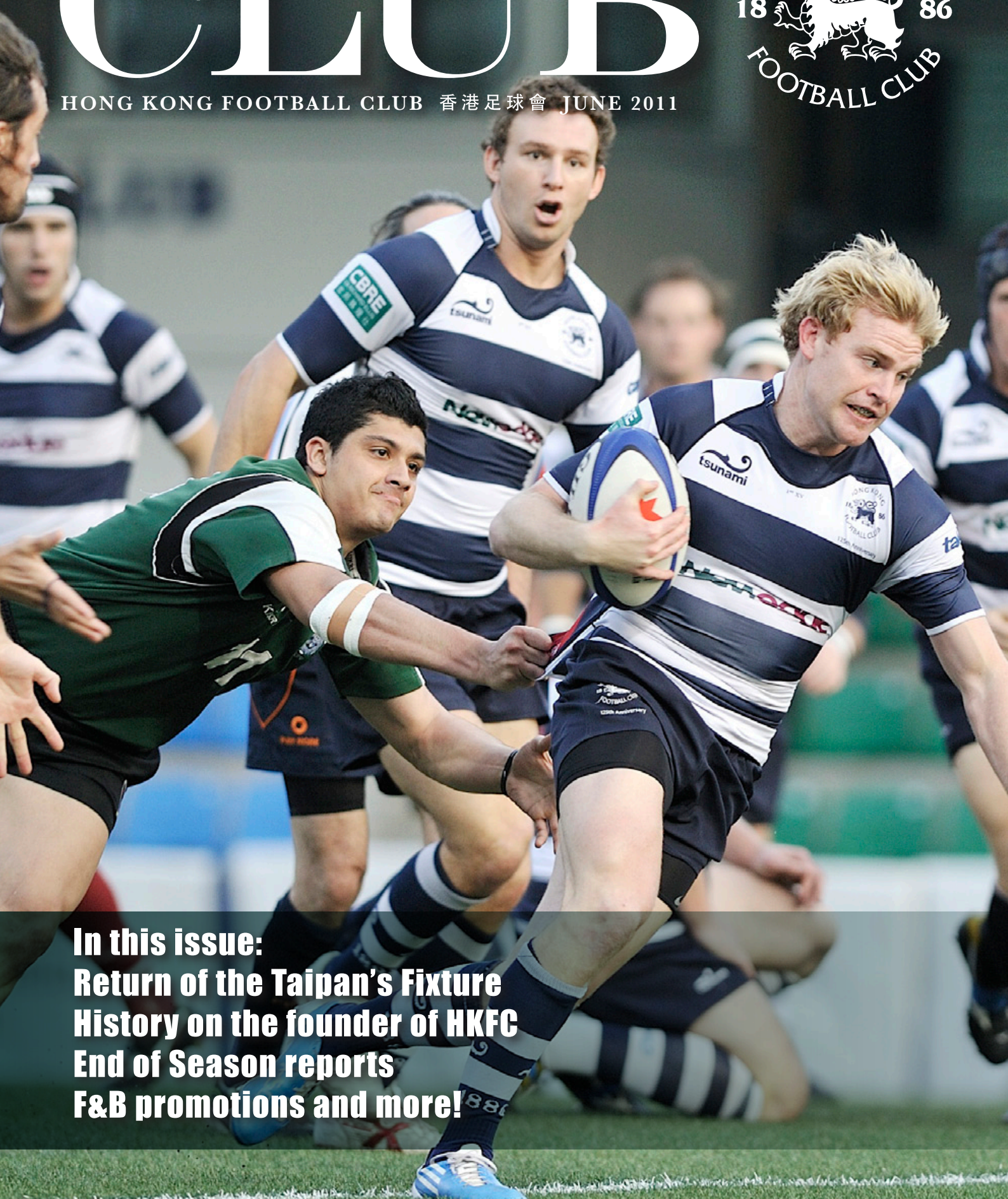


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### MISSION STATEMENT

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**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.

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## The Thoughts of the Chairman

The weather recently has been somewhat changeable with, one minute heavy downpours and the next, bright sunshine. Let's hope the latter continues throughout the month although this might just be wishful thinking!

On the sporting front, at time of writing, the HKFC Citibank Soccer Sevens tournament is over with local 1st Division Champions, Kitchee, running out as winners of the Main Cup tournament. Well done to them and well done to the Soccer Sevens Organising Committee members for an absolutely fabulous tournament - one of the best ever! And, Hong Kong have just beaten the UAE 62 - 3, at a packed stadium at the Club, to come second in the Asian 5 Nations Rugby Championships and gaining them their highest ever IRB World Ranking (27th). On the subject of World Rankings, it was great to see our very own **Tammy Tham**, reach the last 6 in the 2011 Bowls World Cup which helped her gain a World Ranking of 15!

As regards the Club's 125th Anniversary Celebrations, the Ball, on the 4th June, is now practically sold out and the evening promises to be a great one for those attending! I'm especially looking forward to hearing the Bloom Brothers who are a Beatles sound-alike band. I note too that the Squash Section will have their own 125th Anniversary celebrations over the weekend of 10th to 12th June when they hold the 2011 HKFC MECO International 3's tournament where they have ex-World Number 1's **Jonathan Power** and **Thierry Lincou** along with **Hisham Ashour** currently ranked 14 in the world, all playing. Not to be outdone, both the Golf Society and the Badminton Society are holding their own 125th Anniversary events this month. The Golf Society, hopefully, will have professional golfer **Jean Van de Velde** on hand at a 125th Anniversary Golf Tournament and the Badminton Society have invited 7-time All-England Badminton Champion, **Eddy Choong** and Olympic and Commonwealth medalist, **Amy Chan**, along to a 125th dinner.

See you at the Club!

**FOOK AUN CHEW**  
Chairman



## From the Desk of Mark Pawley

May brings to an end the financial year for the Club, and I can advise, that we have achieved some strong operating results (especially considering the increasing food cost throughout) compared to budget and we look forward to another good operating year going forward.

Congratulations are in order for the recipients of our newly formatted Staff Star Awards who are pictured below. The new format means that there will no longer be a presentation for Leader of the Quarters rather this award will now be given out on an annual basis at the Staff Party.



By way of a reminder, now that we move into the "swimming" season, that we have three Cabanas located at the far end of the Children's Pool(s) area and they are principally there in order that mum's and dad's can more easily nappy change their young children, shower their children (and themselves) etc. Similarly, the Cabanas are ideal (comfortable and air-conditioned) for breast feeding babies.

Taking up the Chairman's 125th Anniversary theme, please note that there are still many Members who have failed to collect their gratis copy of the Anniversary Book "along the sports road". For those of you who haven't, please try and remember to pick your copy up from Reception as soon as possible, as it is well worth having! And, for those Members who want to buy extra copies of the Book, then these are now available, with no upper limit on the number purchased, from the Club Shop at \$280 per copy. For information all Junior Associates, Corporate Nominees, Sports Preferred Associates and Full Members have been afforded a free copy of the Book as long as you were a Member of the Club on the 1st January 2011! Happy reading!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

**MARK PAWLEY**  
General Manager

*We were saddened to hear the news of the recent passing away of one of our long time Members Mr Alec Pettie. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.*

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# Celebrate Father's Day

Sunday 19th June

A perfect day for a family gathering! Celebrate Father's Day at the Club and keep the Dads happy!

## In the Restaurant

**Father's Day Brunch with Live Music  
(and unlimited Sparkling Wine)  
from 11am to 2.30pm**

\$298 per Adult

\$148 per Child under 12 years of age

**International Dinner Buffet with a French Twist  
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

\$328 per Adult

\$168 per Child under 12 years of age

- With unlimited servings of sparkling wine, selected wines, soft drinks, chilled juices

- includes a mango pudding with bird's nest per person

*No A la Carte menu available on the day for either lunch or dinner*

*For a reservation please call the Restaurant at 2830 9562 or email at [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)*

*Booking is required*



## In the Coffee Shop

**Father's Day Lunch Buffet**

**from 12 noon to 2.30pm**

\$205 per Adult

\$145 per Child under 12 years of age

**Father's Day BBQ Dinner Buffet  
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

\$238 per Adult

\$158 per Child under 12 years of age

- includes a U.S. broiled scallop wrapped in bacon with mango salsa

*A very limited A la Carte menu will be available on the day for lunch and dinner*

*For a reservation please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 or email at [coffeeshop@hkfc.com](mailto:coffeeshop@hkfc.com)*

*Booking is required*



## GENERAL PROMOTIONS

### LET'S DO LUNCH AT THE CLUB

#### The Restaurant

##### *Set Lunch with Starter Buffet*

Monday to Friday from Noon to 2.30pm

2 Courses: \$158

3 Courses: \$178

#### The Coffee Shop

##### *Salad and Dessert Buffet*

Monday to Thursday from Noon to 2.30pm

\$68

##### *International Lunch Buffet*

Friday to Sunday from Noon to 2.30pm

\$148 (Adult)

\$75 (Child)

#### The Chairman's Bar

Monday to Friday from Noon to 2.30pm

##### *Express Set Lunch*

4 Courses: \$103

### CATERING SERVICE

The Club has a professional catering service team for Members offering a wide variety of value-added packages to suit your needs and occasions: Business meeting, cocktail party, private dinner event, barbeque party or even children's birthday celebrations – all are catered for!

For enquiries and bookings call the Catering Office on 2830 9513 or email to [catering@hkfc.com](mailto:catering@hkfc.com)

### FAMILY POOL PARTY with Monster Inflatable

Friday 17th June

from 6.30pm to 10.00pm

**\$228 per Adult**

**\$148 per Child (age 3-12)**

Make the most of the pool this month.

On Friday 17th June the inflatable will be in the pool from 6.30pm to 10pm. Guests are welcomed and a buffet will be available from served from 6.45pm to 9.15pm.

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 book early to avoid disappointment.

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Monday to Friday from 12 noon to 9pm

Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays  
from 10.30am to 9pm



◆ RESTAURANT ◆

**TOP CATCH**

**in the Restaurant**

**Monday to Saturday evenings**

**from 6.30pm to 10.30pm**

Chef Chiu Ming has prepared a special menu with an array of jet-fresh seafood dishes served au “naturel” or prepared to your liking. Come and try them all!

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**FRENCH DINNER BUFFET – A JOURNEY FOR FOOD LOVERS**

**in the Restaurant**

**every Sunday for Dinner**

**from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

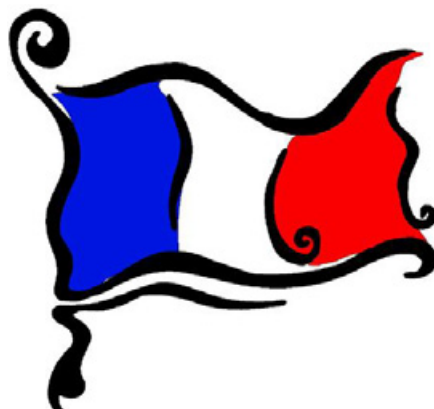
At the all-you-can-eat French Dinner Buffet we will be offering a selection of dishes from various regions in France.

Come and join us!

\$225 per Adult

\$138 per Child (age 12 and under)

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**SUNDAY BRUNCH WITH LIVE JAZZ**

**in the Restaurant and Chairman’s Bar**

**every Sunday from 11am to 2.30pm**

Our Popular Sunday Brunch continues this month with a themed musical performance to set the mood. A Jazz duo will get your feet tapping while you enjoy your brunch.

\$238 per Adult (with sparkling wine)

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

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



◆ COFFEE SHOP ◆

**MANGO MANIA**

**in the Coffee Shop**

**Monday to Friday (Lunch and Dinner)**

**throughout the month of June**

Enjoy a summer refreshing lunch and dinner menu featuring a variety of dishes using fresh mangoes.

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



◆ CHAIRMAN'S BAR ◆

**OYSTERS WITH SPARKLING WINE 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 Sparkling for just \$98 or*

*6 oysters and a glass of Sparkling for \$110 or*

*12 oysters and a glass of Sparkling for \$200*



**“WINE-DERFUL” 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 specially selected to match this winter season at a set price of **\$140 per person**. Alternatively you can select any two wines for only **\$75**.

