowed to keep his memory alive each year. This gave birth to the “Wing Ding” tournament.

Wing Ding brings together all of the major squash-playing clubs in Hong Kong. In 2010, 14 teams of 10 players, covering the full spectrum of abilities, will battle it out in a “running teams” format. This involves each player playing all others at their level in a continuous series of games, running from one court to the next after a fixed amount of time. Players have to keep playing and keep running without a break for around 40 minutes. That may not sound like much - but try playing hard squash without



any break for 40 minutes and find out for yourself ! While the squash is very competitive, the tournament is all about having fun, so each team is assigned a colour with extra points being awarded for a team's attire - the more outrageous the better!

Wing Ding is a fun tournament - so why not come down to the HKFC Squash Centre on Saturday 20th November, take in the colourful spectacle, enjoy the fun, support a very worthy cause and make the 12th Wing Ding the best ever.

NETBALL NEWS

Comments from the Chair



Karin Looram,
Division
Chairperson

With trails and a month of training under our belt, we are now finally into the season which kicked off 4th October. The HKFC has 5 teams representing us this season down from 6 last year. Everyone is eager and excited to get on with it and this season, as always we are expecting some great results. Good Luck Ladies!

A big thank you to those of you who accepted the offer of captaincy. Here are a list of captains for the teams this season:

Club: Stacey McLocklan

Typhoons: Vanessa Elliot

Whirlies: Kathryn Curley

Tornadoes: Penelope Hamilton

Hurricanes: Katie Gearing

Junior Netball is also back in full swing and this season we have loads of newbies which is great to see. Because of the popularity of the programme we were able to enter two U12 teams into the Junior Netball League (JNL) which runs on Saturday afternoons.

This league gives the girls the chance to put into practice all that they learn in the programme against players from other clubs as well as other schools. In the coming months we will be featuring the results from the matches, so look for information.

In September, I had the opportunity to attend a closed training session with the New Zealand Silver Ferns, playing a 'friendly' against Singapore. When I say friendly, I mean as friendly as it could be to play the Kiwis. As always they are truly spectacular to watch and one always comes away from their games inspired and proud, as a fellow kiwi should be. The Silver Ferns were on their way to the Commonwealth Games in India, which, at time of writing, are due to get under way shortly and finish on 14th October.

As always please keep on top of the training times as well as games times and venues. As we are splitting 'Whirlies' trainings, you need to check with your coach or captain for confirmation. Venue and time can also be checked on the HKNA website. We will also be posting information throughout the year on the HKFC website at: www.hkfcnetball.com.

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Keep the lines of communication open and honest so that we can run effectively and harmoniously for another season.



Netball committee

Photos from the Netball AGM and Awards Night



HOCKEY NEWS

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Charlie Poulton,
Hockey
Chairman

DEAR SECTION,

With the season now well underway I would like to take a moment to thank you all for your enthusiasm. Attendance at matches and training has been mostly excellent and indeed many good results have already been posted, most notably by teams that train hard and socialize together well (Ladies As - well done!).

Before I go any further, mark your diaries NOW for **Saturday 11th December** for the **Section Christmas Party Fancy Dress**. We have moved it from Friday 10th to Saturday 11th in response to feedback received at the AGM and September's committee meeting. Whilst we also received some feedback that fancy dress is not to everyone's tastes we felt that the vast majority of the Section are in favour of this admittedly riotous and somewhat irreverent approach to the Christmas season. Personally speaking, the Section always looks absolutely spectacular in fancy dress and yours truly is a big fan! More prosaically, at September's committee meeting there was no-one prepared to ask for a vote to change the format of the Section's Christmas party. I therefore look forward to your chosen uniforms [hint!] on Saturday December 11th...

As usual we continue to have committee meetings every second Monday of the month, the minutes of which are posted onto the website for everyone to read. For September's meeting we invited all the captains in an effort to be as transparent as possible about how your Section is run. A number of new captains are at the helm this year and we know that it can be a baptism of fire with questions about kit, training, trials, HKHA registration, HKFC membership, umpiring, playing cards, fixtures, drinks and socials and much much more all suddenly thrown onto the unsuspecting new captain. I recall my first year as C team captain (in the SARS season and doesn't that seem like a long time back) where I had no idea that I had to organise umpires. About 12 weeks into the season I received a fine *and* points were deducted and we slipped from second

to fifth as a result! I would like to thank all these new captains and all the captains that have continued for another year for their hard work in getting the season going and tending to their players' needs. We all owe our captains a vote of thanks and we should all take every opportunity to remind them how much we appreciate the time they give to you, me and the Section at large.

