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The Thoughts of the Chairman



*John J. Shanahan,
Chairman*

Dear Members,

To those of you returning to Hong Kong in August after your respective summer breaks, welcome back to the hot and humid summer weather! You will all have received a letter from the Honorary Secretary about the defect rectification works on the Second Floor and inviting suggestions from you about improvements, and proposed changes to the Sauna/Steam Rooms in the Men's and Ladies Changing Rooms. We are happy to receive your suggestions and comments so that we can ensure that we are providing what you, the Membership, want.

A couple of points I have to make now that the summer break is coming to an end. First, with regard to the letter I sent to all Members about the review of Private Recreational Leases encouraging you all, plus family, friends and colleagues, to make submissions to both the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) as well as the Task Force on Land Supply. Several Members have suggested that we compile a pro-forma letter for Members to sign and send to HAB. We cannot do this as we have been advised that pro-forma submissions will be bundled together and treated as one submission by Government. So, for the sake of the future of the Club, can each of you, and your family, etc., please make an effort and send a submission to HAB at prl_consultation@hab.gov.hk (and complete the separate questionnaire from the Land Supply Task Force). You do not have to send a long letter; an email to the above address is sufficient to make your views known about the value of the Club to sports

development in Hong Kong and objecting to the imposition of a percentage of the Full Market Value of our site every fifteen years upon lease renewal.

Second, there is continuing abuse of the Secondary Carers Bye-laws. We have a clear policy on this and personal servants, such as domestic helpers, are not allowed to perform their duties on Club Premises except in limited circumstances, such as taking a child to an activity programme held in the Club when both parents are not on the premises. Secondary Carers are welcome when they are genuine guests, and not acting in their capacity as employees. The General Committee is well aware that some Members are abusing this rule by claiming a Secondary Carer is a "guest", when clearly that is not the case. When challenged by the Staff, who are simply enforcing the rules, some Members have been rude and combative, which has resulted in disciplinary action being taken against the Members involved. These incidents cause embarrassment to all concerned. I must make it clear that if some Members continue to abuse the rules on Secondary Carers, then we will consider amending the Bye-law to the effect that no Secondary Carers will be allowed into the Club. Such an action will affect bona-fide cases so we hope that Members will act with some responsibility on this issue.

*John J. Shanahan
Chairman*

Obituary

We were saddened to hear the news of the recent passing of Honorary Vice-President **Trevor Bedford**.
Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

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We were saddened to hear the news of the recent passing of longstanding Member **Sandra Pemberton**.
Our thoughts and prayers go to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

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We were saddened to hear the news of the recent passing of longstanding Member **Rachael Collins**.
Our thoughts and prayers go to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.



HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

Race Box

at the Happy Valley Race Course

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

Cost:

F&B Package: \$710 per head.
Admission badge: \$60 per head.

F&B arrangement:

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

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

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From the Desk of Mark Pawley



Mark Pawley,
General Manager

As ever, the weather recently has been a bit up and down with major days of sunshine followed by days of rain interspersed with Thunderstorm Warnings. Thankfully, to date, we haven't had anything above a Typhoon 3 Signal but have to assume we will likely not get away without having one at some stage in August! I mentioned it in the June magazine but a reminder to all to check on the Club's policy on Typhoon and Black Rainstorm Warnings which you can click on to on the front page of the Club's website at www.hkfc.com.hk.

Congratulations and a big well done to our Quarter 2 Star Award winners (pictured below) Chan Ming Tai from Housekeeping, Tang Hiu Ching, Heidi from Human Resources and Hui Yi Tim, Victoria from Food and Beverage (Coffee Shop). And, also well done to all those other Staff members who were nominated for the Star Award, but didn't quite make it this time round!

We have featured a relatively new reciprocal club on this page, the Edinburgh Sports Club which is a thriving racquets club just a "brisk" 5 minute walk from Princes Street and Edinburgh Castle. Recently two of the club's squash members played here at the Football Cub as part of the UK Jesters Squash Tour of Hong Kong 2018. If any members are looking to be in Edinburgh some time soon, then please do not forget to sort out your Introductory Letter from Club Reception before you leave Hong Kong and take a look at one of our reciprocal clubs.

With Food and Beverage we have all the monthly promotions set out on pages 8 to 16, but it's very much worth mentioning here the **Wines From Napa Dinner Evening on Friday 31st August**. It's sure to be a good night so please do book early.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

Mark Pawley,
General Manager

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Chan Ming Tai – Housekeeping



Tang Hiu Ching, Heidi – Human Resources



Hui Yi Tim, Victoria – F&B (CS)



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A meaningful day from the HKFC Staff Caring Committee: Dragon Boat Festival Treat

During the Dragon Boat Festival, how many rice dumplings did you eat? Or have you ever thought about how to make rice dumplings? To show how the Club cares, a group of fifteen volunteers Staff members from the Club spent a day on Tuesday 12th June at the Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong (ELCSS-HK), Communion Lutheran Elderly Health Centre, Kwu Tung to work with the elderly to prepare rice dumplings for the Dragon Boat Festival. Rice dumplings are a traditional food served at the festival every year.

In the early 1950's, a number of teachers and students from Hubei Lutheran Theological Seminary implemented missionary work in Sheung Shui. In 1955, the Lutheran Church was donated to the Kwu Tung Dills Corner (Centre address) to establish the Living Water Lutheran Church. In 2003, the Living Water Lutheran Church was combined with the Choi Yuen Lutheran Church, and then was named



the Communion Lutheran Church. During 60 years of missionary work, the church found that there were many unattended elders who were either living alone or lacking family support in Kwu Tung. Thus, the church worked with the Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service to establish Communion Lutheran Elderly Health Centre in 2015, subsequently became the first elderly centre in Kwu Tung.

The objectives of this centre mainly serve the elderly living in Kwu Tung in three ways, they being Gospel, Green and Health. Essentially the themes are to fulfil the elderly's physical, mental and spiritual needs.

The coach departed from the Club to Kwu Tung at 9.30am and arrived at 10.30am. The social workers of Communion Lutheran Elderly Health Centre first showed the volunteers around the centre so that they were familiar with the environment and understood how the elderly learnt and shared their time in the establishment. With an ice-breaking activity and a bit of socialising, everyone was delighted to see how the volunteers and the elders were brought together. Everyone was then split into four groups to make rice dumplings.