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



**‘AROMASTER’ – A WINE TASTING GAME**

**in the Chairman's Bar Monday to Saturday nights just got a whole lot more fun ...**

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◆ COFFEE SHOP ◆

**THE BEST OF AUSTRALIA: BBQ SEAFOOD BUFFET**

**in the Coffee Shop**

**Fridays and Saturday from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

**throughout the month of June**

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\$208 per Adult

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## JUNE IN THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR



On the Food and Beverage front:

### SIZZLING FAJITAS

From the kitchen, we have Sizzling Fajitas throughout the month of June, which is best enjoyed over a beer or two!

Plenty to keep most of you at the Sportsman's Bar happy during the month of June. Please keep up to date by checking the Club website and all Sportsman's Bar notice boards.

For further information, please call the Sportsman's Bar at 2830 9531.

### OPENING HOURS

During summer sporting recess, the Sportsman's Bar will open from 11am onwards at the weekends and Public Holidays until further notice.

### On the Screen:

Summer is here, so come down to the Sportsman's Bar and get your sporting fix before going off on your holidays.

In Tennis, the **Wimbledon Championship** is back with the first set starting on **Monday 20th June** until the finals on **3rd July**.

In auto racing we have two F1 races:

**Canadian Grand Prix** in Montreal from **10th to 12th June** and the **European Grand Prix** in Valencia from **24th to 26th June**.

In Rugby, the **Super 15s** continue with the **Finals (Week 1) on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th June**, the **Finals (Week 2) on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd July** and the **Grand Final on Saturday 9th July**.

Soccer goes into the summer break with all the major news, no doubt, being about the transfer market.

# Raise your glasses and forks to a 3-Michelin-star dining experience

A one-night-only wine dinner featuring an eye-opening diversity of French and American Pinot Noir matched to a 3-Michelin-Star inspired menu from Guest Chef Mickael Le Calvez.

Robust, hearty dishes that ooze the characteristic of French cuisine. Come to the Restaurant on Friday 10th June as 3-Michelin-star Guest Chef Mickael Le Calvez takes residence for one night only and orchestrates a symphony of beautiful and modern dishes whilst maintaining the true and authentic taste of France.

**SOLD OUT ALREADY!**



# IN THE NAME OF THE *FOUNDER*

The significance of James Haldane Stewart Lockhart being the Hong Kong Football Club's founder cannot be underestimated. Had it been someone else in a less influential position, the odds are that the Club would not have survived for long. In this – the concluding historical article in the series by Denis Way, written to coincide with the HKFC's 125th Anniversary Celebrations – it is appropriate that the Club Founder is given the last word.



## Up the Administration

Stability and J.H.S. Lockhart were matching bookends. He first set foot in Hong Kong in 1879 as a 21-year-old Government Cadet in training, and stayed 23 years; he served in the East for 42. He was still in his twenties, keen to pull on his own boots and run out on the pitch himself, when he founded the Hong Kong Football Club. His youth, plus a shrewd humility, delayed him from taking over the Club presidency until 1892, having until then vouchsafed the honour to more senior citizens who didn't stay the journey. In 1895 the outgoing Colonial Secretary, Sir George O'Brien, made a personal plea that Lockhart move into the chair he was vacating. Not only that, O'Brien recommended that Lockhart – as no other Government officer was nearly as adept as he at working with the Chinese in their language and style - retain his post as Registrar-General (later changed to Secretary for Chinese Affairs). The Club Founder had worked his way up the Administration from the inside to become the Governor's deputy at the youthful age of 37. But there Lockhart got stuck; he would, in Hong Kong, go no higher.

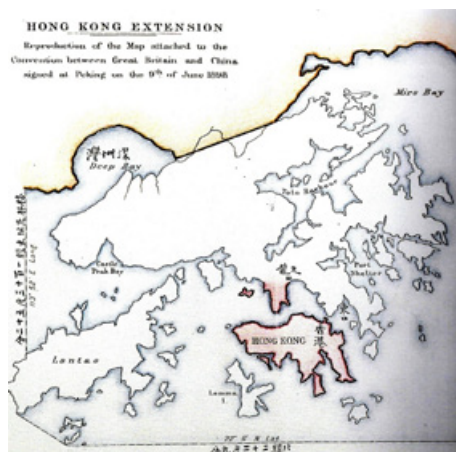
Sir William Robinson was Governor of Hong Kong from December 1891 to January 1898; his successor, Sir Henry Blake, did not land until November 1898. To stitch up such a hiatus, it wasn't unusual for an Acting Governor to be appointed and until 1887 the Colonial Secretary was the established choice. Then something changed. Tensions between the foreign powers

on the China Coast were so hot in 1887 that Whitehall, tuned in to rumours that the Russian Fleet was preparing to invade Hong Kong, appointed the senior military mind on the scene, the General Officer Commanding, to be the Acting Governor.

## No slouch at the smorgasbord

By 1898, the security of British interests in a China under Manchu rule was seen to be even more precarious. It was all to do with Japan's crushing victory over the Chinese military in the 1894-95 Sino-Japanese War and Tokyo's consequent sequestration of Korea and Taiwan. Like vultures swooping on a crippled dumb animal and tearing it to pieces, the foreign powers set upon China with knives and forks drawn, each determined to redress the balance of power and, at a minimum, stalemate the others. Russia bit off Port Arthur (Lushun) in Manchuria, Germany snatched Qingdao in Shandong, and France put its order in for 325 square miles on the south coast halfway between Hong Kong and Hanoi. Whitehall was no slouch at the smorgasbord. The British drew up territorial leases and made colonial possessions of Weihaiwei (also on the Shandong coast) and the New Territories north of Boundary Street, Kowloon. Each foreign power set up a military base on its newly-acquired real estate, and all down the China Coast from Korea to Tongking (North Vietnam) it was sabres rattling. In 1898 in Hong Kong, times were tense indeed.

Consequently, with Hong Kong again perceived to be under threat of invasion, particularly with the French suddenly right next door



**LEFT:** This photo was taken at an official ceremony shortly after Sir Henry Blake's arrival in Hong Kong in November 1898. Lockhart is at far right. The Governor appears a little out of place, unlike the HKFC Founder who looks at ease among the Hong Kong Chinese with whom his role as Registrar-General had him dealing on a daily basis. Major-General Wilsone Black, whom Whitehall favoured over Lockhart to be Acting Governor prior to Blake's arrival, is peering over the Governor's left shoulder.





2011 Taipan's XV team photo

## The Taipan's Fixture is Back

In 1951, **Vernon Roberts**, former Chairman of the HKFC, came up with the idea of getting Hong Kong's best rugby players together for a game that would highlight the great camaraderie and skill of rugby football.

**Sir Robert Mansergh**, Commander of British Forces, donated a cup and **Sir Arthur Morse**, Chairman of HSBC, agreed to fund a dinner for the players and officials. A fine, albeit somewhat raucous night, was had by all according to accounts of the event.

The tradition continued until 1997 when the last match was held. During those years many of the most important business figures of Hong Kong generously agreed to be Taipan and almost all of the then Colony's best players took the field to play for either The Taipan or the Commander of British Forces' XV.

In our Section's 125th year, our own gift to the Club and its Members is the revival of this wonderful event. The Taipan's Fixture, with some small changes, is back.

This year, **Christopher Pratt**, Chairman of Swire, graciously agreed to be Taipan. He took on a team formed by our President, **Dermot Agnew**.

The plan was for a day that celebrated the diverse nature of our Rugby Section, a respect for traditions and the great bonds of friendship that rugby endears.

We began with Under 6's, 7's and 8's playing mini rugby from 8am. Under 9's, 10's, 11's and 12's rounded out the mini rugby games and this is reported on in their section in the magazine. Many thanks to Swire Properties for sponsoring the event.

Colts then took the field for inaugural cup matches. The Under 14's played for the Docherty Trophy, named after former Taipan

and Taipan's player, as well as respected Club member, **Glen Docherty**. The Under 16's then played for the Roberts Trophy, in honour of the late Vernon Roberts, the innovator who came up with this concept, along with many other achievements at the Club, in the Rugby Union and in his business career at Hong Kong Land. Under 18's then played for the Morse Trophy, named after Sir Arthur Morse, a man who was instrumental in the reconstruction of Hong Kong after World War II, along with his original patronage of the first fixture. For each of these Colts fixtures tankards were awarded to the best players from both the winning and losing sides, and a post match meal was generously sponsored by the Colts Section and attended by sponsors of the Colts this year.

Hundreds of spectators during the day enjoyed a feast of rugby as tomorrow's young Taipans battled it out.

The Section hopes that the young men who enjoyed the day will go on to participate in the senior event when their time comes.

The main event began just after 6pm with Christopher Pratt tossing the coin and the teams and their patrons posing for photos. A good sized crowd had assembled including many former greats of the game in Hong Kong.

The format of the game was as it had been in prior years. The best available players in Hong Kong were divided between the two sides with players from our senior XV mixed with participants from our rivals from other clubs in Hong Kong. The game was to be played in a barbarian style and the lads did not disappoint. Club Coach, **Rob Naylor** was in charge of the Taipan's XV (who traditionally wear the Club strip) and Union Coach, **Leigh Jones** in charge of the President's XV (who wore a green strip this year).



2011 President's XV team photo

It was a hard fought game with the Taipan's XV getting off to a good start and taking the lead at the half time break. The President's XV fought back strongly in the second half but the Taipan prevailed 22 to 14. Captain of the Taipan's XV, **Steve Nolan**, accepted the Mansergh Trophy (dating back 60 years) from Mr Pratt.

Later that evening the Taipan, his guests, the players and officials were treated to a wonderful dinner at the Club. There were in attendance many of the great players from former Taipan's Fixtures including over 25 former Captains or Chairmen of the Rugby Section. **Angus Petrie**, Captain in 1955 was joined by other former Taipan's Captains **Jimmy Gibson** (1981 and 1983), **John Molloy** (1989), **Grant Jamieson** (1995), **Roger Patterson** (1996) and **Sacha Seneque** (1997).

**Pete Tattersall** acted as MC and

entertaining speeches were delivered by our Taipan, his Captain and a number of the guests. Our own **Rhys Evans**, now with Swire in Beijing, gave a stirring rendition of some traditional Welsh singing. **Jamie Hood** was named man of the match and received his tankard from the Taipan. The Taipan also acknowledged **Ian Meffan**, who played in the first fixture in 1951 and, while unable to attend, sent a short report of his recollection of that first dinner.

There were many sore heads on the Sunday morning but all agreed that the day and the return of the fixture had been a success. Our thanks to the Staff of the Club for their tireless efforts throughout the day and into the early hours of the next morning. Our thanks also to the many members, players, officials and former players that made the whole day so special. Special thanks to **Roy Kilvert** and **Glen**

**Docherty** who provided much of the material that made revival of the traditions of the Taipan's Fixture possible.

Of course our most enthusiastic thanks goes to Chris Pratt and Swire for their support of the event. The first programme from 1951 contained an advertisement for Cathay Pacific. Over the years Swire has provided many fine men who have agreed to be Taipan. This year we reproduced that first advertisement alongside the new Cathay "Game On" ad in the match programme. The Rugby Section was proud to continue its close association with Swire that has been a feature of life at the Club since it's founding.

The Taipan's Fixture is back, happy 125th HKFC. ■

*By Alex Duperouzel*



LEFT:  
Chris Pratt presenting  
trophy to Steve Nolan

# Mini Rugby News



## Taipan's Mini Rugby Festival inspires dreams of future glory



The historic Taipan's Fixture included a Mini Rugby Festival on 9th April which showcased the spirit and heritage of rugby in Hong Kong for younger players. Hong Kong Football Club players and guests from some of Hong Kong's leading rugby clubs were greeted in the corridors with interesting displays about the history of the Taipan's Fixture over the past 60 years. The informative panels inspired younger players to start dreaming about the prospect of being selected by a leading Hong Kong business figure to play with the SAR's best sometime in the future. The festival included a final for each age group to determine trophy winners. Silverware was presented by a number of the Rugby Section's senior players who played in the main event later in the day. Another feature was the introduction of rules in the non-full tackle age groups requiring defending teams to retire 3m after touch tackles and the passing of possession to the other team after six tackles. "The players from Hong Kong Football Club and the invited teams really got into the spirit of the Taipan's Festival," said **Kevin Taylor**, Mini Rugby Chairman. "There was keen competition for the trophies together with the camaraderie and friendship of rugby which makes Hong Kong a great place to be a player, parent or supporter. The new rules were embraced by players and coaches as a great way to encourage free-flowing and faster-paced rugby with more space opened up on the pitch for running and passing."