A number of committee members have been very active in helping get the season underway. The names of the current committee are on the website and many of them have devoted as much time as the captains to getting the season underway and I would like to thank you too for the time you give and the quality of your efforts. This year please note that **Martin Harris** and **Jo Fargus** are the Ladies and Men's Section Vice-Captains, you should use them as people who can share the burden the Section and team captains are under, they are very willing to help with any issues you may want to raise. At September's committee meeting we confirmed **Jocelyn Teh** was voted ratified as the ladies rep for Club Membership, thank you for volunteering Jocelyn, it is much appreciated.

You will see a full report from Mini Hockey this month. **Neil Galloway** and **Deepali de Blank** continue to take this important part of our Section from strength to strength. We are looking forward to supporting them at their tournaments this season. They are always looking for volunteers to help with the Saturday 11am sessions so please do contact **mini@HKFCchokey.com** if you would like to be involved in some way.

CHARITY: I am delighted to report that we ratified **Pathfinders** as this year's Section charity at the September committee meeting. It assists distressed or migrant women and their children born in Hong Kong to find a safe and legal way home (<http://www.pathfinders.org.hk/>).

TOURS: as at the time of writing we have no one stepping up to organise the Vietnam or Bangkok tours, the details of which are on the website. There has been some

expressions of interest but at the moment no-one to lead the tour. It's not really that difficult to lead a tour so please do put your name forward to the committee if you would like to help with a tour.

HK HOCKEY 6S - EASTER 2011: Have you ever played for another club abroad? Then contact them NOW about coming to Hong Kong to attend the HK Hockey 6s. Send them the link to the the Hockey 6s tab on our website as an illustration of last year's tournament.

REGISTRATION ONLINE: Do not forget to register online at www.HKFCchokey.com <<http://www.hkfchokey.com/>>. If you do not receive emails from HKFC Hockey then you are not yet registered and you are missing out on important information!

OLD KIT: Val Potts and **Lucy Fennell** have put together a campaign to collect your old kit and find a charitable home for it, see the news article on the website for details of where and when to drop off the kit that you have long ago ceased to wear.

UMPIRES: A special plea. the HKHA Umpires Section will be putting on beginner's courses shortly: we desperately need more umpires. By my conservative estimates we are at least 15 practicing umpires short of a quorum. We CANNOT complain about on pitch umpiring standards until we can put up our own umpires across all levels of the league. **Quentin Burrows** is co-ordinating all umpiring issues across the Section and he is able to help you sit the course, get registered, pass the practical on pitch assessment and get assigned to matches; he can even supply you with an umpiring buddy-system partner if you are not yet confident. Contact Q for help. Do not forget that as an incentive, all those that have umpired 5 matches are allowed free social tickets to the Christmas and End of Season ball, that's a fair incentive in my book!

That's all from me! See you on the pitch and around the Club.

Ladies' Captain's Comments



Nicky Russo,
Ladies Captain

I'm not entirely sure how we managed to get to October quite so quickly, but here it is. The hockey season is well under way, having begun with the HKHA's 7 a-side tournament in early September. Hopefully this means that, by the time you receive your Club magazine, we already have some silverware shining in the trophy cabinets, with all seven ladies teams having been in action. We lost a few key members last season – those who were noted for their hockey skills, and those who were more noted for their off-pitch activities. However, as is often the way with Hong Kong hockey, the summer has seen an influx of new talent (off-pitch credentials yet to be established...). Welcome to our new members! On top of that, a record number of players have been moved up/down/sideways since last season and as a result, most of our squads have a new look for this year: all of which should be good news for general inter team "sociableness". And on that note - we kick-started the social side of things with our start-of-season BBQ at the Sportsmans Patio, for which I'd like to thank **Cristina Wilkinson**, our new Social Secretary, for getting things off the ground. Also on the social front, we will be hosting a Captains' Dinner later this month, for all Captains, vice-Captains and team social secretaries. This is a new idea and is meant as a small thank you in advance to everyone for stepping up to take on these positions. Hopefully you aren't regretting your decision too much just yet??

Nicky

HKFC Mini and Youth Hockey

On Saturday 28th September the Mini Hockey section held its first formal registration day. Briefings were made to the different age groups outlining the aims of the section, the structure of mini and youth hockey and the coaching plans. (All material available on the website). One important change this year is the formation of a new age group, the U14's as we seek to develop youth hockey. This came about because of the strength of the U12 squad last year and the desire by them to keep playing. This new age group ensures that the Club is providing a bridge between mini and senior hockey.

The first training day of the season, Friday 3rd September, found the U12's and the U14's, as well as some new to hockey U16's, playing in torrential rain. Over 40 youths were to be seen wading around the Hockey Pitch whilst **Chappie** and **Guv** tried to teach some hockey skills. Despite the weather everyone appeared to have a good time!