Before making the rice dumplings, some of the ingredients had to be prepared on the night before, such as washing, soaking and boiling the bamboo leaves. This is a long process. Many thanks to social worker Miss Christy and her colleagues, along with the elderly from the centre, undertaking for the preparation work. The main ingredient of rice dumplings is glutinous rice, and for the stuffing, meat, vegetable, chestnut, egg, mushroom and

** Poon Choi is a Cantonese cuisine served in large wooden or metal basins. The ingredient such as pork, chicken, duck, prawn, dried mushroom, dried oyster, fishballs, squid, pigskin and Chinese white radish.*



yellow bean are often used. Using the bamboo leaves to wrap the ingredients into a rice dumpling was quite a challenge, especially for the volunteers. Being fans of cooking, some volunteers were very quick at mastering the techniques. Everyone worked closely with one another and made nice-looking and delicious rice dumplings.

After working together to make around 100 rice dumplings, the volunteers and the elderly enjoyed eating the Poon Choi* lunch. When the lunch was finished, the volunteers visited the elderly residents and handed out some special gifts.

It was a great experience for the volunteers. The elderly were able to feel themselves as being part of a team, whilst sharing the skills and interacting with the volunteers who had just as much fun! Many thanks to all those who volunteered their time. ■

For more information on ELCSS-HK, Communion Lutheran Elderly Health Centre, Kwu Tung, please visit their website at: http://service.elchk.org.hk/eng/unit_service3.php?center=84

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Last F&B order: 9.30pm

Tel: 2830 9562

LOUNGE BAR

Daily: 11am - Midnight

Last food order:
Daily 10pm

Last beverage order:
Daily 11.30pm

Tel: 2830 9560

CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Daily: Noon - Midnight

LUNCH

Mon - Sat: Noon - 3pm

Lunch last food order:
Mon - Sat: 2.30pm

DINNER

Last food order: Daily 10pm

Last beverage order: Daily 11.30pm

Tel: 2830 9559

COFFEE SHOP

Daily: 7.30am - 10.30pm
Last F&B order: Daily 10pm

Tel: 2830 9569

HAPPY VALLEY SUITES 1 & 2

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sun: 11.30am - 3pm (*Last arrival 2pm*)
Last beverage order: 2.30pm

Tel: 2830 9559

SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Mon - Thu: 5pm - 12 midnight

Fri: 5pm - 1am

Sat: 11am - 1am

Sun and PH: 11am - 12 midnight

Last food order: Daily 10.45pm

Last beverage order:
Mon - Thu, Sun: 12 midnight
Fri and Sat: 1am

Tel: 2830 9531

FAMILY LOUNGE BAR

Mon - Fri: 11am - 10pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 9am - 9.30pm

Last food order:
Mon - Fri: 9.30pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 9pm

Last beverage order:
Mon - Fri: 9.30pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 9pm

Tel: 2837 2663

CAPTAIN'S BAR

Mon - Fri: 8am - 11pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 8am - 10pm

Last food order:
Mon - Fri: 10.30pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 9.30pm

Last beverage order:
Mon - Fri: 10.30pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 9.30pm

Tel: 2837 2622

POOL BAR

Mon - Fri: 11am - 6.30pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 8am - 6.30pm

Last food order:
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LUNCH AT THE CLUB

THE RESTAURANT

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Semi Lunch Buffet

2 Courses: 190
3 Courses: 215

THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Saturday, Sunday and
Public Holiday
from 11am to 2.30pm

A la Carte

THE CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm

"Carvery" Set Lunch

2 Courses: 138
3 Courses: 165

THE COFFEE SHOP

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm

Light Lunch Buffet

148 per Adult
74 per Child (age 8 - 11)
50 per Child (age 4 - 7)

Saturday, Sunday and
Public Holiday
from Noon to 2.30pm

International Lunch Buffet

180 per Adult
90 per Child (age 8 - 11)
58 per Child (age 4 - 7)

DINNER AT THE CLUB

THE RESTAURANT

Monday to Saturday
from 7pm to 10pm

A la Carte

Menu Price

Sunday
from 5.30pm to 9.30pm

Pizza and Pasta Night

288 per Adult Member
328 per Adult non-Member
144 per Child Member (age 4-11)
164 per Child non-Member (age 4-11)

THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Monday to Sunday and
Public Holiday

from 5pm to 10.45pm

Monday to Thursday -

A la Carte

Friday -

A la Carte and Salad Bar

Saturday, Sunday and

Public Holiday -

Weekend A la Carte and

Salad Bar

Menu Price

THE COFFEE SHOP

Monday to Thursday
from 6pm to 9.30pm

International Dinner Buffet

148 per Adult
74 per Child (age 8 - 11)
50 per Child (age 4 - 7)

Friday from 6pm to 9.30pm

Saturday, Sunday and
Public Holiday

from 5.30pm to 9.30pm

International Dinner Buffet

180 per Adult
90 per Child (age 8 - 11)
58 per Child (age 4 - 7)

THE CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Daily from 6pm to 10pm

A la Carte

Menu Price



IS YOUR CHILD'S COLLEGE PLAN IN PLACE? (What, When and How)

*At what age should students begin to prepare for higher education?
What are the important stages and deadlines?
When is it too late? When is it too early?
How does this differ by likely destination? USA, UK ++
How do schools manage this?
What about summer schools, college visits, test prep etc?*

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6.20pm to 7.30pm

\$60 per Member, \$80 per Member's Guest

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This is the first of a series of seminars designed to help families understand some of the challenges that face both students and parents on the transition from school to university. Some, like this, are general in nature and suitable for families with students from 10 upwards, while others will apply to students of 15 and above embarking upon this journey and may be specific to one destination or field of study.

Each seminar will be delivered by Martin Campion of Campion College Consultancy.

Other Seminars to follow:

- Paying for College
- Higher Education in the USA - 101
- Oxbridge – Why, What and How
- UK – Home Fee Status
- What About Hong Kong?



THE SPEAKER



Martin Campion, Founder and Senior Advisor of Campion College Consultancy

Before starting his own consultancy less than a year ago, Martin was head of Head of Careers and Higher Education at South Island School and for the last 20 years, advised hundreds of students and their families on this transition. For approximately 10 of those 20 years, he also chaired the English Schools Foundation Higher Education Counsellors' Group. He is the only university counsellor in Hong Kong to receive the Council of International Schools annual award to one college counsellor worldwide. In 2016, he also received the Yale Educator Award. Although he has an English accent and his own three children attended UK universities, his experience of N. American Higher Education is deep, with numerous conferences and visits to 148 campuses to date. At the same time, he has advised and supported applications to the UK (including Oxbridge guidance), Hong Kong, Australia and elsewhere for many hundreds of senior students.

Families can count on the fact that he has 'been there' as a parent and that he understands the secondary school context of their children.



INTERNATIONAL "SUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET"

In the Happy Valley Suites and the Chairman's Bar
every Sunday from 11.30am to 3pm

The Club's family friendly Sunday Brunch in the Happy Valley Suites and the Chairman's Bar welcomes Members and their Guests.