### Under 12

In what was their final run out as Mini Rugby players, Under 12s represented the Club with honour in the Taipan's Day mini rugby event. FC2 faced a daunting set of fixtures playing first teams from

Valley Fort, a mixed Valley/University of Hong Kong side and our own Under 12 firsts. That said FC2 arrived in the Plate final against the VF/HKU Barbarians side, who had defeated them in the pool stages, and through some very brave performances from many of our players managed to turn around their earlier result to lift the Plate trophy. A magnificent performance.

At the same time FC1 were facing their old nemesis VF1 in the Cup final. Memories of a heavy defeat to Valley in the recent Richard Hawkes Trophy were fresh in the minds of players and coaches alike. However all was forgotten as Club players took it to their opponents from the first whistle. A new tactic to shut down the Valley fly half worked a treat, evidenced when he was forced to ground the ball over his own line. A well-worked try in the corner was enough to seal victory for Club and a clean sweep of the Taipan's Day Under 12 trophies.

Well done to all of the parents, coaches and most of all the Under 12 players, for a terrific final season of Mini Rugby. See you in the Colts!

*Chris Plowman*  
**Under 12 Head Coach**

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### Under 11

The two Under 11 sides enjoyed a highly successful double on Taipan's day, winning both the A and B division competitions, taking the silverware and both sides remaining unbeaten throughout.

The first team started their matches with a victory over a strong

HKU Sandy Bay side, who traditionally rely upon a strong forward pack. Our forwards matched HKU in the early stages, and gradually took control leading to us scoring two tries, the first involving a delightful dummy from **Calvin Harris**, who used **Josh Pulverenti**'s excellent support run to cut through the HKU backs. **Bradley Richardson** then scored a flying winger's try. The backs' tackling was excellent throughout. This was followed by a 1-0 win over a full strength Valley Fort side, which was marked by strong forwards play and near constant pressure within the Valley half. We met Valley in the cup play off and the result was again 1-0, and again an excellent performance from the pack meant we kept Valley pinned back for most of the 12 minutes.

The second side started their games slowly and let in the only try against them all day in the first two minutes. However when the forwards started to work together and not individually, some quality ball was produced for the backs. With some very nice finishing work from the backs, we ended up scoring three tries, which lead to a comfortable victory 3-1. Then against HKU, the team started to work together and in the second half of the game dominated the game for a comfortable victory. This meant we won the group, and the seconds also met Valley in the final. The confidence in the team as well as some very smart rugby allowed for another comfortable victory 3-0 with our backs scoring some outstanding team tries.

The Taipan's Day tournament successes meant a winning end to a highly successful season. This has been a season for tremendous development in players at all levels within our age group, regular success in matches in local festivals and a sizeable

contribution as part of a joint 'Renegades' side with Valley in a series of successful matches against Singapore's School of Excellence Barbarians select. Our full first side also subsequently beat the Barbarians, a near miss as our single touring side lost in the Final of the Cup at the Centaurs Tournament in Singapore, but we went one better in the Bintan Tournament in Malaysia with a Cup win for the first team, and a Bowl win for the second team.

A hearty thanks to all the Under 11 coaches for their efforts throughout the season.

*Russell Henderson*  
**Under 11 Head Coach**



### Under 10

Our first team, Hornet, swept past DeA and Valley Fort firsts in the round robin matches and came up against Valley Fort in the final. Valley really came after us in the final and after a nail biting session of normal play, the sides were deadlocked with neither side managing to get through resolute defences. And so to four minutes of extra time. Mid-way through, **Archie Lawson** and **Louis Coggins** joined up

and unleashed **Nathan Sweeney** who was just unstoppable once he caught sight of the Valley try line. Our defence held out for a nervous final two minutes that ended in a well-deserved Cup win for Hornets.

Stampede also beat DeA but were second best to Valley in their round robin matches. They were second in the table, which matched them up against Valley again for the final. This time they played beyond themselves and narrowly lost. A very disappointed but proud bunch of kids picked up the Plate runners up award.

*Alastair Murray*  
**Under 10 Head Coach**

### Under 9

The Taipan Day was the first time most of the Under 9 players played for silverware and they really enjoyed the challenge. Both Under 9 teams enjoyed wins and losses and while disappointed they did not win any silverware they played the best rugby of all season and that in itself is a major achievement. Congratulations to Valley who won the Cup against a valiant HKFC team who played very well and also to HKU Sandy Bay who won the Plate. This was a fine finish to the season for the Under 9s.

*Michael Phillip*  
**Under 9 Head Coach**

### Under 8

Under 8s entered two teams for the tournament geared, for obvious reasons, heavily to players who have previously toured in Singapore or Kuala Lumpur and who thus had experience of playing under those rules.



## MINI RUGBY



Once again our children acquitted themselves extremely well and showed that, playing together as a team, the total does really exceed the sum of the parts. Despite the relentless nature of the match schedules with most games being played back-to-back, the two teams kept their discipline to observe the offside rule (almost to a fault!) as well as keeping a line in both attack and defence. The players also showed that they are now thinking of passing the ball rather than automatically thinking of the solo run - a rather significant step as they look forward to being Under 9s.

One of the teams won their pool to secure the trophy. Unfortunately, our other team didn't make their final due to a refereeing error in lodging an incorrect score that was not corrected in time, with their pool being won by HKU Sandy Bay.

A big thank you to the parents who helped as pitch marshals and at control points, plus coaches who helped out on the day.

**Ping Lam**  
*Under 8 Acting Head Coach*

### Under 7

Two teams, the Bulls and Dragons, entered the Taipan's Day with competitive spirit and viewed it as an opportunity to test the skills they had developed during the season. The Bulls won the trophy in a play-off against Valley Fort while the Dragons narrowly missed out on silverware as runners up in a tough game also against Valley. Players adapted quickly to the new rules, retiring quickly while defending and with fast passes while running with the ball.

The HKFC Under 7 Bulls brought a tremendous season to a close with a well deserved victory in Pool A of the Under 7 Taipan Trophy. A nail biting 2-1 victory over a strong Valley Fort team, was followed by a 7-1 demolition of an outclassed DEA Tigers team, who looked thoroughly demoralised after receiving a thorough lesson in skillful running and committed defence. That handsome victory set up a winner takes all shoot-out against Valley Fort once again in the final, which saw the young Bulls run out 3-2 winners, with a couple of late Valley Fort tries belying what was in reality a comprehensive victory for the Bulls. Fantastic performances all round, with huge contributions from the whole team - **Oscar Abernethy, Jay Ferrier, Tomos Lewis, Oliver**

**Nicholle, Taisei Kawamura, Jimmy O'Donoghue, Cai Bredbury** and Player of the Season **Dhruv Kapoor**, made for a hugely satisfying end to the season, as they made off with the first trophy of their mini rugby careers.

The Dragons enjoyed a first game win against Valley, achieved with strong running and accurate passing. **Josh Fabiani, Marco Conti** and **Freddie Skrine** were effective in attack, scoring multiple tries. **Jyoji Schloss** and **Hamish Hulme** had some good runs and consistently tackled.

It was a good morning of fast rugby and camaraderie. Many thanks to players, coaches and parents for support during the season.

**Arwel Lewis**  
*Under 7 Head Coach*

### Under 6

The Mighty Under 6's had a great time at the Taipan festival. We entered two teams and faced hot competition from HKU Sandy Bay and Discovery Bay Pirates who have been pushing us all season. Minus Valley Fort, the Coaches believed we had a real shot at winning both pools. The Champs responded really well to the new rules, which forced them to act more proactively in the game, resulting in more tries.

After the final round we were placed 1st and 2nd in Pool A and B respectively. Prior to the final, all the kids huddled in their teams and were asked: were they having fun and would they like to win? They responded emphatically and showed how on the pitch. Both teams were focused and despite some tense play and fast action, ended up winning both pools and taking home silverware. This festival emphasised the strong bonds and friendships within the age group and a committed group of Coaches that I am very much looking forward to being involved with in the years to come. A special thanks to the Coaches and Parents who helped out at the Taipan's Festival. Also a special thanks to **David Howell** for leading our Under 6 Girls at King's Park on the same morning.

**James Manders**  
*Under 6 Head Coach*



## Next Season Youth Rugby Registration Opens In June

With the recent conclusion of another fantastic season for HKFC youth rugby, registration for next season is almost upon us. We anticipate registration for the upcoming 2011/2012 season to be open from mid June at the Youth Rugby website: [www.hkfcyouthrugby.com](http://www.hkfcyouthrugby.com)

Last year there was a big increase in numbers to our highest ever at 585 across all age groups, welcoming both Members and non-Members alike. So make sure to be ready to register for this season.

Expected first session dates will be the 28th August for kit collection and the 4th September for training (subject to confirmation).



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## HKFC Girls Rugby: it's fun, friendly and time you got involved!

Girls' rugby at Hong Kong Football Club is growing. It's fun and friendly. More girls are getting involved and enjoying playing on the pitch as well as getting together at other times.

New players are welcome, no experience is necessary. Girls from age five and up can start playing in the 2011-12 season, which begins in September.

There are also teams at Under 12, Colts Under 14 and Colts Under 16 levels. Female players with or without previous rugby experience can get involved in learning and playing a game that can be fantastic

fun with lots of team spirit as well as being a safe and healthy sporting activity.

Club Members and non-Members aged up to 15 are invited to join. Coaching will take place on Sunday mornings and there will be competitive matches arranged against all-girls teams from other clubs around Hong Kong.

If you are keen to join HKFC Girls Youth Rugby email **Diana Li** at: [yeeyuen@fhl.com.cn](mailto:yeeyuen@fhl.com.cn)

## All Girls Rugby Festival

The All Girls Festival held at Kings Park on April 9 2011 (the same day as the Taipan's Day mini rugby tournament) was an enjoyable day of rugby for players who enjoyed an opportunity to play solely with other girls.

### Under 9 and 10

I have one word to describe the All Girls Festival - PROUD.

We had nine players for the tournament and all arrived 30 minutes before the first game ready to go. It was our first time playing as a team, so the first game was a bit rusty and consisted primarily of individual shows. But for the second and third games, we played as a team, like a real team. We made it to the cup final and lost by one try. The girls were disappointed after the final but I was not. There are two reasons: firstly, they were playing as a team for the first time and secondly, we were playing one person short making the matches 9 vs 10. The team played so well they made it into the cup final and just lost by one try. That is amazing. And I am sure they will only do better and better next season.

**Lucy** had a really good run on the field and **Kyra** provided great support. Hard tackles were made by **Laurence** and **Natasha**. **Diyyv** was a good scrum half.

In a nutshell, a very successful day for Club girls rugby.

*Diana Li*

### Under 7 and 8

With only four girls from Under 7 and two from Under 8 we thought the day would be a battle, but as luck would have it we were able to form a team of eight when we welcomed others unable to field a full side.

Having never played together before the expectations were low, but enthusiasm and commitment were high. Game one was low scoring but the intensity was high, our defence was probably the best I have seen all season and when we had the ball the hunger for possession ensured we had control for two-thirds of the game. A draw was a good result against an older, experienced and frustrated team.

Game two produced the perfect display of a pass, on the run, with

a try in the corner from **Sophie Bater** and **Olive Abernethy** and outstanding defence from the whole team. A draw was a respectable result.

Game three saw the team play the toughest game of the day; defence was faultless, with **Coco Nate**, **Thalia Serjeant**, **Sarah Roberts** and **Tanzin Sisterson** stepping up to play a predominantly older team and persistent in chasing every possible tackle. A low scoring game with end-to-end plays culminating in an unfortunate loss by one try.

Sadly we were not in the running for silverware, but the experience gained will set the girls in good stead for next year where the majority of the team will be eligible to play in the same age group again.

*John Sisterson*

### Under 6

For the first time in its history, the Club fielded a formidable Under 6 girls team in the tournament. The Tai Tai's coached admirably by **Richard Lamming** and **David Howell** included **Kate Howell** (who was top try scorer with 12 tries during the day); **Maegan Bernasco**; **Zali Curry**; **Tiffany Kultakham**; **Talissa Lamming**; **Angelina Lee**; **Grace Mooney** and **Taylor Sisterson**. While we didn't win any silverware, the girls, Dads and Mums had a great morning and look forward to next season when no doubt **Meagan** (who is four) will be back to claim the Cup.