Saturday's session for the U8's and the U10's was somewhat drier and very hot. There were around 80 children split between the two age groups. There were many new faces as well lots of familiar ones from last year. Training kicked off with coaches assessing basic stick and ball skill including grip and stance.

We have seen a significant increase in the number and quality of coaching staff this year across all age groups with over 16



coaches (many playing within the senior section) now being coordinated by **Rob Barker**, who has also worked with Chappie to deliver a "coach the coaches" programme and a skills accreditation approach to all our mini and youth players.

Mini Hockey is now on the main HKFC website along side other Mini Sports. Mini Hockey is open to Members and non-Members and parents can sign children up on the hockey website www.hkfchockey.com/mini. The website will be updated regularly and parents and children should check it for news and updates on training.

Key date for the end of the year is **Saturday 11th December** for the **HKFC Mini Hockey Festival** - not sure why we arranged it the night after the Hockey Christmas Party! And a first for the Club is a tour to Singapore for the mini U12 and youth U14 hockey, which has been arranged for January, the first overseas mini and youth Hockey tour ever.

HKFC Mini Hockey - Singapore Tour 2011 14th-16th January 2011

We are looking for initial indications of interest from parents of children in the U14s and U12s groups who would like to go on this tour. We will look to accommodate all those interested and their accompanying parents in the tour party.

To register your child's interest, please email mini@hkfchockey.com stating name(s) and a contact telephone number.

Further details of the Tour will be provided at training as and when we have them.



RUGBY NEWS

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Captain's Message



Peter Tattersall
Rugby Section
Captain

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the neck injury **Ben Kende** recently sustained while on National duty with the under 20's in Bangkok. Ben is now back in Hong Kong recovering post his operation and is slowly on the mend.

This is a message from his family:

"Ben wants everyone to know that he is looking forward to seeing you all but unfortunately at the moment he cant have visitors other than family because he needs to focus on getting his lungs stronger. I will let you know as soon as we are able to have visitors. He is happy to be home and the doctors in HK are great. Ben is very strong and we couldn't be more proud of how well he is coping with this."

If anyone wishes to pass on their regards to Ben then please drop him a message on his facebook page or send him an email on benkende@hotmail.com, we will keep all informed with updates via the Union and his family.

SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE

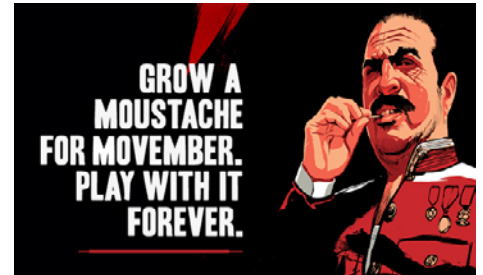
The **Rugby Section Pool Party** was a success with all having a good night and only one trip to the hospital for **Will Hunt** to collect 15 stitches, he is now definitely aware of the location of the shallow and the deep ends of the pool. While on the topic of social events where injuries are common, the Captains Dinner is on the **Saturday 2nd October** (1st day of the season) We have **Mike 'Spikey' Watkins** coming over from Bangkok as a guest speaker, anyone still to confirm their attendance, please liaise with Social Secretary **Dave Nazer**.

MESSAGE FROM ROB 'JUNIOR' NAYLOR REGARDING THE UNION 7'S OUTING

I am delighted to report that the Club 7's team won the Union 7's competition on the 11th September over at Kings Park with a demolition of DEA Tigers in the final. Club played both HKCC and Kowloon scraping home in both encounters. HKCC 14-12 thanks to a sideline conversion by **Adam 'Rainman' Raby** and 7-5 against Kowloon. We were down to five players in the last twenty seconds but Kowloon opted for a chip and chase which went wrong and resulted in us taking the game out. It was a fiery encounter with one of the Kowloon boys sent to the bin as well as two of ours. The final saw us up against DEA, determined to finish the day on a high the boys played perfect 7's from the outset and blitzed DEA 38-7.

The Drags had a hard day with only nine players but still performed well. A very close game in the first against CWB saw us go down narrowly 14-12. The second game

against DEA was a tough one with the boys going down three tries to nil and then Valley beat us by three tries as well. All in all a good day for the Drags who were filled with some new young boys and boosted by **Peter 'The Prop' Tattersall**.



'MOVEMBER'

As we approach the final stages of 2010 we are aggressively moving into benevolent mode and propose that all current players are to take part in the art of 'Movember' to raise funds and awareness for Mens health, specifically prostate cancer. For anyone who has never encountered an Antipodean in the penultimate month of the year then 'Movember' is that act of not shaving ones moustache for 31 days of November and growing a 'mo' or 'handlebar' similar to Australia's sporting legend David Boon. For anyone criminal enough to want to excuse themselves from the contest (yes awards will be handed out at the Mo Awards) then the cost will be \$100. **Robert Jones**, **Ali 'The Badger' Frost** and **Hunter Frisinger** have already confirmed they have won this award at their previous respective clubs, so be prepared for a tough contest.