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**Monday to Friday
from 12noon to 2.30pm**
Daily Soup or Caesar Salad

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Dessert of the Day or Fruit Platter
2 Course: 138 / 3 Course: 165

Wines From **N A P A**



Cocktail

Crocchette di Patate, Uovo e Prosciutto, Peperone Marinato
Potato Croquettes, Egg and Parma Ham, Marinated Bell Pepper

Stags' Leap Winery - Napa Valley Chardonnay 2016

Antipasto/Appetizer

Carpaccio di Pesce Spada Affumicato con Crema di Zucca e Composta di Funghi
Carpaccio of Smoked Swordfish with Pumpkin Cream and Mushroom Compote

Beringer Luminus Chardonnay 2015

Primo Piatto/First Dish

Gnocchi di Grano Tostato con Ragù di Salsiccia e Ricotta Dura di Capra
Handmade Toasted Wheat Gnocchi with
Italian Sausage Ragout and Aged Goat Milk Ricotta

Etude Carneros Pinot Noir 2015

Piatto Principale/Main Course

Osso Buco Brasato nel Vino Rosso, con Crema di Patate e Funghi
Braised Osso Buco in Red Wine, with Creamy Mashed Potato and Mushroom

Beaulieu Vineyard Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon 2014
Beringer Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

Piatto di Formaggi/Cheese Plate

Montebore, Provolone, Parmigiano 24 Mesì
Montebore Cheese, Aged Provolone, 24 Months Parmigiano Reggiano

Stags' Leap Winery Petite Sirah 2015

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HKFC Squash Tour Down Under: Melbourne Tour

The HKFC and Kooyong teams after a fantastic evening of squash

The HKFC squash team went slightly further afield for the annual end of season tour with a trip to Melbourne which is one of the true world sporting cities and has strong squash links with Hong Kong. A solid squad of twelve was put together to play or spectate while down under for a packed itinerary of squash, sports and apres squash.

No tour would be complete without having some booking issues and so before the tour had officially begun on the Friday, **Phil Head** and **Carmen Lee** had mixed the dates up and had booked the hotel and flights for two weeks after the tour was to return back to HK. Amazingly everyone did get there in one form or other by the first game on Friday evening vs Kooyong.

Day 1: HKFC vs Kooyong

The Kooyong club is a sight to behold and was once the venue of the Australian Tennis Open, with some amazing tennis and squash memorabilia on the walls and legends of both sports being on the honours board including squash's ex-world number one **Sarah Fitzgerald**.

With **Lynley Soloman** who was a member of the Club and now resides in Melbourne playing for the HKFC team everyone was very fresh and wanted to get as much squash in as possible. The first few matches were played and then to get extra court time three to five King of the court games were played which had some excellent squash especially with some of the younger Kooyong players who are ranked very highly overall or for their age range in Australia. This included the under 12s Australia champion who played **Barry McAlinden** who being nearly four times older would get his first but not last taste of playing someone significantly younger on the courts. With some great food after the games the team then went to see the sights of Melbourne for the first time at various venues until the early hours of the morning.

Day 2: HKFC vs MCC

The following day HKFC played MCC with the HKFC players slightly less fresh than in the previous day's squash it was going to be a difficult match to come through. With some very good match ups all the way through there was some excellent squash including tour organiser **Nick**



Dave Cross, Stuart Gates and Mike Zimmermann arrive at Kooyong



Carmen Lee in action

Stearn playing in a marathon match which he narrowly lost against a player who covered the court by doing the splits which was very eye watering to watch. HKFC won 6 games to 4. Post-game MCC hosted



The HKFC and Westerfolds teams pre squash



HKFC and MCC after a tough afternoon of squash



Dave Cross presenting a HKFC shield to Westerfolds Aussie squash star Rex Hedrick



The teams having refreshments post-game



Barry McAlinden on court

Rank	NAME	RESULT	TOTAL	NAME	RESULT	TOTAL
5	EMMA	1-3-33		EMILY	0-0-15	
4	BARRY	1-3-37	2-6-70	COURNEY	0-1-29	0-1-48
2	SONIA	1-3-42	3-9-112	CHARLES	0-1-28	0-2-72
5	DAVID	1-3-24	4-12-126	SCOTT	0-0-22	0-2-98
4	EMMER	0-1-33	4-12-179	KEVIN	1-2-41	1-5-135
2	NICK	0-2-53	4-15-272	BEN	1-3-59	2-8-122
4	DAVID?	1-3-47	5-12-297	ROB	0-1-37	2-9-229
5	ADRIAN	1-3-24	6-21-194	MATT	0-1-37	2-10-246
4	PAUL	0-1-36	6-22-347	MARK	1-3-40	5-15-306
2	MANUEL	0-0-23	6-22-372	C.T.	1-3-37	4-16-307

The very complicated scoreboard



A traditional Aussie BBQ

us at the club for snacks and refreshments and then later in the evening for a great meal on the waterfront in Melbourne. **Nathan L'Hullier** later in the night then showed that he is not just an excellent squash player but can also sleep in night clubs which is a very useful talent to have.

Day 3: HKFC vs Westerfolds

By now the touring team were struggling a bit with the fatigue from playing two games in a row (and not from the late nights). Again there was some very close match ups between the teams with HKFC coming through as close victors in many of the games. Westerfold's **Rex Hedrick** who recently returned from representing Australia in the Commonwealth games and courts director **Olivia Coles** then in true Australian fashion hosted us for a fantastic Aussie BBQ. Afterwards various other "sports" were played including beer pong which **Dave Cross** was surprisingly good at, table tennis which injured **Stuart Gates** who for the tour had been taking photos decided that his recently operated back would be fine for a boat race (without water).

After an amazing afternoon of activities Melbourne night life was then

sampled again. By now the general theme seemed to apply most of the time including **Dave Champion** spending more time outside of the bars than in them. **Mike Zimmermann** even without having a hair dryer somehow being able to make his hair look like he has just walked out of a Vidal Sassoon advert and **Emma Duncombe** being able to stay out later than the majority of the team.

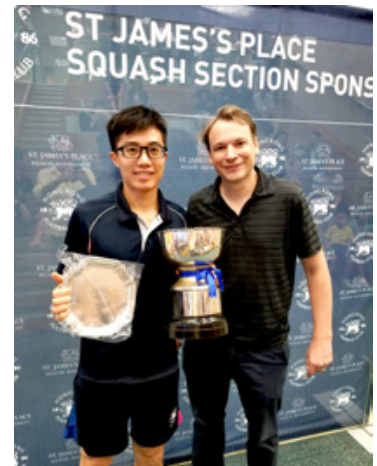
Day 4: Aussie Rules

The last day didn't have any squash but had the team being hosted at the MCG on the Queen's birthday bank holiday by the MCC to watch Aussies rules football. With 83k spectators the stadium was a sight to behold even if most of us were not quite sure of what was happening throughout. This gave Dave Cross the opportunity for him to have the last of his 8 pies for the tour before everyone went their separate ways.