*David Howell*



# Albion – who'd have thought it?

It's a funny old world. Who thought we'd ever find and kill Osama Bin Laden? Who really believed Albion would be Champions apart from me after 15 Stellas on any given Sunday over the last 10 years? It is though the squad of Albion lads this last 2 seasons who we should all thank for finally changing history and putting the Albion name upon the League Championship trophy. You would have to go back to when the Union Jack flew at HMS Tamar to find the closest the 4th team had last come to the top prize in Hong Kong's amateur league. The 3rd team-4th team structure was killed off by the 1st of the great Greek Scousers to have had a hand in the rise to glory of the Albionee. In a bid to liven things up within the Section, **Tony Bratsanos** was instrumental in changing the 3rd team name to Wanderers and the 4th team name to Albion. Changing the names was easy. Changing the ethos of a biased playing field to an even one was much harder. Wanderers took over from the 3rd team and continued to perform (if not quite as well as their predecessors, then not far off). The Albion took over from the 4th team and struggled to attract new players pre-season, given their standing not only within the Yau Yee League but more importantly within the Club itself. Indeed, in 2001, Albion were relegated from the top flight, and recovering from that disaster was a long and painful road which has included seeing off the careers of many well known Club men such as **John Duffy**, **Alan Morgan**, **Jerry Simpson** and.....well..... me. The culmination of all that pain was now watching Albion from a permanent seat in the stand and hoping that maybe one day champagne and silverware would come in the direction of a team to long associated with making up the numbers.



Then along came the 2nd great Greek Scouser. **Lee Douris** with the help of **Tony "yeah yeah" Hamilton** has taken the Albion on one hell of a ride in the last 2 years. Even the Wanderers hardcore felt sympathy for an Albion team last season who went into the final league game against them without having lost. Albion sat at the top and had done for almost the whole 21 games, and at the final hurdle lost not only the game but the Championship to their fiercest rivals. I've swallowed a few pills in my time but that was the most bitter. For the same group of players to pick themselves up and take this season's championship all the way to the last 80 minutes was almost too much to bear.....this time it was even worse.....deep into injury time the title had slipped away and only by a single goal in the goal difference comparison.....and then it happened... **Scott "One trick" Semple** sent the Albionee family into wonderland. If Rangers and Scotland never win a single match of football ever again it's my fault, for even though



## Captain's Corner

It's congratulations to Albion who finally won the Yau Yee League Division One title at the last gasp. Their success is fully deserved and the amount of training they have put in over the last couple of years has really paid off and it was good to see Albion players both past and present celebrating on the day (and the night and for most of the following week). Congratulations to manager **Lee Douris**, coach **Tony Hamilton** and all the players.

Former Albion manager and Section captain Monty was a proud man in the bar that night and also the tallest, although the latter was mainly due to him standing on a bar stool most of the evening.

Unfortunately due to printing deadlines, I am writing this article prior to the Yau Yee League Cup Final and the 7's, which to you by now will be just a lingering memory (hopefully a good one).

I will bring you up to date with all of this and hopefully news on the player of the season for all of the teams in the next magazine.

*Neil Jensen - Soccer Section Captain*

I don't believe in the big man up in heaven, I did do a deal with him when the ball fell to "One trick's" feet.... let him score and let the Rangers and Scotland never win again, I muttered under my breath....."one trick" became "two tricks" and then Albion were finally where they belonged. Now Albion men all over the world will be able to tell you not only where they were when **Dave "Crazy legs" McLeod** bought a round but where they were when the title was won. *Monty*

**Dave Brennan** was Albion's 2009-10 player of the year, his consistency over the last 2 seasons has been second to none.

Dave leaves Hong Kong this summer with some good footballing memories which include a debut for Celtic in last year's Soccer 7's and this year's YYL championship with Albion.

This is how Dave saw the drama unfold on 1st May 2011.

# Albion win the Yau Yee League title



**C**lub Albion have won the Yau Yee League for the first time in their history, following an epic final day of the season. Going into the match, there were 4 teams who could win the League – 816 and Albion were level on points with 816 top due to a 2-goal superior goal difference. USRC sat in third place just one point behind and KCC Dragons were 4th, 3 points behind on 40 points. The Albion v Colts match and the 816 v KCC matches were both played at King's Park, while USRC tackled the Wanderers back at the Club.

When the ref received the signal from the Yau Yee League officials that the 816 match was ready to start, he blew his whistle to signal the start of our match. **Monty** gave his "Come on Albion" rallying call and we were off. Albion started the game with a 4 - 3 - 3 formation, with **Jamie** in goal, **Fitzy, Sake, Ned** and **Sam** in defence, a midfield trio of **Mike, Pak** and **Marc**, and a front three of **Dave, Jason** and **Pete**. Albion came out of the blocks and on the small King's Park pitch were adopting the tactic of direct play to the pacy front three. The game was only 5 minutes old when a pre-planned corner routine resulted in Pete heading in a Pak corner from the left. Great start. Mike, Marc and Pak were working tirelessly to close down the Colts midfield, breaking up their play and feeding the balls forward. The back four were mopping up everything the Colts were throwing at them and Jamie had very little to do in the early stages.

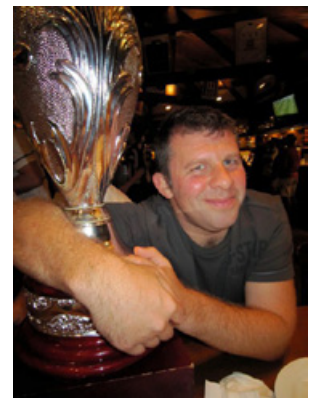
Pete was terrorising the defence, leaving them in his wake as he twisted and turned. On one of these mazy runs, he managed to create enough space on the right hand side to curl a shot wide of the keeper, but it hit the post. Around about the 25th minute, Albion made it 2-0 with a cracking strike from Marc. As the ball

fell loose on the edge of the box following a corner, it was Marc who reacted quickest, driving in a low shot into the bottom left hand corner. Keeper had no chance.

The Colts continued to pressure the Albion with some slick passing, although their only efforts towards goal came from crosses and shots as a result of free kicks. Jamie was dealing with all of these efforts with ease, tipping one dipping effort over the bar. Mike then missed a golden opportunity, when he delayed his shot while 2 yards out of goal, although much to his relief, the linesman had flagged for offside. Mike claimed to have seen this, although as he had his back to him, not many people believed him. Shortly after Pete had taken a knee to the chest, the half time whistle went and with it a welcome break from the heat and a chance to get some water on board. Pete took the opportunity to stick some ice on his sore groin and Tony wrapped up Dave's hamstring.

Unbeknown to the players on the pitch, KCC were beating 816 2-1, so the trophy was very much on its way to Sports Road as the second half kicked off. Due to Pete's sore groin, Dave and Jason needed to increase their work rates even more, closing down the defenders when the keeper rolled the ball out to them. The second half saw a number of chances at both ends, with Dave missing a chance with his left foot having run on to Jason's flick and Jason missing a one-on-one when he was clean through on the right.

The injured Fitzy was replaced by **Marlon** 15 minutes in, which gave Albion a further threat when we had forced corners. The cry from **Stormin, Lee, Tony, Shawry, Blakey, Johnny Mac** on the side line was that we needed to score another 2 goals. 816 had turned their match around and were now leading 3-2. As they had scored more goals than us this season, we needed to exceed their



score line by 3 goals. So on we went, every man tirelessly working for the Albion cause. **Nathan** replaced Mike in the 60th minute as we pushed for another goal, but it just didn't appear to be our day. Then in the 76th minute, Pak went down injured and had to be replaced by **Scott Semple**. In the 77th minute, the corner was drilled in by **Brennan**, was flicked on at the front post and hit Nathan on the nose before nestling in the back of the net! Game on!

Cries of "Get the ball!" rang out and we scurried back to the centre circle to help the Colts get the game going again. Jamie pulled off a crucial save low to his right, keeping his clean sheet and the goal difference intact. Marlon was thrown up front as we reverted to a 3 man defence. It was kitchen sink time. 3 minutes later, in the first minute of injury time, a raking ball down the line was picked up by Pete on the far right hand side. As he drew in the Colts defenders, Dave yelled for the square pass and when Pete put the ball across, he side footed the ball from the edge of the box into the bottom left hand corner. Dave went bananas running towards the guys on the side only to be told "Get the ball" again as 816 had actually made it 4-2. Unbelievable! Into injury time and we still needed one more goal. To have lost the League on the goals scored rule would have been pretty hard to take.

81st minute. 816 match over and 816 players watching our game. Cue Scott Semple. Nathan picked up the ball on the left hand side and began running at the Colts fullback. He twisted and turned and worked himself space for a cross. Over it came to find Dave on the edge of the box. "Shoot!" came the cries from the sidelines, but instead Dave played a pass into Scott who was in acres of space just 10 yards out. With only a small space in the bottom left corner to aim at, Scott smashed his shot into the onion bag and the celebrations could begin! Every player on the pitch ran over to celebrate with the goal hero. Every supporter and sub ran on the pitch to celebrate with the goal hero. I have never seen Monty run so fast and as he grabbed Scott, I have never felt so happy to be sandwiched between two bald Scotsmen.

Every 816 player held their head in their hands. Scott had laid to rest the penalty miss from the season before and put himself in the record books as the man who brought the title to Club Albion. But as he said a few times during the celebrations after, "It's a team game". Huge credit must go to Lee and Tony for their tireless efforts this season and to the entire squad for their commitment to the cause.

***CHAMPIONI'S CHAMPIONI'S OH LE OH LE OH LE!***

■ *Dave Brennan*

“ I have never seen Monty run so fast and as he grabbed Scott, I have never felt so happy to be sandwiched between two bald Scotsmen... ”

It was with great sadness to hear that HKFC stalwart **Alec Pettie** passed away on the 29th of April. His funeral was on the 5th of May at his home town in West Lothian. Our sincere condolences from all of the Section go to Alec's wife Ann and all his family and friends.

## HKFC Youth Players Gain National Squad Recognition

Congratulations to HKFC Mini Soccer players **Yuk Leung**, **Christopher Chung** and **Michael Liu** on selection to their age respective Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) national development squads.

Yuk and Christopher are members of the Y8 mini soccer group and represented the HKFC in the U13 Nike Hong Kong Premier Cup, where the **Dave Perry** and **Gavin McDermott** coached team finished runners up to Kitchee Sports Club.

Michael is a midfielder in the **Kenneth Kwok** coached HKFC U15 squad that finished 3rd

in the U15 Nike Hong Kong Premier Cup and 1st in the U15 Henderson Elite League.

In addition to the selection of these three boys, former Colts players and current HKFC 1st team members, Stephen Liu and James Ha have been selected for the Hong Kong U20 and U23 squads respectively.

The Soccer Section would like to place on record its thanks to the Club's General Committee and the Soccer Section's Youth Pathway sponsor **American Capital** for their continued support of the Section's mid-week youth development programme.



Left to right: Yuk Leung, Michael Liu, Christopher Chung – HKFC youth players selected for the national development squads.

## HKFC Under 15s - HKFA Henderson League U15 Champions



**Michael Liu** hit the crossbar after 10 minutes and a goal after 15 minutes from **Kabir Laroia** settled the nerves. A second goal direct from a free kick after 30 minutes by **Sam Taylor** put HKFC firmly in the driving seat. Any concern Rangers would be allowed back in the game in the second half were soon dispelled as HKFC maintained their momentum and continued to dominate play, with Rangers being limited to long range shots. A second goal from Sam Taylor secured a three nil win and a memorable night for the HKFC Under 15 team who totally outplayed the team who won the Nike Cup and had previously been unbeaten.

It was great result for the squad and a fitting reward for all the hard work put in by the players and the coaching staff and a great endorsement for the HKFC Mini Soccer and Midweek Pathway programmes as the Under 15 is the culmination of many years of Mini Soccer Saturdays. ■

*Peter Cairns, Team Manager*

**M**onday 18th April saw the HKFC Under 15 team play their last game of the season and their final game as part of the HKFC Mini / Junior / Youth Soccer programme.

The whole season, which started in July last year with gruelling hill runs to Repulse Bay Beach to prepare the squad for 90-minute games in a very competitive league and build up the team spirit, had seen the team play 22 games, win 19, draw 1 and lose 2, and everything had come down to 90 minutes against Fourway Rangers. Rangers were standing top of the league, unbeaten and one point ahead of HKFC, so HKFC had to beat the team who had knocked us out in the semi Final of the Nike Cup a couple of weeks earlier in order to win the league.