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JAPAN TOUR COMMENTARY

The Club's Rugby Section was represented by the men's Vandals team and the women's ICE team on its pre-season tour to Japan. Both teams foolishly caught the Thursday night redeye flight, and battled to catch up on sleep for the rest of the tour. On arrival the Vandals took the cultural option with a visit to the Meiji shrine, Shibuya district for breakfast and the Tokyo Tower. The ICE ladies took Tokyo by storm on their first tour of the 2010-2011 season. Led by Co-captains **Anisha Ramanthan** and **Kim Kan**, the ladies enjoyed a full three days of touring, eating, shopping, and of course, rugby! After the ungodly 6:30am arrival in Tokyo, the ladies high-tailed it to the Tsukiji Market to fortify themselves with the freshest sashimi breakfast of champions. Bellies filled, the ladies left no shop unturned and after a quick power nap, headed out to meet up with the Vandals for an Izakaya dinner. Dinner was merrily washed down with an endless supply of sake, and both sides were in great spirits for an animated Friday evening, with discussion on the team moves for the next day being paramount.

Saturday morning (which was missed by most of the Vandals) rolled around too quickly with a collective groan from the ladies as they met for breakfast in the hotel lobby. Determined to see as much of Tokyo as possible, the ladies again navigated the subway system and enjoyed a hearty meal in preparation for the day's match against the Red Arrows.

Hosts for the day was the Yokohama Country and Athletic Club, a reciprocal club of HKFC. The Vandals participated in a Tri-Series fixture list with matches against the YCAC, a close fought game which was lost by a single point 15 – 14. Trys to **John Mac** and **Yan**, and two conversions to **Yatesy**. Captained by **Livo** (who during the game proved the old adage that forwards should never kick) the match was played in excellent spirit. Next match saw the Tokyo Crusaders narrowly

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“ All in all, a fantastic tour combining both Vandals and ICE sections; a first in history of HKFC rugby tours, and certainly not the last. ”

Zen and the Art of the Oval Ball

So the new season comes around, yet again. When I was in my 20's, playing social rugby in and about London, I thought nothing was more tedious and irrelevant than those declarations of retirement made by older players at the end of each season. Their self-assessments of declining playing abilities, which required no false modesty on their part, were inevitably followed by fellow players' half-hearted plea for "just one more season, mate".

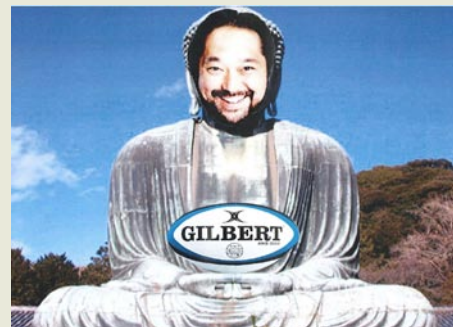
Truth be told, those addicts did not require second invitations and, sure enough, come the new season, they would be warming-up 20 minutes ahead of everybody else to ensure no injuries.

My uncharitable cynicism and un-Oriental disrespect for the elders of those years are now meeting their due comeuppance. Nobody seems to be paying even the slightest of attention to my protestation as to my own advanced age down at the Sportsman's these days. Of course, I deserve it and it is quite right, too. Rugby, like sex, is essentially a sport for those taking part and not for spectators. Admiral Nelson had to

remind "Every Man" what was expected of him, but a rugby player is not "Every Man". Stand up and be counted or, else, kindly remove yourself from the pitch. Don't loiter, waiting to be asked.

It is in this spirit that I salute **Tatts**, **Babis** and all those friends of ours who have raised their hands to fill this year's Section committee and the coaching and management posts of each Club team. Theirs is a difficult task. Criticism is easy to come by whilst praise is always in short supply and far between. Heaven knows, I too would be complaining about this, that and the other down the line somewhere. Therefore, let me open the new season's account with credit. Well done, boys and girls. Let's have some fun.