The HKFC team were made very welcome by all the squash teams who were truly brilliant hosts. We are looking forward to hosting the teams back in HK but we will have a tough time beating their warmth and hospitality. Future tours are going to be very difficult to beat this one.

Squash Club Championship 2018

The finalists



Men's cup winner Ho Fai Chiu



Plate winner Ray Man



Masters Winner Keith Frith

After over six weeks of fantastic competition with close to 180 participants competing over five categories and ten titles, the 2018 Squash Club Championship finals were played at the end of June with the men's final between old foes **Ho Fai Chiu** and **Vincent Yu** and the ladies final between 8th time winner **Carmen Lee** and **Renee Wu**.

After some fantastic squash played in both games before a very appreciative crowd Ho Fai Chiu won 3-0 and Carmen Lee won by the same scoreline to win for the 9th time in a row.

On the same day there were many other finals

being played in a friendly, competitive manner. **Malcolm Kerr** last year's Men Masters winner this year lost 3-0 to Ray Man in the men's open plate. **Keith Frith** won the Men's masters Cup beating **Lincoln Chan** 3-1 and the ladies masters' winner was **Javy Wong** who beat **Emma Duncombe** 3-1. A full summary of results can be found in the below table. Congratulations to all finalists and winners for their excellent performances.

Many thanks go to **KK** and **Wilson** who did a fantastic job of organising the Club champs event and making sure it all ran smoothly.

Competition	Competitor A	Competitor B	Result	Winner
Men Open Cup Final	Ho Fai Chiu	Vincent Yu	3:0	Ho Fai Chiu
Men Open Plate Final	Ray Man	Malcolm Kerr	3:0	Ray Man
Men Open Bowl Final	Alex Barmont	Ajay Hazari	3-2	Alex Barmont
Men Masters Cup Final	Keith Frith	Lincoln Chan	3:1	Keith Frith
Men Masters Plate Final	Paul Ng	Edward Griffiths	3:1	Paul Ng
Men Super Masters Cup Final	Hugh Dyus	James Barrington	3-2	Hugh Dyus
Men Super Masters Plate Final	Lawrence Lee	Rob Jones	3:0	Lawrence Lee
Ladies Open Cup Final	Carmen Lee	Renee Wu	3:0	Carmen Lee
Ladies Open Plate Final	Alyssa Ho	Niki Chan	3:0	Alyssa Ho
Ladies Masters Cup Final	Emma Duncombe	Javy Wong	1:3	Javy Wong



The mens final



Plate final in action



The mens super masters final



The EOS squash party kicked off in the newly refurbished Happy Valley Suites – live band and some excellent food was to be enjoyed. There were awards for players who rose to the occasion during the busy squash season.

First up, was the ladies captain **Emma**, presenting awards to:

Team of the year: L1 winning the double. **Liu Tsz-Ling** winning 100 percent of her matches and ending up as #1 in the Ladies league.

'Tried hard' team of the year: L3C. Although they came bottom of their league, they attended team training every week, were notably sociable and had good turnout for every match, both playing and supporting

Player of the year: **Alex Toth** in L2B. New joiner for 2017-18, has played 89 percent of her games and been notably active on the social side too.

Convenor of the year: **Gail Wright** (L3C). Really drove and encouraged her team to being committed players and Section members.

On the men's side, Captain **Julian** presented the following:

Player of the year: **Alex Barmont**, 19 matches unbeaten playing a pivotal role in HKFC6 winning the double this season.

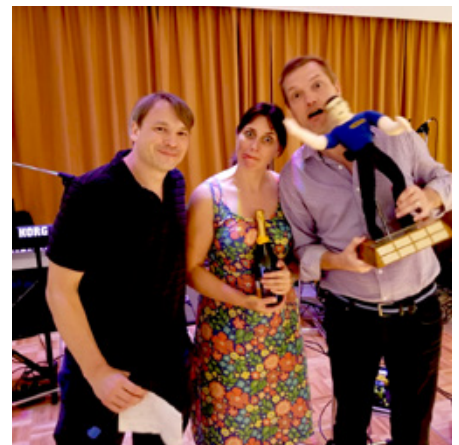
Team of the year: HKFC8B, winning the double with **Pieter Le Roux** and **Jeff Leung** both being unbeaten all season.

Convenor of the year: **Philip Ting** for leading HKFC8B to victory. Philip also led 8B to win the playoffs in the 2016-17 season, and led HKFC 9 to win the league in the 2015-16 season so three consecutive seasons of success.

Tim Fan aka The Ladder man, presented an award to **Julian Ragless** for the most ladder matches played throughout the year, Julian played/challenged a total of 67 matches – very impressive.

Finally, the superman award, this is presented to the player who played the most league matches in the season – helps if you play in both the masters and open leagues, this was won by **Stuart Gates** who played 22 matches in Division 9 and 19 matches in M2 for a total of 41 matches in the season, carrying both teams to the finals of the playoffs!

Was a great social evening to end an extremely busy league season and Club championships.



HKFC Junior Squash Programme

Registration for the 2018/2019 HKFC Junior Squash Programme is now open. Simply go to the Squash Section's website (www.hkfc squash.com), press on the Juniors tab and then click on the registration button. Main details of the programme are as follows:

- Dates:** The season will start on 8th September 2018, and end on 18th May 2019 with the Skills Awards (excluding public holidays and major events at the HKFC).
- Coaches:** **Matt Robinson** is our Head Coach and he is ably assisted by **Ms. Karen Lau**. We are actively looking for parents to help out, so please get in touch if interested.
- Cost:** HK\$2,100 for HKFC members;
HK\$2,400 for non-HKFC members.
- Equipment:** HKFC Junior Squash Programme T-shirt, racquets, goggles and balls will be provided free of charge. However, participants must wear non-marking sport shoes at all time when using the courts.

Age Group and Time Slots:

1. Beginners Group: 3:30pm—5pm on Sundays
2. Intermediate Group: 9:30am—11am on Saturdays
3. Advanced Group 2pm—3:30pm on Sundays



Ladder Movers of the Month

Section Ladder

- Arthur Wong 110
- Keith Frith 91
- Rob Jones 74



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John Kok



Wilson Chan

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Message from the Soccer Captain



*Robbie Bacon,
Soccer Section
Captain*

Hello everyone,

Last time around we summarised the 17/18 season of our hugely successful YYL sides, this edition will focus on our HKFA teams and some of the events we have hosted at the Club over the past few months.