The squad had been told it is how you react to a defeat (Semi final) that defines a person and a team. The return from long-term injuries of our central midfield pairing was a boost to the team and right from the start the nerves of the coaching team (**Kenneth Kwok**, **Henri Taimi** and **Tim Stiles**) were settled as it was clear the team were up for the fight when HKFC set about Fourway Rangers and dominated the play, something they didn't let up for the full 90 minutes.





**Charlie Poulton,**  
Hockey Section  
Chairman

## Message from the Chairman

Dear Players,

By the time you read this the AGM will have past and all the matches and cup runs will have played out. I wish to thank my committee this year and captains, without your commitment and leadership we wouldn't have achieved so many of this year's highlights. It only remains for us to have one large party in the form of the **End of Season Summer Masquerade Ball on Saturday 25th June**. If you haven't signed up yet you should do so now, those that didn't come to the Christmas Fancy Dress Party missed out on one of the most memorable parties the Section has thrown. Once again we will have our Section charity at this event and I know that **Cristina** has a few tricks up her sleeve for this final blow out. We have plenty to celebrate because, as those of you who attended the AGM will have heard, this has been one of the most successful seasons for many, many years by any measure. We have toured, we have partied, we have won silverware, we have been promoted, we have celebrated the Club's 125th, we have invited international players to our turf, and some of us have even battled heroically to stave off relegation! I don't just mean the adult end of the section either, as we can boast our first ever international Mini Hockey tour this year as well as growing mini-participation and glowing reports about our Mini programme.

In my AGM report I highlighted that we have seen improvement too in HKFC Hockey's image through better behaviour on the pitch, some small contributions to the umpiring roster, and a supremely well organized HKFC Hockey 6s tournament over Easter.

There are of course areas where we can improve, we need to develop a better Youth programme, we need to sell memberships through the Hockey Section to companies we know, we need better communications and higher numbers of support for the big match days in the stands, and we need more HKFC Hockey umpires on the circuit at all levels. I believe these will come if we – and this really means you – can volunteer to help in these areas. So, over the off-season, have a think about how you can help add even more to our Section and let myself or a committee member know what you can do to help. Have a great summer and for those looking to keep up their fitness in the ridiculous summer heat there is summer social hockey in June and July and indoor hockey in August; as ever, see [www.HKFC Hockey.com](http://www.HKFC Hockey.com) for details. Thank you for a fantastic season and I look forward to seeing you at the start of HKFC Hockey's 50th Anniversary season, now there's a reason to celebrate!

*Charlie Poulton, Chairman*



*The Hockey Section End of Season* **Masquerade Ball**

Saturday 25th June 2011  
7.30pm Cocktail Reception Followed by Dinner and Dance  
The Football Club Restaurant on 2/F.  
Black Tie with Mask  
\$700 for drinkers and \$580 non drinkers

## 2011 HKFC Hockey 6s – 22 and 23 April 2011

**A**nother very successful HKFC Hockey 6's was held over the Easter weekend. The 2nd edition of the new 6-a-side format attracted twenty-five teams (15 men's and 10 ladies), as local players were joined by teams from Singapore, Beijing and Switzerland (via the world).

After a warm up in the Sportsman's (and a few other places for some) on Thursday night, the tournament started in earnest on Friday morning, boosted by bright sunshine, rather than the expected rain and thunder. The standard of play in what is an unusual format for most players was excellent from the outset, the several teams laying down markers for the rest of the event. As the day progressed, the beers came out and banter kicked with MC and commentator, **Jed Thian** leading the charge (literally). His quick wit and ability to engage everyone in the tournament was a highlight, although he is probably regretting to agree to don the goalie kit and face the World's top drag flicker, Hayden Shaw, later that night.

With the first days play ending successfully completed, there were still a few places up for grabs in the Cup competitions, which would be determined on Saturday morning with the results depending on who came out of Friday night in better shape.

Despite play ending, phase 2 of the day kicked in as 125th celebrations begin with a highly entertaining exhibition match, followed by the Cowboys and Indians party. Not sure who won that battle, but both sides were seen heading off to Wan Chai and LKF late on.

Saturday started at a slower pace than Friday, as the drizzle started and the reality of playing hockey dawned on everyone. Play soon hotted up though, as muscles were stretched, sticks located, umpires queried and goals scored. After a couple of early matches we soon had our contenders for the Cup, Plate and Bowl events.

In the Men's Cup semi finals, two of the visiting teams, Flying Hoppers and Beijing lost closely fought games with locals, Shaheen and KCC Zack Attack respectively. The Cup final was a quality match with Zack Attack aiming to defend their title. After going ahead early on, Zack Attack was slowly pegged back by some excellent goals and Shaheen clinched it with a last minute winner as extra time loomed.

The Ladies Cup went to Vlub, a collaboration between the oldest of HK sporting enemies, Valley and HKFC, who beat a strong KCC team in the Final.

The two Plate competitions produced popular winners with the Peking Stars

from Beijing winning a very close Ladies Plate final 1-0 against ASI Samurai with arguably the goal of the tournament. In the Men's Plate final the Devils from Singapore Cricket Club beat HKFC 3-0 helped by a quite outstanding performance from the Devils Goalkeeper!

The Bowl competition gave every team something to aim for and in the Ladies Final, Club de Recreio were extremely happy winners, especially after receiving their winners Lindt Chocolate Bunnies (as did all the Ladies' winners)! The Men's Bowl was won by HKCC in a game featuring the oldest goal scorer of the whole competition – no mention of actual age forthcoming...

Overall there was a real festival feel as the combination of competitive hockey and a great atmosphere was enjoyed by everyone over the weekend. Thanks goes to all who contributed in any way – players, organizers, umpires, but particular mention to the HKFC Mini's who supplied the ball boys and girls for the Finals and acted as runners/helpers throughout the tournament.

Looking forward to another 6's in 2012 - an Olympic year and also the 50th Anniversary of HKFC Hockey.

*By Patrick Watts and Owen Hughes*



## HKFC 125th Anniversary International Hockey Exhibition Match

### International All Stars v Hong Kong Barbarians

The 6's tournament also enabled the Section to celebrate the Club's 125th Anniversary and after play on the Friday night an All Star International team took on an HK Barbarians team.

The All Star team featured previous international captains and multi Olympians and international medalists, such as Hayden Shaw (NZ), Sander van der Veide (Netherlands), Brett Garrard and Bill Waugh (Great Britain). The HK Barbarians were similarly talented, also featuring ex internationals as well as other top players living in Hong Kong.

Prior to the game, spectators were treated to a traditional lion dance display to honour the 125th Anniversary of HKFC. This was followed a moment of madness (but great entertainment) from MC and commentator, Jed Thian, who took on the challenge to stand in goal (fully kitted up) and face the 100mph plus drag flicks of Hayden Shaw.



The match, watched by a full house, was fast paced and after an edgy 1st quarter, the All Star team looked like they were pulling away after half time. However, the Barbarians battled back in the last quarter with some spectacular goals and at full time

the scores were tied at 7-7. Golden goal extra time followed, with one player from each team being withdrawn after every minute. Both teams went close, but the Barbarians snatched the winner as the teams were just about to go to 2 players each.

It was a great showcase for the format of 6's and exciting entertainment for those watching (even non hockey players!).

In addition to playing in the exhibition match, the All Star team conducted two coaching clinics over the weekend, including one with the HKFC Youth and Mini section. Players aged 8-14 enjoyed a two-hour session with 6 internationals, learning new skills and taking invaluable lessons away with them.

## Results

### 2011 HKFC HOCKEY 6S

- Mens Cup Winners – Shaheen
- Ladies Cup Winners – Vlub
- Mens Plate Winners – Singapore Cricket Club Devils
- Ladies Plate Winners – Beijing Hockey Club Peking Stars
- Mens Bowl Winners – HKCC
- Ladies Bowl Winners – Club de Recreio

### INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION MATCH

- Hong Kong Barbarians 8 v International All Stars 7



**Rob Wilkinson,**  
Men's Captain

## Men's Captain Report

### Season round up 2010/11

It has been the most successful year for HKFC men's hockey in a long time. Our B's, D's and E's have been promoted and our A's won the Perrier Jinnah trophy. Also, at the time of writing, our A's had just beaten Khalsa to reach the semi-finals of the Holland Cup (if this was not the most exciting game of the season it was definitely the most eventful), and the B's and F's are both in the semi finals of the HKHA Cup and Plate respectively.

This year we have toured well. We have sent teams to Bangkok, Singapore and later this month we'll make the trip to Jakarta. Touring is an important part of club hockey and am glad to see this is picking up. Only by supporting other clubs tournaments can we expect them to support ours.

Our Easter 6's tournament, now in its second year, was a huge success. I was very impressed with how smoothly it all went. All teams I spoke to commented on how much they enjoyed it, in particular the international exhibition match. We are very fortunate that we have the facilities and the contacts to be able to organise such an event. But huge credit must go to Patrick Watts and Owen Hughes who together staged a fantastic tournament.

On the social front, my sister **Cristina** has organised some fantastic events. The Christmas party was excellent, and was very well attended as were the start of season BBQ and the Cowboys and Indians party during the Sixes. Attendances had been very poor from the men in the past and it is good to see a big improvement. The **End of Season Masquerade** ball on the **Saturday 25th June** also promises to be a top night!

The A team had an excellent season, finishing second in the Premier League. Khalsa, rumoured to have paid in excess of HK\$2 million to their players, narrowly edged the league title. Our A's did have their revenge

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in the Perrier Jinnah trophy, knocking out the league winners in the semi-final before beating Pakistan Association in a very exciting match. Vincent Cheung had a blinder of a season as anyone who was at the exhibition match between the International All Stars and the HK Barbarians will have witnessed! We were also fortunate to have recruited some great young players in **Carl Cousins**, **Yan Adams** and **Sion Puckle**.

The B team once again showed that they are too strong for the First division. **Rick Symington**'s side only dropped three points all season and turned out to be easy victors. Even after being deducted 5 points for not accepting promotion last year, they finished 14 points clear of the rest. **Rik van Donk** won the golden stick for a third straight season, notching up 34 goals in 24 matches. At the time of writing the B's were also two matches away from making it a League and Cup double! Congratulations to them!

The C's season has been one of two contrasting halves. Before Christmas they were sitting in third having only lost a couple of games. Since then the team has struggled to put points on the board. Long term injuries to **Matt Burke**, **Matt Truman** and **Jerome McDonagh** as well as several other key players left the team struggling for numbers and regularly fielding players out of position. The "goals against" column makes for painful reading for the C's (particularly for me!) but it is worth pointing out that almost 20 of these were scored by our own B team! Nevertheless the team put together some great performances including a thrashing of KCC B and the Punjab 5-1 and 6-0 respectively.

The D's had their best season to date and have deservedly been promoted to the first

division. **Lucho Portocarrero** has built a very strong squad that, like all the great teams, even when struggling for form and numbers they still managed to grind out the results. The first division will be a new challenge to them, but one which I am sure they will rise to.

The E's have successfully rebuilt after last season's reshuffle and have become a stronger more rounded team. They only lost twice this year and their defence has been the best in the section conceding only 17 goals in 21 league matches. Credit to **James Dick** and **Martin Harris** for running such a tight ship!

The F's really struggled for numbers at times, and as such had an up and down season on the pitch, they beat the league winners NBC 3-2 but lost to relegated Valley D 4-2. Nevertheless Clive Miners' team is probably the most "together" in the section. They are the first to sign up for social events and always turn out in numbers in the best fancy dress! They also raised HK\$3,800, more than any other team in the section, for the Tsunami relief fund. Thanks very much to them!

The G's played well all season and strung together several wins in the run up to Christmas, however they lacked fire power up front later on in the term which saw them unable to convert draws into wins. The non-playing manager system which we have been trialing with the G's this year has proved to be successful, thanks to **Peter Hobson** for that! I would like to see more teams doing this next year as it enables the captain, on a match day to focus on playing.

Finally and by no means least, the H's, lead once again by **Lewis Man**, did well in the fourth division after winning promotion last year. Although finishing

the league in 7th they were only 7 points off third place. So, had a couple of results gone their way it would have been a very different story. They showed they are more than capable of competing at this level by claiming points from both Skyers A and Police A who eventually finished the league as champions and runners up.