Yutaka Yazawa



VANDALS TOURISTS: Chris Clayton, Colin Wong, Jono Gillespie, Yan Yeung, Flo Servan, Rousie, Alex Boggis, Ed Siu, Shane Bourk, Uma-san (Horse), Gordo Marsden, Freddie Bogna, Elmo, Maneja Purdie, Livo, John McGale, 'Crocodile' Mick Ryan, Gabriel Lui, Scarthie, Jimmy Chan, Pauly Douglas, Frosty, Frodo Nazer, Thommo, Howard, Ad Woolliscroft and Chris Yates, plus our man on the ground Paul Aherne.

beat YCAC, and the final men's match was a breathtaking spectacle of running rugby with the Vandals running out winners by 10 – 0, with tries to **Jimmy Chan** and **Scarthie**. **Mick Ryan** was transformed from the living dead prior to kickoff to man of the match. The rugby games were completed with the ICE match. Expecting sizable opposition dressed in fierce warrior kit, ICE was delighted to see the rather diminutive opposing side, dressed in a hello kitty pink and purple kit. By 6:30pm the tens match was underway and it quickly became apparent that ICE was the stronger side. The Red Arrows, although quick to the breakdown, were no match for the strength, pace and passing skills of the ICE ladies. With tries from **Nikki**, **Dani**, **Casey** and **Anisha** in the back line, and two for good measure from prop/second row **Royce**, the Red Arrows mustered a slight comeback but were quickly put back in their place. With a full time score of 30-12, ICE changed out of their kit into purple wigs and little black dresses and danced until the sun arose the next morning.

The Tri-Series trophy was awarded during the post match speeches and awards in the YCAC club



rooms and many players stepped to the front to receive their liquid trophies. All in all, a fantastic tour combining both Vandals and ICE sections; a first in the history of HKFC rugby tours, and certainly not the last. Notable mentions go to **Coach Aherne** for his amazing balancing skills atop a barstool at Legends, **Dani** and **Elly** for getting barred on the flight back, **Taisa** for joining us from Shanghai, and the rest...is history!

ICE TOURISTS:
Anisha Ramanathan, Kim Kan, Holly Chambers, Royce Chan, Fiona Foxon, Casey Gallagher, Kat Holden, Diana Li, Julia Longenecker, Dani Means, Elly Nixson, Nikki Pang, and guest-star Taisa Ballantyne



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GOLF NEWS



Kau Sai Chau 21st August

Fifty plus members and guests joined in the Kau Sai Chau event on Saturday 21st August. Despite the heat, quite a few of the players managed to play a good round of golf.

Nearest pins winners on the south course were - **Lynn Edwards, Lana Woo, Ashwin Padgaonkar** and **Benjamin Willetts**. Longest drives were **Greg**

Brutus and **Lana Woo**. Stableford prizes went to **Chas Doyle** with an excellent 39 points, followed by **Ashwin, Lily Chan, Lin Chee Fung** and **Allan Hay**, who all scored 36 points.

For the north course - **Jim Suttie, Martin Hynes, Dallas Reid** and **James Tso** were the nearest pins winners. Longest drive went to **Rick Symington**. Stableford winner was **Dallas Reid** with 35 points followed by **Shane Harmon** with 34 points and a gross of 75.





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Mission Hills 6th September

On Monday 6th September, the Golf Society visited the New Valley Vijay Course of Mission Hills for the first time. Over fifty players joined in this event and set off very early for the 9:52am tee time. We arrived at the Golf Club with an hour or more to spare and most players went on to have their early lunches.

The course is surrounded with bunkers and water but in good condition. Nearest pins winners for the day were **Peter Tse, Paul Cheng, Andrew Wood** x twice and **K.L. Ting**. Longest drive winners were **Allyson Ko, Lily Chan, Kien Ng** and **Ray Parry**. For the stableford competition - **Raymond Ching** scored 30 points came first, followed by **Terry Harris** and **Kien Ng** both with 29 points and **Chris Burley** with 28 points. The ladies section winner was **Lana Woo** with 38 points, followed by **Lily Chan** and **Lin Chee Fung** both with 37 points.

TENNIS NEWS



MEET AND GREET WITH TENNIS COACHES
ON THIS PAGE:
Members enjoying the coaching session on Sunday 22nd August

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Meet and Greet with New Tennis Coaches

On Sunday 22nd August Tennis Society members had the opportunity to meet **Kristin Godridge** and her team from Australasia Tennis Aces (ATA) for a FREE coaching session. Upwards of 40 members took advantage of this fantastic chance to enjoy the open coaching session, which included on court demonstrations by the pros as well as fun drills and games sessions with the coaching team. The session was very well received and members were delighted to get a feel for their coaching styles and expertise, while grabbing some pointers and having a fun time on court. A big thanks to ATA for offering members this great opportunity!!

Pre-season Friendlies

In preparation for the forthcoming league the B squad has been gearing up with some pre-season friendly matches, arranged by co-captains **Winston Leung** and **Colin Butterfield**. We started off with a fantastic 7-2 win on 4th September against the American Club. The whole team played their socks off but special mention goes to the dynamic duo of **Eric Tsea** and **Nik Tandy** who managed to win all three of their matches.