It was the summertime and the weather was hot, when the 1st team truly stretched right up and touched the top as the 'Invincibles' completed an unbeaten season in the HKFA 1st Division to convincingly win the title. **Michael Hampshire's** early season form was enough for him to win the division's

golden boot with 26 goals. The Ladies team rounded off a successful season by reaching the Cup quarterfinal. Lucky Mile survived the new and restrictive local player ruling to survive in the HKFA 2nd Division, while we also congratulate the Vets side that won the Legal League Cup.

In May, we hosted the hottest Citibank Soccer Sevens in memory. Despite the blistering heat, the level of football on show was fantastic with Newcastle United taking home the title in the main competition and DBFC winning the vets competition. The Soccer Section thank all those who helped put on such a great event – **Chris Plowman, Tony Bratsanos, Tony Hamilton, Peter Hurst, Neil Jensen, Nam Nguyen**, and all volunteers, and HKFC Staff led by **Tony Sealy, Minos Law** and **Dominique Artigolle**.

The start of June was the time for the Soccer Section End of Season Party, organised by **Dane Francis** and **Seb Page**, while we also hosted a mini-masters tournament featuring legends such as Berbatov and Kanu. The end of June saw the seventeen-minute AGM pass

without incident and we thank the 17/18 committee for their hard work and welcome the 18/19 committee featuring two new members **Lyndsay Stewart** (Ladies Rep) and **Ian Killoughery** (Albion Rep), while a new committee position of Communications Officer was created and filled by **Ryan Woolford**.

When the sun goes down on a season it is often time to say goodbye to some much loved Section members, in no particular order we say goodbye, good luck and hopefully see you soon to **John Casey, Rudi Hollaender, Tom Shirley, Phil Shirley, David Watts, Oliver Laxton**, and **Rory Lonergan**. And with that all said and done we feature the HKFA team's end of season reports, photos and award winners from the End of Season party and Leavers matches photos.

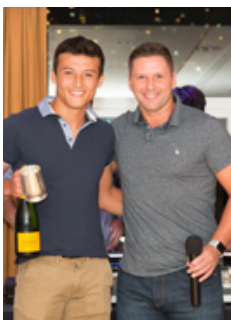
See you all for the start next season, all the best.

■ **Robbie**

Winners for Player of the Season

- First Team: **Bell Bell**
- Lucky Mile: **Sean Wu**
- Albion: **Richard Maton**
- Wanderers: **Joel Gasche**
- Colts: **Tim Chan**
- Legends: **Murphy Mok**
- Dynamics: **Alan Fraser**
- Gazelles: **Rudd Hollander**
- Rovers: **Tom Chignell**

- Other Awards:
- LM players player: **Shinn Kawasaki**
- Colts most improved: **Rafael Merkies** and **Liam Doyle**.
- Manager of the year: **Tony Hamilton**.



End of Season Report

HKFC First Team

The season is over, with the First Team racking up some incredible statistics on the way to the Championship. They remained unbeaten the whole season, only dropping 10 points (5 draws), scoring an astonishing 117 goals, conceding just 21 and winning 25 games out of a possible 30. 17 points clear of second placed Sha Tin, the First Team won the season with a total of 80 points. To put our dominance into context our goal difference was 5 less of the total of the first 6 teams below us.

With many squad players travelling each week, injuries, work commitments, squad rotations and so on, it is incredible to achieve an unbeaten season. Each and every player has contributed a huge amount of time and energy to training twice a week with games on the weekend. However, without the dedication of the coaching staff, **Tony Hamilton, John Casey, Steven Tucker, Tom Shirley** and **Ant Bosson** with his army of physiotherapists this feat would not have been achieved. We have a talented group of players, and with Tony and his staffs' guidance we achieved the improbable.

Some individual statistics include **Robbie Bacon** as the only goal keeper keeping a 100% clean sheet record, **Michael Hampshire** finishing top goal scorer in the league with an equal goal to game ratio and Tony Hamilton, John Casey and players **Albin, Antoine,**



Position	Team	Game	Win	Draw	Loss	Goal Gain	Goal Loss	Goal Diff	Point
1	Hong Kong Football Club	30	25	5	0	117	21	96	80
2	Sha Tin	30	19	6	5	66	32	34	63
3	Eastern District	30	17	6	7	61	51	10	57
4	Wing Yee Property	30	16	7	7	72	40	32	55
5	Sparta Rotterdam (Mutual)	30	15	7	8	59	39	20	52
6	Double Flower	30	15	3	12	67	53	14	48
7	Wong Tai Sin	30	14	5	11	67	55	12	47
8	Hoi King	30	12	6	12	42	44	-2	42
9	Resources Capital Football Club	30	12	5	13	56	59	-3	41
10	Citizen	30	11	7	12	63	65	-2	40
11	South China	30	10	8	12	51	48	3	38
12	Wan Tai Metro Gallery	30	10	5	15	41	72	-31	35
13	Glorysky Sun Hei	30	8	7	15	49	65	-16	31
14	Tung Sing	30	6	5	19	40	84	-44	23
15	Kwun Tong	30	3	7	20	25	60	-35	16
16	Wan Chai	30	1	3	26	19	107	-88	6

Tom Mc, extending their personal unbeaten run to 44 games; last beaten on 6th November 2016!

The team would like to personally thank John Casey and Tom Shirley for their efforts this year and we

wish them luck in their new adventures in Japan and England respectively.

Ladies

The HKFC Ladies had a strong season that laid the foundation for 2018-19. The beginning of 2017-18 saw many new players join the team, as well as a committed roster of returning players. Matched against some of the weaker teams in the first league play of the season, we were able to find our rhythm and come together as a team, notching three wins and a draw in our first four matches.

Our first real challenge came in early December when we met the dreaded HK Citizen team, however we held our heads after a 3-1 loss, a vast improvement over the double digit gutting of the previous year. This strong showing against one of the top teams in the league set us up well for the remainder of league play, with the end result a solid 6th place out of 13 teams.

Final league statistics were 6 wins, 2 draws, and 4 losses, 34 goals for and 16 against. This was a marked improvement over last year, particularly with goals for/against. We had great depth and diversity across our attack, with goals from a number of players, and our defensive line was impressive, battling hard every match to keep the opposition out of scoring position.

Player of the season was **Marissa O'Leary**, who covered many miles in the middle and front of the pitch, setting up plays, battling for balls, and notching several goals throughout the season.