### Captains 2010/11

**Section Vice Captain: Martin Harris**

**A team Jonty Sadler**

**B team Rick Symington**

**C team Sim Archer-Perkins**

**D team Lucho Portocarrero**

**E team James Dick**

**F team Clive Miners**

**G team Rod Kormylo**

**H team Lewis Man**

**A big thank you for all your help and hard work over the season.**

### Representative honours

- **HKFC** was represented this year at national level
- **Full HK International: Amo Ali, Ravinder Dillon**
- **HK Barbarians: Will Glover, Rob Todd, Vincent Cheung, Doug Corbel**

### Player and team awards

**Golden stick (34 goals in 21 matches)**  
– **Rik van Donk**

**Ed Waller Memorial Award (Best young player)** – **Carl Cousins**

**A Team MVP: Vincent Cheung**

**B Team MVP: TBC**

**C Team MVP: Nick Studholme-Wilson**

**D Team MVP: Conor O'Donovan**

**E Team MVP: Matt Brook**

**F Team MVP: Bertie Leung**

**G Team MVP: JD Cain**

**H Team MVP: Mark Kan**

## LEAGUE RESULTS 2010/2011

Position	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PD	Pts
1st (div 1)	HKFC B	24	23	0	1	118	31	87	-5	64
2nd (div 3)	HKFC E	21	17	2	2	66	17	49		53
2nd (Prem)	HKFC A	14	11	1	2	54	26	28		34
3rd (div 2)	HKFC D	22	11	6	5	44	29	15		39
7th (div 1)	HKFC C	24	9	4	11	55	63	-8		31
7th (div 4)	HKFC H	20	6	7	7	46	43	3		25
9th (div 4)	HKFC G	20	7	3	10	26	29	-3		24
9th (div 3)	HKFC F	21	7	5	9	26	39	-13		26

## Training and coaching

Training had been well-attended by most teams until Christmas but since then has tailed off a bit. As was noted last year we are still being severely shown up by the ladies who are turning out in numbers each week. If the HKHA cannot schedule blocks of matches, and also insist on drip feeding the fixtures to us month by month then it is even more important that teams make regular use of the training pitch to ensure consistency is maintained.

Many thanks to all those who coached this year, but in particular to **Simon Chapman, Guv Dillon** and **Doug Corbel**. They continue to have a very positive impact on the section. Their commitment and enthusiasm have reaped great rewards and our teams are all looking stronger than they did 12 months ago.

## Next Season

Next season is an important year for HKFC Hockey, the Section's 50th Anniversary season. We can be very proud of the fact that we will have two teams in the Premier League and two teams in the First Division. No other club in Hong Kong can make this claim. We will be planning several events to mark the Anniversary of the Section, and I would urge you to please support the Section by getting involved as much as possible.

Thanks again to all of you for contributing to an outstanding season!

*Rob Wilkinson, Men's Captain*



**Nicky Russo,**  
Men's Captain

## Ladies' Captain Report

### FINAL MESSAGE FROM THE LADIES' CAPTAIN!!

By the time you are reading this, the Hockey Section AGM will already have taken place and I will already have passed over the baton/cudgel to next year's Captain.

So this is a retrospective look at our season, with a few congratulations and "thank you"s from me before delivering you into the safe hands of the next season's committee.

The Ladies' hockey section had another tremendous season, with the Ladies' A team -THE most successful hockey team in HK - winning the Premier League for the fourth consecutive year. Not only did they retain their title as Premier Division champions, they did so without dropping a point and scored almost 130 goals in the process. Awesome. An honourable mention also goes to the Ladies' D team who were contenders for winning the second division title right up until they drew their final match of the season against arch nemesis Valley. The Knockout Cup competition is still in progress at the time of writing but with 5 of our 7 teams still in contention across the Cup, Plate and Bowl competitions, we are hoping for some good news there too – come on Club!!!

Individual team standings finished up like this:

**Ladies' A: Won the Premier Division and the Premier Division 9 a-side Cup**

**Ladies' B: 5th (out of 7) in the Premier Division**

**Ladies' C: 5th (out of 6) in the First Division and got to the final of the First Division 9 a-side Cup, losing only on penalty flicks**

**Ladies' D: 2nd (out of 7) in the Second Division**

**Ladies' E: 7th (out of 7) in the Second Division**

**Ladies' F: 4th (out of 8) in the Third Division**

**Ladies' G: 5th (out of 9) in the Fourth Division**

Well played everyone!! As I'm stepping down, I'd like to take the chance to thank all the team captains (who do not have an easy job), and **Chairman Charlie** and Rob Wilkinson in particular for their support over the last two years, and I'd like to thank Chappie (plus coaching team) for his total commitment and enthusiasm for the Section and all things hockey.

See you at the *Masquerade Ball on Saturday 25th June!!* ■

*Nicky*

## Mini Hockey News

### Under 10s Finally Get the Silverwear

In the final tournament of the season at King's Park in the Shaheen Mini Hockey Tournament, our U10 A team finally won the Cup competition after having come so close in the previous 2 tournaments. Coach Oli Spensely had worked tirelessly all season to finally have a team lift the trophy. Who knows how many sleepless nights he might have had over the summer? Oli also went on to win the Coach of the Year at our annual Mini Hockey Prize Giving. We aim to build further on our Tournament performance in the 2011/12 season.

### HKFC Hockey 6s

Over Easter we were able to provide ball boys/girls and results runners to assist in the HKFC Hockey 6s which helped the tournament run smoothly as well as giving the children a great opportunity to view some competitive adult hockey. We also benefitted with a special coaching clinic for the mini and youth players run by the international



## MINI HOCKEY



### 2011/ 2012 SEASON

Registration day and start of the 2011/12 season is scheduled for Saturday 27th August.

We have a tentative plan for the next HKFC Mini Hockey tournament on Saturday 3rd December 2011, subject to pitch availability. We also expect an international tour to Singapore in February 2012.

**RIGHT:**  
Oli Spensley receives the Coaches Award (left to right: Neil Galloway – Mini Hockey Chairman, Charles Poulton – Hockey Section Chairman, Oli Spensley, Rob Barker – Mini Hockey Head Coach, Simon Chapman – Hockey Section Head Coach



**RIGHT CENTRE:**  
The parents and coaches prepare to do battle before end of season prize giving



**FAR RIGHT:**  
Chloe Sik receives her award for Girl's U8 Player of the Year



all stars team brought in for the exhibition match. This was a highly memorable occasion for the children as well as being a huge extra for the parents. This kind of opportunity together with international touring is increasingly beginning to differentiate our mini and youth programme from the other clubs in Hong Kong and will allow us to attract more and better players going forward.

### 2010/11 Season Review

The past year has been an enormously satisfying one for all of us involved in HKFC mini and youth hockey and we have achieved a number of milestones on the road to our objective of becoming the best Mini and Youth Hockey Club in Hong Kong. There are many people without whom this would not have been possible but special thanks must go to the inaugural Mini Hockey Committee Members (and spouses), Charlie Poulton and the rest of the Hockey Section Committee, for stepping up to support the ambition of the Minis which we firmly believe

is important for the overall long term success of hockey at HKFC.

We have listed below our season award winners, but it has very much been the team spirit that has taken the Minis to this point and will underpin future success.

### Mini Hockey Awards 2010/11

#### Under 8

**Boy Player of the Year:** David Evans  
**Girl Player of the Year:** Chloe Sik  
**Most Improved boy:** Hudson Loh  
**Most Improved girl:** Isabelle Fitzgerald

**Fair Play Award:** Maxime Saffon  
**Coaches Award:** Niklas Maher

#### Under 10

**Boy Player of the Year:** Michael Sheperdson  
**Girl Player of the Year:** Issy Carey

**Most Improved boy:** Justin Mak  
**Most Improved girl:** India Tory

**Fair Play Award:** Lottie Burton  
**Coaches Award:** Gwenael Laot

#### Under 12

**Boy Player of the Year:** James Sheperdson  
**Girl Player of the Year:** Alexandra Barker

**Most Improved boy:** Richard Chao  
**Most Improved girl:** Emma Davies

**Fair Play Award:** Finn Galloway  
**Coaches Award:** Yik Kei Leung

#### Under 14

**Boy Player of the Year:** Zach McCarroll  
**Girl Player of the Year:** Annabelle Barker

**Most Improved boy:** Oliver Kenyon  
**Most Improved girl:** Lili Banks

**Fair Play Award:** Matilde Chaumet  
**Coaches Award:** Raphaelle Cotillon

## Men's Captain's Report - Season 2010/11

### Hong Kong Squash League

Following on from the extraordinary trophy haul last season (2009/10), the season just ended provided an interesting challenge.

Our objective for 2010/11 was to line up the Men's teams to give members as much competitive squash as possible, while being in with a realistic chance to fight for silverware at the end of the season. Given that the top players in each league winning team were required to move up a division, a considerable amount of team restructuring was needed. Where possible we also reduced the typical team size to 10 players (from 12) so more players would play more often.

With this in mind, we brought just a handful of new Sports Preferred members to fill obvious gaps, and indeed were still scrambling to complete some rosters well into October.

I am delighted to report that by the end of the season, consistent with our goals, 17 of our 20 men's teams finished in the

top 4 places of their leagues – putting them into the Final Series playoffs.

**Final results were:**

**League winning teams: 4a, 9, 13 and Masters 1**

**League runners-up: 2b, 5b, 8, 14a and 14b**

**Playoff winners: 13**

**Playoff runners-up: 2b, 5b, 8, 9 and Masters 1**

14a and 5b missed out on league victory by the narrowest of margins and there were numerous great matches in every division throughout the season.

Our limited success in the playoffs reflects the challenges that some teams had with player availability late in the season. As we plan for the 2011/12 season we will be looking for a higher level of player availability commitment.

Sincere thanks to all the convenors who really did a great job of pulling together many newly formed teams and keeping them competitive throughout the year.

There are several worthy nominations for Player, Team and Convenor of the Year. Winners will be announced at the End of Season Party.

### Super 12

We introduced a series of mini-tournaments for the Club's top players and a handful of guests, initially termed Super 16 – then Super 12. These Friday night events were run in October, November and January with some excellent, fast paced matches. The overall winner was **Chad Sunde**.

Well done to all the team players and good luck in the Club Championships.

I would like to express particular thanks to Vice Captain, **Adrian Ng** whose support and advice has been fantastic throughout the year.

We look forward to another great season in 2011/12.

*Malcolm Kerr, Men's Captain*



**Fiesta Espanhola Sangria**

Squash End of Season Party  
Saturday 11th June - 7.30pm  
Venue - HKFC Poolside  
Dress - Spanish Fiesta  
Fantastic BBQ and all drinks included - \$295 pp

rsvp - adam\_wilson@lycos.com

## 2011 Bangkok Jumbo Doubles - May 2011

At this year's Bangkok Jumbo Doubles event, we had seven pairs representing HKFC. The players were **Keith Frith** and **Matt Robinson**, **Adrian Ng** and **Kenny Foo** from Malaysia, **Tony Miles** and **Alex Berriman**, **Mark Rittmayer** and **Roger Liden**, **Catherine Ho** and **Henry Ng**, and two father and son pairs; **William** and **Tim Fan**, and **Tom** and **Peter Tang**.

All players and supporters enjoyed their games thoroughly, and the whole experience made the event even more enjoyable - the hospitality of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club; the good weather; and the delicious and spicy Thai food. But to top it all, the bonus was



that Adrian and Kenny won the Plate Championship after 6 years of participation. They beat Tang 4 by

2-1 (11-9, 8-11, 11-9). In both their winning games, they came back from 7-9. The title was well deserved as the two had risked their lives with the many dangerous strokes played by some of their opponents who had hit many other players during their games. Their games were as exciting to watch as the recent 3D blue movie, said Henry?!

Some unforgettable moments included Mark banging his head on the side wall. While he held his bleeding head yelling in pain, the other three players ran to the other side of the court for the ball! The four fathers and sons had showed their passion and cooperation by moving 4 ups and 4 downs smoothly and impressively like a school of fish. Tim covered three quarters of the jumbo court leaving one corner for William. William still managed to get hit by the man killer! Another stunning moment was when Catherine and her friend Rachel arrived at Bangkok airport at midnight, and proceeded to jump out of their taxi at the toll station after realising they had been picked up by a taxi driver who was as high as a kite!