Our second friendly against the Indian Recreation Club was a much closer affair

with a narrow 3-6 defeat, including a couple of sets that went to tie-breaks. One thing which became very clear is how much difference home-court advantage makes. Some of our players struggled with the poor lighting and high bounce, so the good news is that our actual league match against IRC in October will be held at home! Congratulations to **Marcelo Perez** and **Eric Desgouttes** for winning two of their three matches, while **Clint Hutchinson** and **Winston Leung** just missed winning their second set after a close tie-break. Nevertheless, it was good experience to help get rid of “first match jitters” as well as some valuable practice time on hard courts. Everyone is feeling very confident and excited about the new season, especially with the extra help we’ve been receiving from the ATA coaches.

The B team’s first two league matches are away against KTC and MTR on 28th September and 3rd October respectively. Best of luck lads!

First Junior Team League Match

The night sky was clear and calm for our first junior league match on 10th September. Every junior gave 110% throughout the match, which we narrowly lost 4-5 to Saturn. The junior league has a slightly different format with six singles matches and three



JUNIOR TEAM LEAGUE MATCH

TOP: HKFC Junior C Team players for first match, from left: Christopher Muh, Jean Louis Desgouttes, Max Murphy, Cameron Taylor, Shaan Bhojwani, Antoine Gontard

LEFT: Christopher Muh from HKFC and opposition Michael Ng from Saturn Team



doubles matches. It was a very solid start from the juniors who won two singles matches at numbers one and six, and two of the doubles matches. The first doubles match was an intense affair with seasoned Saturn players matching **Shaan** and **Antoine** point for point. This culminated in a nail biting 7-point tie-breaker where FC pulled ahead to victory.

League training with **Kris's** ATA is fostering an enthusiastic camaraderie among the team. Special thanks to Kris, **Toby** and **Alistair** -- the players all said it was wonderful to have their support and encouragement to both our team and the visitors. Thanks also to the parents who are helping to manage and organize the teams. It was great to see the juniors helping out as ball boys for each others' matches and **Rachel Desgouttes** did a terrific job as inaugural Parent-in-Charge.

The next two junior league matches are at home against FPC and HINTIN on **17th** and **24th September**.

Tennis Court Resurfacing Update

Tennis Courts 1, 2 and 3 have now been completed at the Club. As with all new artificial courts it is normal practice for them to be slightly "over sanded" in order to assist with bedding in. As the weeks progress the courts will settle in and the sand will gradually drop to the required International Tennis Federation playing level, but this process may take 2 – 3 months. During this period the courts will be groomed regularly and they should improve with rain and regular usage – we appreciate everyone's patience. Tennis courts 4, 5 and 6 are due for completion during the third week of September (weather permitting) and they will need to undergo the same 'bedding-in' process over the next few months.

Singles Ladder

The Tennis Society will be launching a new ladder system for its members in October. The ladder rules will be revised to encourage participation and a new online ladder system powered by Google Docs will be introduced to allow for easy reporting of scores as well as review of ladder rankings.

To further encourage challenges, the Tennis Society will be giving away a \$500 sports voucher for the months of October and November. Simply play two or more ladder matches and you will be in the running to win this great prize. For those of you interested in finding out more, stay tuned for emails from the ladder organizer, Gene Soo. If you are not in the Tennis Society yet, join us and request to get on the ladder. To join the Tennis Society, drop us an email at tennisociety@gmail.com.

Suggestion Box

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LAWN BOWLS NEWS



Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held on Friday 10th September. The attendance was large. The Chairman welcomed everyone. The meeting was officially opened and the officers read out their reports.

Those nominated were duly elected. The only position that was contested was that of the Men's Captain, so a ballot was held.

The winner of the ballot was announced and then the committee members were voted in. The new committee is:

Chairman: Mark Mahoney
Deputy Chairman: Johnny Tsang
Men's Captain: Bernard Young
Ladies' Captain: Lydia Yang
Secretary: Rita Tsui
Membership Secretary: Denis Hamelin
Treasurer: Donald Wu
Coach: Rita Shek
Competitions Secretary: Leo Yau
Social Secretary: Rita Tsui
General Committee nominee: Roger Nissim.

The position of Greens' Secretary is currently vacant.

After the meeting everyone present retired to the bar to share a drink with the new committee.

COMMITTEE PHOTO

Back row from left to right: Roger, Bernard, Leo, Johnny and Denis
 Front row from left to right: Rita Shek, Lydia, Mark and Rita Tsui

Club Mixed Triples Competition



Congratulations to the winners of the recently held Mixed Triples Competition. The winners, from left to right: Danny Lo, Stanley Luk and Irene Muk

The graduation evening of the 10th Beginners' Course

Our Coach **Bernard** recently organized his Tenth Beginners' Course for Club Members. There were ten participants. They learned how the game was played. Basic skills and green manner were also introduced. The

rookies were very interested in this game and enjoyed it a lot through simple practice and competitions. It was very encouraging to see that the bowlers shown great interest in learning this new sport and their wish to join more courses to improve their skills in the future.