The end of league play also saw the end of the tenure of some of our players, as not all were able to make the commitment to membership and sadly had to leave the team. Unfortunately



this also meant the departure of our coach, and with the loss of many of our attacking players we had to scramble for the cup round to make sure we had a full roster every game.

Our strong league finish put us against the top teams in the league for the first part of cup play. With the loss of many of our players, and the toll

of injuries throughout the season, we had several disappointing matches in cup play. However, we continued to grow together as a team and saw a lot of promising play despite our difficulties in getting on the scoring sheet. The smaller roster allowed some players who had little match time earlier in the season to come into their own and gain confidence on the pitch. We have just finished our season, with a heartbreaking loss 2-1 in the quarterfinal round of the cup, but we see a lot of promise for next year's side.

Overall, the team had a great season, with strong commitment from both new and returning players. We came together as a team and battled hard on the pitch.

Legends League Cup Champions



Lucky Mile

Following the successful season we had last year where we finished fourth, we entered the 2017/2018 season with high expectations. The Lucky Mile management of **Richard Le Gallez, Seb Page** and **Neil Picknell** recruited a number of new players to bolster the squad including **Sean Lui, Jim Wong, David Tse, Garret Choy, Jason Tse** and **David Lau**.

We started the season well with encouraging performances and ended up suffering only one loss in our first six matches. This was then followed by a series of mixed results mainly because we found it difficult to deliver consistent performances on game days. Despite our high expectations at the start of the

season, we found ourselves in seventh place before the Christmas break.

Though slightly discouraged by the results we worked hard on the training ground in order to try and collectively improve as a team. Unfortunately, following the Chinese New Year break our season took another disappointing turn where the team's effort and work rate that we put into training were not reflective of the results we were getting on game days.

By the end of March we found ourselves in a relegation battle with six other teams. This year's league format was changed whereby four teams were relegated instead of two. Thankfully, with a bit of luck and hard work the results came our way and we managed to narrowly avoid relegation. It certainly was a tough season with many ups and downs.

At the end of the season we all gathered together and made it a goal to collectively improve in all areas for the upcoming season.

A special thank you to the manager **Richard Le Gallez**, assistant manager **Seb Page**, coach **Neil Picknell** and captain **Magnus Leung** for the commitment and dedication they put in throughout the season.

LEAVER'S MATCHES



The Shirley's Leaving Testimonial

Tom and Phil Shirley have been at the Club for over fifteen years. Tom has been the 1st team's kit man for the last two seasons and will be missed. An entertaining game finished 4 - 4 with Tom slotting home the equaliser in the last few minutes.



Gary 'Zoltán Gergely' leaving match

Gary was with the 1st team for many years before joining Rangers in the Premier League in 17/18, he is now leaving Hong Kong on a new adventure and we wish him all the best.

Rudi Hollaender and David Watts Leaving Match

A Rovers and Club special saw two of Rover's stalwarts play out an eventful match with Freek Schipper scoring the goal of the game rifling home from 30 yards. **Rudi** is moving to South Africa, Cape Town and "Wattsie" back to the UK.



Rudi Hollaender



David Watts



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The end of yet another successful season for the HKFC Crusaders

On 28th May saw the HKFC Crusaders end of year party at the Club where the players, parents, carers and coaches unwound, swapped hugely exaggerated stories on who scored the best goal of the season (even some of the coaches tried to claim the title!), the end of season video was shown (at least twice), certificates of achievement were handed out to all players and stomachs were filled to the maximum and then filled further with 3rds and for some, 4ths!! As well as the usual banter and dancing - sometimes both at the same time!!

The previous week, the HKFC Crusaders tournament squad thrilled the crowds at the

HKFC International Sevens with an action packed display of silky skills and exhibitionism at their lunchtime exhibition match. Goals, fouls, dives, celebrations, disagreements, cheeky banter and challenge calls against the referees decision - the exhibition match had it all. The eventual score didn't matter — taking part did! And the standing ovation the crowd gave the HKFC Crusaders said it all!!

In the six weeks build up to the end of season, the HKFC Crusaders were also a focus of TV and media interest due to what they (The HKFC Crusaders) and the Club offer to players with disabilities and challenges. **Nigel R Merritt** and **James Penny** were both interviewed by



various media outlets during this period and you may have seen some of the articles in both the English and Chinese newspapers in Hong Kong and a couple of TV segments on local TV. The HKFC Crusaders reputation has grown due to what it does and can offer to these players, so much so, that due to the articles and TV segments, we already have seven extra players due to join the Crusaders ranks when the season kicks off again on 10th September.

Even during the closed season, Nigel is asked almost weekly (and we are only in June!!!), "when does the season start?" such is the enthusiasm shown by the HKFC Crusaders, and for the Crusaders players AND Nigel, September the 10th can't come around quick enough!!

■ **Nigel R Merritt, HKFC Crusaders - Head Coach.**

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Chappo's Chat

■ by **Jamie Chapman, Rugby Section Captain**

The old guard is gone, a new era begins!

It gives me great pleasure to write my first Rugby Section update and have the privilege of updating you all on the goings on around the Section throughout the season. We are all sad to see **Jimmy Richards** leave HK, he has been a great servant to the Section and the Club and lots of fun to be around in the Sporties (until he reached his two beer capacity). No doubt we will see Jimmy every other weekend as he continues chasing the Centurion badge. Farewell also to **Hone Patrick** who returns to NZ this Summer, another great legend within the Section over the years, good luck to you both.

The off-season has been far from quiet off the pitch and a real eye-opener seeing the amount of hard work and scurrying around that is done by the Committee and many others to ensure that everything falls into place for players come the start of pre-season, thank you. Special thanks also to the 2017/18 sponsors for their support and encouragement throughout the season.

As usual last season culminated in a number of well attended tours, a great chance to unwind after a tough season and get extremely loose; Vandals continued their theme of visiting rugby hotbeds, this year Kazakhstan was the venue, Bulls continued their annual pilgrimage to the Phuket 10s and this year the tournament also had the pleasure of welcoming both Fire and Ice, good showing all round from HKFC. There were whispers of a new unofficial 'East Admiralty XV' emerging in Phuket but no real evidence yet that they exist. At the time of writing the Hong Kong national team are getting ready to face the Cook Islands in their return fixture. Good luck to the team and especially those HKFC players involved, we are all hoping to see some more **Jamie Lauder** swan dives over the try line!

An exciting new development for the coming season is the arrival of the new head coach of the 1st XV, '**Anthony Mathison**'. Anthony boasts an impressive CV as both player and coach, having played for the Queensland Reds and Australia A and coaching National Rugby Championship teams in Australia including Queensland Country. There is some hope though, as I am told he has also done a coaching stint in Ireland! We look forward to welcoming Anthony to HKFC and making him feel at home in the 852.