Congratulations to Adrian and Kenny!! ■

*Lita Fan*



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## 2011 Bowls World Cup and Junior World Cup

The 2011 Bowls World Cup and Junior World Cup was held in Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club, Australia, between the 12th and 20th April. Twenty-six countries sent representatives to this competition. Competing nations were allowed to send one male and one female as well as one male junior and one female junior. Hong Kong's representatives were: Kwong Hoi Wan (senior male) and **Tammy Tham** (senior female), Desmond Hau (junior male) and **Andrea Chan** (junior female).

It was a grueling competition with seven days of round robin games followed by a semi-finals day and then a finals day.

All the Hong Kong representatives played their best. Tammy managed to win 9 of her 11 round robin games losing only to Val Smith of New Zealand (World ranked number 2) and on a tie-break to Emma Firyana Saroji from Malaysia. This took her through to the last six where she played and lost to Alison Merrien. Alison then went on to reach the final where she lost to the defending champion Jo Edwards from New Zealand.

Many of the players who were there will be coming to Hong Kong in November for the Champion of Champions competition.

One thing to note was that both of the Hong Kong Ladies representatives, Tammy Tham and Andrea Chan are HKFC Bowls members. Well done to Tammy and Andrea for representing Hong Kong and doing so well.

As a result of her performance Tammy has moved up the World Rankings and is now ranked number 15.



Hong Kong Team



Chairman with Andrea and Tammy

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If you are interested please email her on [royalsalute21@hotmail.com](mailto:royalsalute21@hotmail.com)

## Club Men's Novice Pairs

The final of this competition was played on Sunday 1st May. **Menno** and **Fiaz** were playing against **Peter** and **Arnold**. This promised to be an interesting match with the drawing ability of Peter and Arnold up against the attacking game favoured by Menno and Fiaz.

For at least half of the 18 ends it was a close game and went according to plan with accuracy pitted against fire power. The scores gradually moved up first favouring one side, then the other.

Slowly, though, the gap between the scores widened in favour of Peter and Arnold and although Menno and Fiaz never gave up it just wasn't their day.

Peter and Arnold ended up worthy winners. It was an enjoyable game of "cat and mouse" to watch. The victory of Peter and Arnold comes on the back of them getting as far as the semi-finals of the National Mens Novice Pairs. Well done to the two of them. ■



Fiaz, Menno, Arnold and Peter



## Joint event held by the Lawn Bowls Section and Badminton Society

Easter Monday, 25th April 2011

The idea for this joint Lawn Bowls-Badminton get together arose out of a conversation between **Roger Nissim** of the Lawn Bowls Section with **Philip Woolf**, the Chairman of the Badminton Society when they met at the Club's Sports Celebrity Dinner in early March. They shared the view that the various Club Sections and Societies (and DSA) tend to keep themselves to themselves and thought it would be a good thing to get to know each others' sports better by arranging an event such as

what was held in the afternoon of Easter Monday.

The event started with the Lawn Bowls trial session and then followed by a few serious badminton matches in the Sports Hall. Brief introduction and demonstration on how to play bowls were made by Roger and his teammates, and in return, Philip and his team arranged a few badminton matches. All members who participated appreciated this wonderful cross-Society/Section event

very much and considered it was such an enjoyable afternoon that it should be held on a more regular basis.

Members and Guests of the Badminton Society were so glad to have the chance to learn lawn bowls in such a friendly and well organised environment that it would appear that some of the older badminton players may take up playing the game on a more permanent basis; in Rogers words "they will be more than welcome" !



Group photo taken before the matches with Mr Fook Aun Chew (front 3rd left), Chairman of the Football Club, Gary Mills (front 4th left), Captain of the British Army and Philip Woolfe (front 4th right), Chairman of the Badminton Society

## Friendly match with British Army Badminton Team on 9th April 2011

A team of some 20 badminton players from the British Army arrived in Hong Kong in early April, and our Competition Officer **Ryan** arranged a friendly match with them on 9th April 2011.

The Chairman of the Club, Mr **Fook Aun Chew**, kindly joined us on the day to welcome the visitors, and on behalf of the Badminton Society, exchanged souvenirs with the visiting team.

The team line up for the day was as follow:

### MEN'S DOUBLE

**Ben** and **Peric**  
**Boon** and **Phillip**  
**Coleman** and **David**  
**Jaff** and **Martin**  
**Jimmy** and **Matthew**  
**Kenneth** and **Steven**

### MEN'S SINGLE

**Jaff, Jason, Jimmy** and **Steven**

### LADIES' DOUBLE

**Alison** and **Pui Yee**  
**Joyce** and **Yoke Ming**

### MIXED DOUBLE

**Brian** and **Queenie**  
**Jason** and **Samantha**  
**Lin** and **Joyce**  
**Tommy** and **Hui Hoi Kei**

We are very pleased to report the result of the match, as we defeated the badminton team of the British Army, a team with extremely high playing standards, by 3 games over 31 (ie 17 to 14).

To wrap up the event, we held a buffet dinner at the Coffee Shop for all the participants. Great fun was had by all and we look forward to another friendly match in the near future. ■



David and Coleman in Men's Double



Steven (2nd right) and Kenneth (3rd right)



Our competition officer **Ryan** (centre) briefs all players before the game



**Jimmy** (far left) and **Matthew** (far right) in Men's Double



**Boon** (2nd left) and **Philip** in Men's Double



**Ben** (2nd right) and **Peric** in Men's Double



**Jaff** (1st left) and **Martin** with Umpire **Derek**

# BADMINTON



Alison(2nd left) and Pui Yee (1st right) in Ladies Double with Umpire Derick



Yoke Ming(1st left) and Alison 3rd left)



Lin(1st left) and Joyce in Mixed Double with Umpire Paul



Jason(3rd left) and Samantha in Mixed Double with Umpire Paul



Brian (2nd left) and Queenie in Mixed Double with Lawrence(1st right), our Head Umpire



Tommy and Hui Hoi Kei in Mixed Double



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## Welcome new members

Jimmy Cardmaster, David McDonald and Jaff Lo

## Upcoming events

**125 Anniversary event –**  
12th June 2011

**Friendly match vs Rejpreuk  
Badminton Club of Thailand –**  
16th July 2011

**Chairman's Cup tournament in  
Thailand – 30th -31st July 2011**

**Junior tournament with other clubs –**  
third quarter of 2011

**Friendly match vs Royal Bangkok  
Sports Club – 4th November 2011**

**Annual 6 clubs tournament –**  
October /November 2011

## Singapore ITU 70.3 Half-Ironman

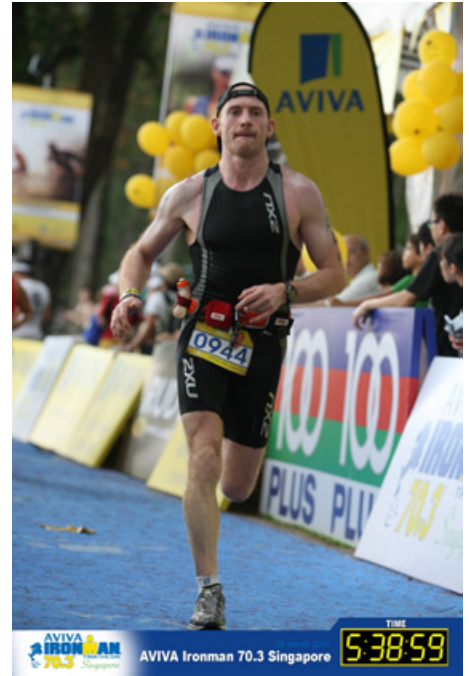
**S**unday 20th March had arrived..... and that meant it was time for the ITU 70.3 Half-Ironman Triathlon in Singapore!!!

As I lined up on the beach with the other 1867 competitors looking out to sea waiting for the starter hooter, I felt a rather odd 'churning' sensation in my stomach that was a mixture of excitement, nervousness and trepidation (or maybe it was the 4 salt tablets and 2 chocolate Gu's I had devoured for breakfast?). The hooter finally sounded and there was a mad dash into the water for the 1.9km swim that consisted of 2 anti-clockwise loops. Despite the best efforts of **Lloyd** and **James** at Tuesday night swim training, I was not at all prepared for the extreme current that felt like I was swimming uphill, or the sheer number of breast-strokers that made it difficult for me to break into my usual smooth, gliding freestyle stroke (or something like that). After 54 minutes, a little longer than I had hoped for, I left the water and raced the 200 metres or so to transition to get on to my bike for the 90.1km ride. The roads were smooth and flat, and fortunately

the sun had not yet made an appearance. The cycle went well and I was feeling good as I arrived back in transition with a glance at my watch showing a bike split of 2:35. After another 2 Gu's, I set off for the 21.1km run feeling quite strong, although I was trying to ignore the subtle tweaks of cramp that were starting to appear in both legs. 30 minutes into the run and the sun had finally broken through with a vengeance. The leg cramps were now not so subtle, and the regular hydration stations could not come fast enough. As I completed the first of the 2 loops, the devil on my shoulder was urging me to quit, but luckily his voice was drowned out by the cheering crowds shouting words of encouragement. I eventually finished the race in 5:38:59 and felt quite proud of my time, although I will need to improve a tad if I am to challenge the winner next year who clocked an astonishing 3:50:56!!!

Also representing HKFC was **Andrew Wright** in the relay, teaming up with Mike Myers and Clinton Macavicious from Dragons Tri club.

Andrew was second out of the water



behind 2008 Olympic swimmer Eric Vendt leaving his teammates some work to do. Mike closed the gap on the bike and Clinton easily saw off any competition on the run leading the team to victory. ■

*By Steve Willmott*

## Bank of China (HK) 54th Festival of Sport Olympic Distance Triathlon, Plover Cove - Sunday 8th May



All competitors gathered at Plover Cove for the early hooter, with a number of HKFC athletes on show including **Richard Hall, Laura Walsh, Guy Horne, Jonathan Perrin and Steve Willmott** to name but a few. The 2-lap 1.5km swim was almost enjoyable, with the waters calm, still and unusually clear. Next



was the 40km bike leg, that involved 4 tough loops of the hilly Bridespool Road. The bike leg did not go to plan for Willmott (puncture on loop 1) or Perrin (crash on loop 2), but the other athletes progressed nicely. By now the sun was out in full force which made the 2 loop - 10km run along the reservoir jeti a challenge in itself. This did not stop our top HKFC athletes, Hall and Walsh clocking great results, with Horne also finishing in good form. All in all it was an enjoyable, well organised event, with a great turnout and some excellent local triathletes on show. *By Steve Willmott*

# Netball News



**Karin Loram,  
Netball DSA Chairperson**

After all the excitement of the finals, the smiles are slowly fading, we recovered enough to hold our AGM/ Prize-giving on the evening of Friday the 6th May.

This year we decided to change it up a little by holding it outdoors and inviting our 'other significant other' to join in the festivities. Even though we were competing with the football game going on in the background, and praying that the weather would hold off, we had a great night with plenty of laughs.

As usual we gave away awards for the 'Players Player' voted for by the team members, we had the 'Coaches Player' voted for obviously by the coaches and the 'Commitment to Netball Award.' Congratulations to all those who received an award. Below is a list of recipients.

	Players Player	Coaches Player
<b>HKFC CLUB</b>	<b>Irene Petau</b>	<b>Irene Petau</b>
<b>HKFC TYPHOONS</b>	<b>Ellen Flaherty</b>	<b>Carolyn Andrews</b>
<b>HKFC WHIRLIES</b>	<b>Kathryn Curley</b>	<b>Elaine Morgans</b>
<b>HKFC TORNADOES</b>	<b>Michelle Robinson</b>	<b>Rachel Corthorne</b>
<b>HKFC HURRICANES</b>	<b>Angela Webb</b>	<b>Angela Webb</b>



**Ellen Flaherty      Kathryn Curley      Elaine Morgans**



**Rachel Corthorne and Michelle Robinson      Karin Loram**



**Whirlwinds**



**Club**



**Hurricanes**



**Typhoons**



**Tornadoes**

Another big congratulations goes out to **Catherine Taylor** from HKFC Club and **Rachel Corthorne** from HKFC Tornadoes for winning MVP's in their final games.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following companies for their very generous support throughout the season and on the night:

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I am most happy to say that all the committee members have chosen to stay on for another year, I will say however, that while they are still staying, we still have the openings of HKNA representative and Umpiring Convenor to fill and as I have mentioned on numerous occasions, these positions are vitally important to HKFC Netball. Please approach the committee if you are interested in filling one of these positions, because they **MUST** be filled! **A big thanks goes out to Ellen Flaherty for her 2 years of hard work and great representation on the HKNA.**

A big reminder that **Summer Netball** will be running from late July to August. The dates are still being finalized so please look for dates to be advertised either around the club or on our website.