The graduation tournament was held on 27th August. **Daniel Chong, Raphael Chan, Bhavna** and **Emy Clarke** were the winners.



10TH BEGINNERS COURSE

TOP: The Beginners Group

MIDDLE: Group A Winners Daniel Chong and Raphael Chan (in the middle) and the runners up Richard Tam and Stephen Ng

BOTTOM: Group B Winners Bhavna and Emy Clarke (in the middle) and the runners up Winnie Kam and Paul James

THE CHAIRMAN'S VIEW

The Essence of Sports and Lawn Bowls

As a teenager I went to watch England playing rugby against France in Paris. It was one of those matches that England lost badly, which as an Englishman was sad to see. I was very surprised however, when the French fans booed their team off the field.

Many years later I witnessed the same thing, but this time I was sitting next to a French friend and I asked him to explain why they would do this. He turned and looked at me and said, "Because they didn't play the game beautifully".

In this day and age where winning at all costs seems to be everyone's mantra, the idea that playing a game beautifully is more important than winning, may seem odd, but perhaps that's because we have forgotten what sport is really about.

The character of many young boys and girls has been built on a pitch or green of some

kind. Being part of a team, sacrificing your own personal glory for it and learning true sportsmanship are all part of the game. Winning is the icing on the cake.

And so we come to Lawn Bowls.

Part of the schizophrenic nature of lawn bowls is that it is both an individual and team sport. It can be played competitively in a singles format, doubles, triples and fours. It can be played as a men's and ladies game or mixed, and in addition you can have players from 8 to 88 in the same team.

Although the singles format does not lend itself to this; in which other sport is there such a potential for the more mature to influence the young, for the more experienced to influence the novice and for the essence of sport to be upheld?

Lawn Bowls is without doubt a game that needs great skill. It needs patience and concentration. Like golf, to deliver a wood well, you need to be relaxed but focused. But perhaps more than anything else it needs to be felt from deep inside.



When we play bowls, let's always remember that sportsmanship is about playing to win but losing graciously. It is about using your individual skills to help a team, and it is about friendship too.

To play the game beautifully we have to come off the green knowing we have done our best for ourselves and our team. If we've lost we all share the lesson and if we've won we celebrate our success.

The French don't usually play lawn bowls; they have their own game called Patanque. Perhaps I'm glad because in the end I know I wouldn't want to be booed off the green!

Mark Mahoney

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BADMINTON NEWS



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT

TOP LEFT: New junior members with core members of the Badminton Society, together with their dedicated mums

TOP RIGHT: New and core members of Badminton Society with coach Jaff and assistant coach Patrick.

New members - Front row: Hank (3rd right); **Back Row:** Ines (1st right), Janet (2nd right), Adam (4th right), Alex (2nd left)

BOTTOM RIGHT: Training session in courts 4-6 for different age groups and levels.

BOTTOM LEFT: New members and guests with chairman Phil Woolf.

BADMINTON COACHING FOR JUNIORS (AGED UP TO 16)

Firstly, a warm welcome back to all our junior members for the new training season after a long summer break. We expect to have a better turnout when our junior members (new and old) become more familiar with their daily school routines. Also, a warm welcome for all the new members who have joined in August and September; **Adam, Alex, Ines, Janet and Hank.**

Jaff and Patrick, our coach and assistant coach will be available every Friday night between 7 and 9pm (2 full hours per session) to offer beginners basic training and prepare the more advanced players for the league competition. The coaching fees for this season are set for members at \$100 per session while guests of members can join at \$150 per session.

Hard work, dedication, practice and perseverance should pay off as a Junior League competition is in the process of being organized in this new season. We would encourage all juniors to participate in the

Ladder and the League competition. Additionally, we're looking forward to the addition of new members to join our training for singles, mixed doubles, as well as men's and ladies' doubles.

BADMINTON NIGHT!

Bring your children to the Junior Coaching league every Friday between 7-9 pm, where you can take part in your own training, and even participate in a game or two on courts 1-2 from 7-10 pm. All members can participate for a fee of \$20 while guests of members can join in for a fee of \$30 per person. So don't hesitate, come out, bring your children and join us every Friday night for Badminton Night!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 6 Clubs Tournament will be held on **Saturday 2nd October 2010** from 2-6pm. Participating clubs include KCC, LRC, CRC, HEC and HKICPA. Please come out and support your team! As in previous years, a post tournament dinner will be arranged on an "own cost" basis.

Separate friendly matches with CCC and KCC will also be arranged later this year. Stay tuned for the next issue for details.