Over the summer mixed touch has been thriving every Monday night, with eight teams turning out every week for 6 weeks. This is a great initiative and something that hopefully continues next summer. The 2018/19 season is shaping up to be a cracker, pre-season starts up on the 16th July, this year we actually have a pitch to train on. Looking forward to seeing everyone down at pre-season, getting amongst it and laying the foundations for trophy hunting.

Tour Talk from Phuket by **Rob Darling**...

The annual running with the Bulls to Phuket again welcomed more than 50 Section members on what was possibly the hottest tour in (short-term) memory. The 20th Aussie Bar Phuket International Rugby 10s saw the lads suffer a couple of early losses in the pool stages to Moorabbin Rams (25-12) and Gold Coast Barbarians (24-12) before the Singha kicked in fully and they put in an impressive performance against the Asian Japanese Dragons Gold, putting them to the samurai 31-0. Into the Bowl Semi they went, however it was a step too far as they were narrowly edged out by old friends, the Singapore Bucks 10-0.

The traditional after match festivities welcomed four virgins including (old) Club Captain **Bushy Richards**, (new) Club Captain **Jamie Chapman**, departing Hone Patrick, new Bulls fly-half **Niall Rowark** and... just old **Richard Rouse** to the delights of Bangla Road, and the tour management are pleased to confirm we did not require the three ambulances and one wheelchair needed on the same trip a year before.

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Ladies section update

Summer is the season for tours and holidays and the Women's Rugby section managed to combine the two in one and headed to Phuket to play in the ever-popular Phuket 10's tournament at the end of May. It was a large contingent from the ladies, itching to get their boots back on, that represented HKFC in the tournament against the strong sides Bangkok Bangers and Southern Belles.

Early downpours made it an unexpected wet start to the tournament with the pitch flooded as water reached above ankles. Our girls were completely soaked but spirits remained high as the teams took home a win in the first game of the day.

As the day continued, tour babies and tour virgins were identified, tour rules were set, and teammates created punishments for those who failed to follow. The real fun was about to start, as the girls prepared to party! Keeping in line with pop culture, all of us made a strong effort to dress up as heroes and villains from

the Marvel Universe. A dinner with the Thai opposition led us to a costume showdown, with our costume winner falling on **Caroline Lau** (aka Killmonger). Other awards went to **Iris Chan** being crowned the team's Best Tackler, **Micko Tong** with Best Try and Captain **Henrietta Wong** with Best Player and the rowdy night ended with a tour virgin dance battle.

On the final day of the tour many of the girls were exhausted from limited sleep but, in typical tour (and HKFC!) fashion, the show must go on and the girls were back on the pitch in the morning. The teams made it through to the Cup and Plate finals, with HKFC Ice being unbeaten in Day 2. Unfortunately luck was not on our side, as HKFC Fire fell to a strong performance by the S and HKFC Ice were just pipped to the post in the Grand Final by the Bangkok Bangers. Still, it was happy days all round and everyone returned home to Hong Kong happy, tired, wet, hungover, but safe in the knowledge that what goes on tour stays on tour!



HKFC to host mental health seminar



The stigma around mental health has long been a problem for those attempting to raise awareness of the issue and get the appropriate care and support to those in need. Old attitudes that issues such as depression and anxiety are best kept private have in the past hindered attempts to start a conversation around this very important topic.

But it seems that attitudes are finally changing, not least through the honesty of a growing number of figures in the public eye that have struggled with their own problems and decided to tell their stories.

The likes of **Stephen Fry** and **Prince Harry** are proving to be instrumental in getting the message across that poor mental health affects a wide array of people across society and, with professional help, can be effectively treated. The challenge of getting people to view their mental health in the same way they would their physical health seems to be being met.

In Hong Kong, strides are now being made to address what is widely recognised as a

shortage of mental health professionals and a lack of awareness amongst the general public on the dangers of poor mental health. The establishment and growth of the Hong Kong branch of the mental health charity, Mind, is a huge step in the right direction, pulling together industry professionals, government officials and volunteers from various community groups to reach the people that need help.

On 13th August, Hong Kong Football Club will host an awareness session provided by Mind HK for representatives of sections within the Club and also the wider sporting community in Hong Kong. The session aims to equip those that coordinate clubs and societies with the tools to begin their own pastoral care programmes and help to raise awareness of mental health amongst their membership.

Alongside representatives from Mind HK will be members of the Club Rugby Section's pastoral care committee. The Rugby Section formed its committee last year and has been working closely with Mind HK to implement

a modern programme of pastoral care that involves both awareness and the training of several mental health first aiders up and down the section. Mind HK has already provided one well-attended awareness session for the Rugby Section.

The members of the Rugby Section pastoral care committee will be on hand to answer any questions about their programme and are happy to meet outside of the upcoming session to discuss the needs of any attendees.

The mental health awareness session takes place on Monday 13th August from 7.30pm to 9pm in Happy Valley Suite 1 on Level 2 of the Club.

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Veni, vidi, vici . . . and Aberdeen Dolphins

The season is over. In May we had the Club's first tour to the TRC Junior Cup Tournament, U6 to U10 participating, with the U11's playing a number of "friendlies" around that tournament (hosted by Centaurs).

And it was a very successful weekend for the Club, as you should read below. In summary:

U6	Cup Champions and Bowl Runners Up
U7	Plate Champions
U8	Cup Champions and Bowl Runners Up
U9	Plate and Bowl Winners.
U10	Cup Runners Up

With the U11s acquitting themselves very well against Centaurs, Spartans, and SCC, and ending up playing fifteen aside for the final match.

So a good haul of silverware is making its way to the Club's display cabinets, once (no doubt) they've done the rounds of "show'n'tell" at schools.

Adapting **Julius Caesar's** observation: "we came; we saw; we conquered"!

The same weekend, those who could not make the journey to Singapore participated in the Aberdeen Dolphins Festival.

Registration for the new season is now open @ <http://www.hkfcyouthrugby.com/index.html> in mid-June.

Enjoy the summer break and please keep our athletes fit and ready for the new season.