Be on the lookout in August for the dates of trials for the 2011/12 season. These will be advertised BUT it is important to remember that it is your responsibility to find out the dates of trials and please note that trials are **COMPULSORY** for all members.

Lastly, the Aussies are coming!!! Pity it's not the 'Kiwis' but we are very excited none the less and we look forward to hosting the National Australian Netball Team late June in their lead-up to the World Netball Championships being held in Singapore, early July. Be on the lookout for more information regarding the teams visit as we draw nearer to June. ■

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# Tennis News



## Sweating it out for the kids

The weather was perfect for the 12 teams taking part in the 3rd edition of the 'Sweat it out for Kids in Need' doubles Charity Tennis Tournament on Saturday 9th of April, to raise funds for Jordan House, a small orphanage in Kampala, Uganda. Each team consisted of four players - 2 men and 2 ladies, while the 12 teams were divided into three groups. Playing three matches consisting of men's and ladies doubles and mixed doubles, games were totaled over the three matches to find our winners for the afternoon.

Congratulations to the team of **Yoke Ming Ong, Agnes Baleyte, Barry Ho and Austin Ho**, who took top prize. Second place went to the team of **Kate Bridge, Esther Kong, Jean Philippe Gry and Laurent Gilbert** while two

teams finished in equal third position - the team of **Katy Wan, Yuki Chen, Job Tang and Lee Lou Sing** and the team consisting of **Mimi Adcock, Kwok Mo Yin, Patrick Lai and Wong Sui Chung**.

Just over HK\$31,000 was raised on the afternoon with money coming from those who played in the event, those who purchased raffle tickets and those who couldn't play on the day but made a donation regardless. Many thanks to everyone who made some sort of contribution, including the guests who played, **Helen Ormerod, Jacquie Peacock and Marysia Marchant** for helping out on the day. Here's hoping for another successful event next year!

**TOP LEFT (CLOCKWISE)**  
Winning team: Yoke Ming Ong, Agnes Baleyte, Barry Ho And Austin Ho

**Second place winners:** Kate Bridge, Esther Kong, Jean Philippe Gry and Laurent Gilbert

**Tied third place winners** Wan, Yuki Chen, Job Tang and Lee Lou Sing

**Tied third place winners:** Mimi Adcock, Kwok Mo Yin, Patrick Lai and Wong Sui Chung

## Junior Team Improves in Second Season

The Junior League team completed their best season to date by winning three matches to finish in equal seventh position. A great effort from the following players - Dexter Brutus, Lucius Hatherly, Christopher and Olivier Muh, Antoine Gontard, Ethan Tsea, Max Murphy, Jean Louis Desgouttes, Benjamin Sargetn, Christian Ng, Eric Whilborn, Akshay and Dylan Chaudry. Thanks also to the parents-in-charge for helping to organize the teams and take care of the kids during league matches.

## Tennis Society AGM

Please note the AGM will be held at 7.00pm on **Thursday 23rd June** please make every effort to attend

# League Update

The evening summer league got off to a promising start with wins for our Men's A and B and D teams. The Men's A team began with an emphatic 6:3 win over a strong HKU team. **Adrian Leung** and **Neal Soo** won each of their sets, while new boys **Henry Lai** and **Jonathan Moldovan** won 2 sets and lost one. Father and son team **Ringo** and **Austin Leung** won their first set against a strong second pairing but then Ringo suffered cramps in his legs and they lost the next two sets. The B team had an easy first up win against CSSA, winning 8:1 but in their next match they struggled to put a side out and had to bring in a last minute substitution while reshuffling the pairings, which resulted in a 2:7 defeat.

The D team is off to a great start, with 2 wins out of 3, with a 6:3 win against IRC and a resounding 9:0 home win against AMC. The ladies B team had a 5:4 away win against HKJC in their first match while their second match will be played at a later date.



Men's B team in their new team kit

## Division 4 Ladies Win League

It has taken four years since winning Division Five and after a hard slog we have been crowned champions of Division Four. It was a close fought battle amongst HKFC, Palisades, LRC Orchids and Hong Lok Yuen with the top positions constantly changing in the final weeks of the season. We managed to come up aces in the end by a nail biting, narrow two point margin.

We look forward to the challenge of Division Three in October. We are sure that with the help of the ATA HKFC coaching team, and particularly with the guidance of our wonderful coach Toby, we will take the Division Three teams by storm!

Our team is captained by **Yolanda Sun**. The other players are **Darien Muh**, **Debbie Thompson**, **Esther Kong**, **Nydia Tsai**, **Paula Swallow**, **Shirley Hung** and **Thérèse Beresford**.



Division 4 ladies winning team

## Upcoming Events

Make a note for your diaries – more details will be available on the 3/F noticeboard and the website:

**Junior Championships – Sunday 29th May**

**Club Championships take place over the following weekends in May – 14th and 15th/ 21st and 22nd/28th and 29th**

**French Open Social – Saturday 4th June**

**Wimbledon Social – Saturday 25th June**

**Sunday Social Tennis**

A reminder that Sunday Social Tennis takes place every Sunday morning from 9am -12 noon. This social event is open to all Tennis Society members. Just come along with your racquet and you are set to go.

### Singles Ladders

If you are interested in competing in the men's or ladies singles ladders, information is on the 3/F notice board and on the website. For those presently on the ladder, it's time to get in there and make some challenges!!

Be sure to check out the Tennis Society website which is updated regularly with lots more photos from all of the recent events. [http://www.hkfc.com.hk/sports\\_sub.asp?cat=tennis](http://www.hkfc.com.hk/sports_sub.asp?cat=tennis)

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions for the Tennis Society, please email the following address: [tennisociety@gmail.com](mailto:tennisociety@gmail.com)

# Golf News



**Andy Ho,**  
Golf Society Chairman

## 19th Hole with the Chairman

In celebrating the Club's 125th Anniversary, the Golf Society (GS) Committee is organising a **125th Anniversary Club Tournament** on **Saturday 11th June** at the KSC South and East Course, followed by dinner at the Club. There is a maximum of 80 spots, so please sign up early and refer to the GS website for more details.

As requested by popular demand, below is how we calculate handicap adjustments:

### HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS

Most of the GS events are Stableford handicap competitions, designed to give everyone an even chance of winning a prize. It sometimes happens that a player with a steadily improving game will have a reducing handicap, which lags current performance, or a handicap based on old games which do not reflect present ability. In these cases the player can have an unfair advantage over the other competitors.

Like many others, our Society has introduced measures which will reduce the chance of one player repeatedly winning prizes at the expense of fellow members, and thereby spreading the prizes more widely.

First, to win a net Stableford prize, the player must have an up-to-date HKGA handicap which includes at least one entry within six months of the event date. (That doesn't apply to prizes such as near pin, long drive, or gross score)

Secondly, the Committee has decided that any prizewinner with more than 36 Stableford points will have 0.5 per point over 36 deducted from the current index for their next three Society events. For example, a prizewinner with 41 points (five over 36) will have an adjustment of 2.5 subtracted

from the Handicap Index for their next three Club events. If a prizewinner wins again with say 38 points during their next three events, then the adjustment will be increased by another 1.0!

The adjustment does not affect the scores entered to the HKGA for the monthly calculation of Handicap Index, nor does it apply to any non-Society events. If you score over 36 points but don't win a prize, there is no adjustment. The adjustment is about prizes, not handicaps.

## Golf Event at Kau Sai Chau South on Monday 16th May

15 players took part in the golf event held at the South Course of Kau Sai Chau on Monday 16th May. The first part of the game was played in good weather, but rain came halfway through and all the players had to put on their raincoats and hold umbrellas, which badly affected their results. Both **Allan Hay** and **Rebecca Wong** came back with 36 points in Stableford. After count back, Allan became the winner, and Rebecca came in second place. The third place was won by **Paul Cheng**.

Here are the results:

Ladies Longest Drive Award – **Anne Reincke**

Men's Longest Drive Award – **Christophe Baleyte**

Nearest-pin Award: **Rebecca Wong; Christophe Baleyte; Allan Hay; Anne Reincke.**



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Screen International called this movie "...a harrowing, richly human and well-acted espionage tale..." Variety said, "It's juicy, fascinating stuff, well orchestrated...and finely thesped... Carion keeps things simmering on medium-high heat throughout."



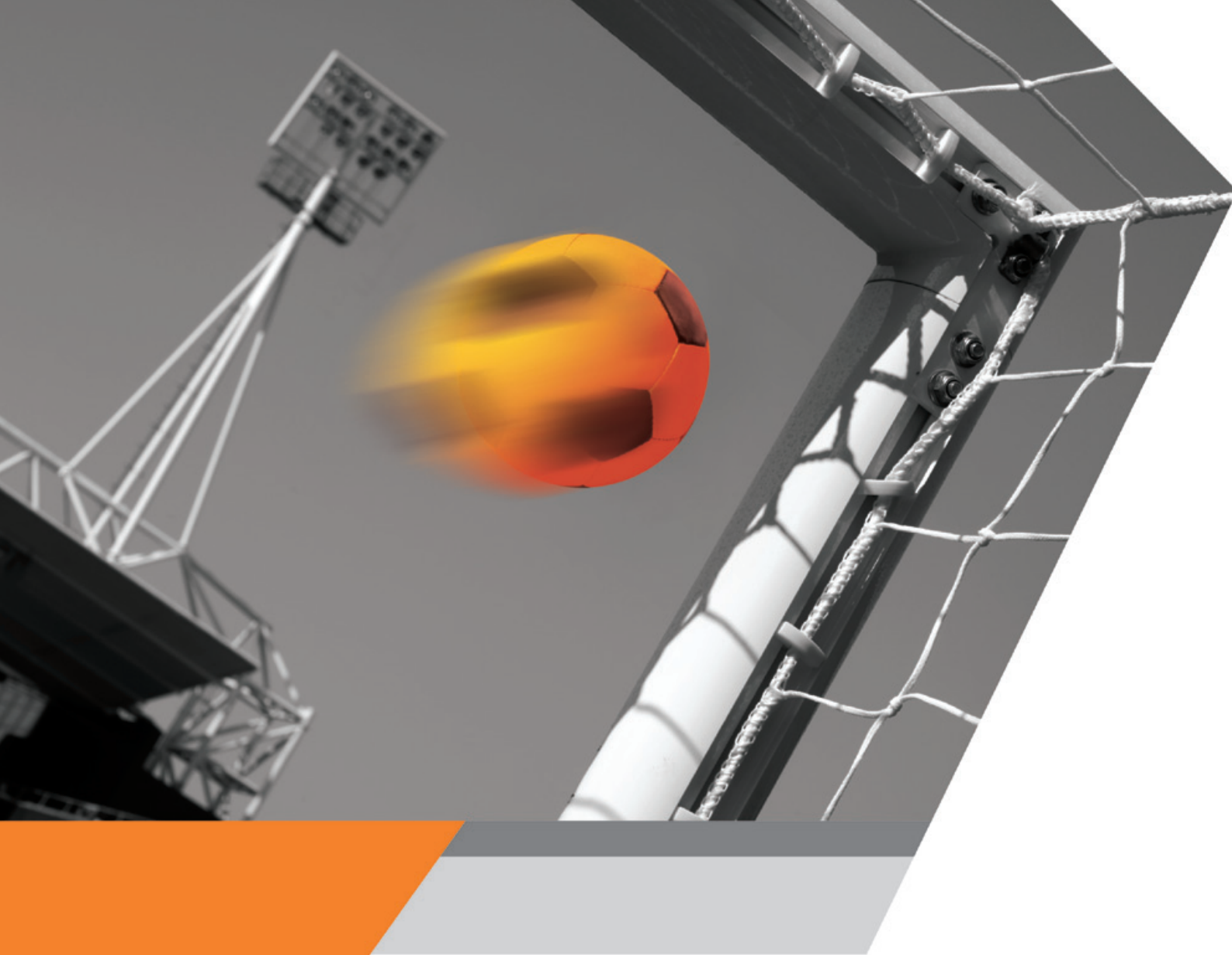
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