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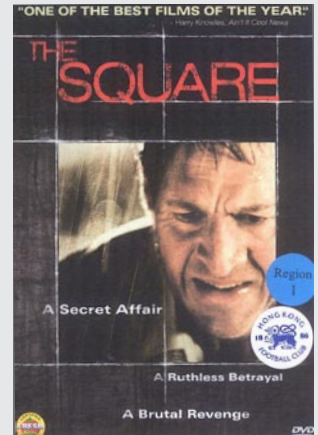
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MOVIE OF THE MONTH:

THE SQUARE

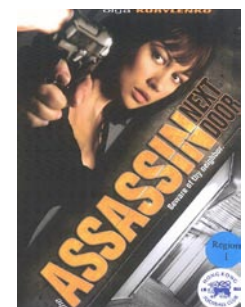
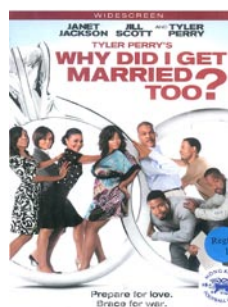
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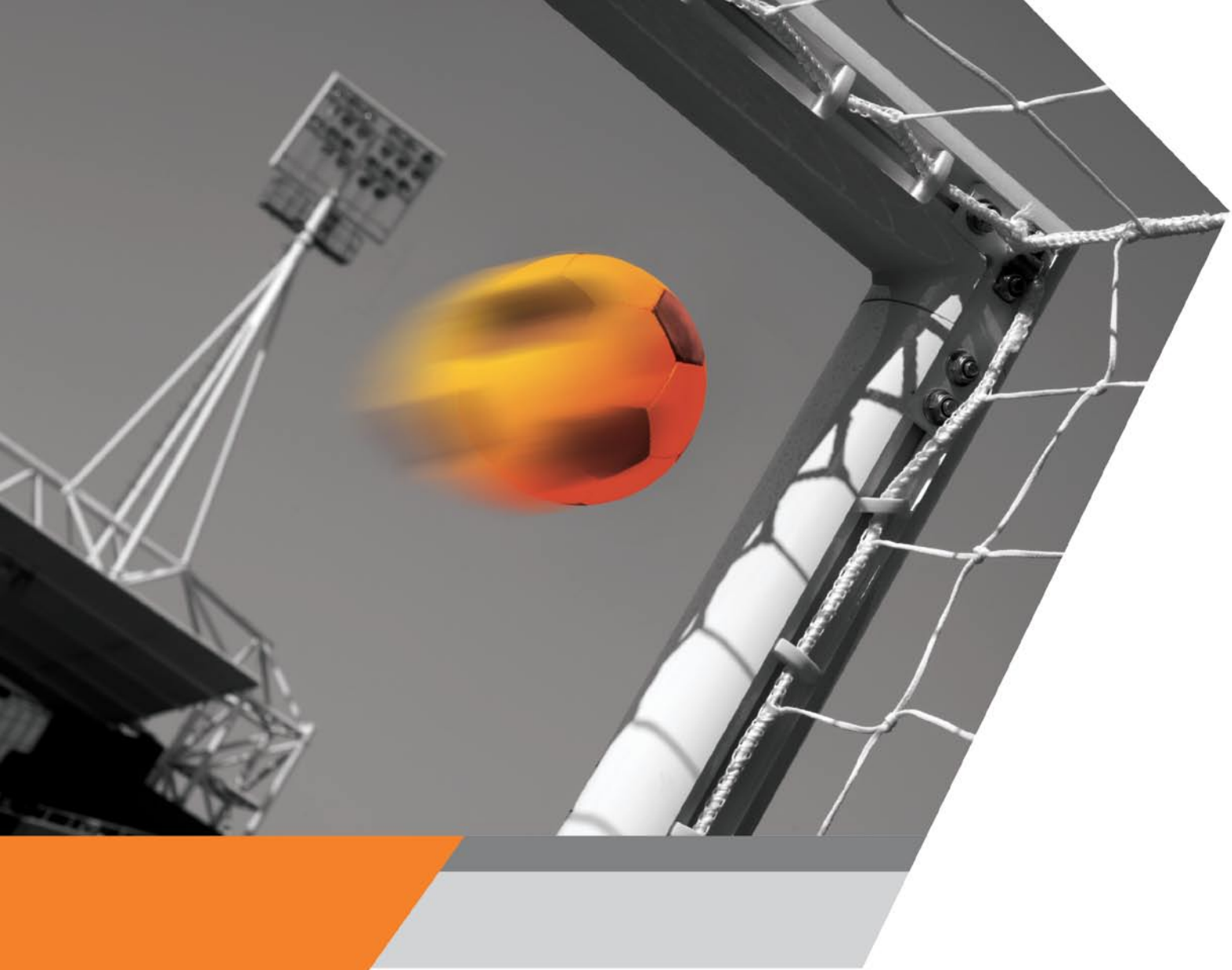
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