Best

■ **Denis Brock, Chairman, HKFC Mini-Rugby**

Taipan Tournament

U12 Boys

The Taipan Tournament for the U12s was a three-way competition between Discovery Bay, Valley and HKFC. There had been some tremendous battles between the three sides throughout the season and the Taipan tournament proved to be another such example. We played Valley first and, as usual, there were some bullocking runs and crushing hits going in from both sides. Unfortunately, an interception try from Valley was the difference and we ended up losing the game 2-3. This meant that it would all come down to the match against Discovery Bay. The boys knew that only a victory would do and played superbly well to go a try up in the first half. A few chances also went by the wayside and we could have had another couple of tries but for the closest of decisions. With a few minutes to go, we started playing a kicking game, forcing DB to turn and pressurising them on their line. Tactically, we did everything right but a spate of injuries and the odd missed tackle allowed DB back into the game and they eventually went on to win this game and subsequently the tournament. DB were the deserved victors, but the FC team can really hold their heads up high. Their final match showed outstanding character and an incredible team spirit. They are a team who will always give it their all and their dedication to each other has been wonderful to watch this season. I wish them the very best of luck in the future, as they move up to the Colts section.

■ **Barney Durrant**



U10G

U10 Girls

In the final tournament of the season, the HKFC U10G was up against their rivals, HKU Sandy Bay and Sai Kung Stingrays. FC started the first match of the day against the HKU. With two full squads, it was a monumental battle between two strong clubs, on a large 1/2 pitch. FC had strong attack runners, led by **Sophie Aranha** and **Lauren Lau**. Defence was where FC really shined, with two exceptional goal line defences, preventing HKU from scoring tries twice. Strong defensive contribution made by **Alyssa Schoonmaker**, **Alyss Mok** on the wing, and **Mia Wing** in the middle. FC battled HKU to a 4-4 draw in the first match of the tournament.

Next up on the docket was SKS. With a smaller squad and a mix of U10G and U9G, SKS was handily dispatched by our FC girls with a 5-1 score. **Natasha Header** and **Vincy Chan** had standout performances in this match. Great skills from our scrum halves, **Ellie Cox** and **Claire Robertson**, helped to cement FC's win.

In the final, FC was up and raring to go once again against HKU. They brought a level of concentration and focus to the match unseen before. **Sophie Aranha** continued to lead the team and there was an excellent break-away run from **Saidhb Martin** as well as good defensive play by FC in particular from **Karina**



U10G

Farquhar and **Rachel Chan**. FC routed the girls from HKU with a 5-3 win, to bring home the Cup!

Throughout the tournament, there was a great sense of camaraderie and team spirit between the teams, with tough but friendly gameplay. Clubs actively supported each other with spare players and encouragement. The day truly embodied the spirit and ethos of rugby.

■ **Allen Schoonmaker**

Tanglin Rugby Club Junior Cup Tournament, Singapore

U11 Boys

Whilst the U11s were not able to participate in the formal TRC Cup event, we took a team to Singapore anyway, and arranged some round robin "friendlies" with some of the Singapore clubs, played at the adjacent Centaurs Rugby Club on the Saturday morning. We had twelve willing tourists (**Cooke, McSheaffrey, Thomson, Cook, Wood, Falso, Metson, O'Connor, Brock, Lam, Leung and Coleman**) and given the Singapore clubs wanted to play twelve a-side games on a full size pitch, in somewhat warm temperatures, these boys certainly had their work cut out. Fortunately



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U10 Spartans

Fourteen boys travelled to Singapore representing the Club in the U10 Spartans team. They were fit, well drilled and cohesive, my first accolade to the coaches in the U10s that spent all season training and did not join the tour. We had run extra sessions and the true joy of rugby, the mateship, was well exhibited by this team.

Our first game was against the Combined Valkyries an U11 and U10 all girls team. The girls lived up to the Norse legend whence their team name originated and gave us a good baptism of fire, however through the great defence of **Jack Barton, Lucas Beaudy, Liam Gordon** and attack form of **Gus Lyons** we walked away victorious 48-12.

The remainder of the day was contesting three other teams the SCC Leopards, won 65-0. The Tanglin Highlanders, won 53-0, the Singapore Dragons, won 67-0.

It was a great day of rugby for the Club and the boys giving them time to get really cohesive and enjoy their rugby. Moments of brilliance demonstrated by **Esteban Vossier, Liam Gordon, Zach Hull, Alex Dodd, Ruggero Mancini**, Gus Lyons and of course the tight five that performed exceptionally doing the grunt work passing the glory onto the try scorers, thanks for listening boys.

We ended the day scoring 233 points and having 12 points scored against us in 34 degrees, very impressive young lads.

Day two, we had two teams to play, the semi-final versus the Centaurs Archers and the final vs the Tanglin Hurricanes.

The Centaurs came out very strong, the rucking intensity was first class. The game was won on opportunity and pure pressure off the kick. The HKFC boys realised the game was going to be won on the wide and excellent passing from Gussy Lyons, Liam Gordon to **Oliver "Glue Hands" Phillips** saw us scoring two great tries off the wing. A late try by Esteban "Try hold onto a sea snake" Vossier sealed the deal.

The final versus the Tanglin Hurricanes started with the same intensity. A massive battle of the rucks in mud... An early try off a Tanglin wing from a boy that looked like he just passed his driver's licence started the game off. That was followed by a second try from Tanglin the pressure was building. Tanglin got one more on the wing. It was replied by an excellent run from a very solid **Alex Dodd** and try that put us in the game. The half was called and unfortunately the weather was turning. The second half started to heavy rain and occasional lightning. The game in this coaches opinion was beginning to turn as our boys found their feet in the conditions.

Unfortunately the game had to be called 4 mins into the second half due the lightning, we felt we had only half eaten our biscuit. 15-5 to Tanglin.

The Spartans' came runner up in the Cup, that's number two out of 18 SE Asian teams pretty much says it all. Thanks to the players, coaches, parents it's been an amazing season that all the U10s will build on. C you all next year.

■ **Tim Barton**

U10 Samurai's

Myself, along with **Ed Johnson**, had the honour of coaching the Samurai's team for the two day tournament. Fifteen young men made up the Samurai's team, all of them eager to represent the Club at the international minis tournament. For many of the lads (and parents) it was their first HKFC tour and everyone got stuck into the best touring traditions of playing hard, on the pitch and off it.

The standard of opposition was tough, with the Singapore sides being very well drilled and physical. We also had to contend with the unknown aspects of lineouts and contested scrummages, neither of which we play at U10 level in Hong Kong.

We played four tough games on Saturday and the early start against The Titans caught a few lads half asleep! We got going in the second half and managed to score a well worked try but ended up on the wrong side of the score line. But the boys stuck at it and heads never went down. Our second game was against the hosts from Tanglin Rugby Club. Standards dropped somewhat in this match and our poor tackling let us down but again, we managed to cross the try line and get on the scoreboard. Our third match against the Centaurs Buccaneers was by far the best performance of the day with the boys flying into the tackles and rucks with fantastic commitment. Ultimately we were beaten by a strong Centaurs side but the difference in attitude between the second and third games was huge. I was delighted to see how the boys responded to a poor game and despite the loss, they came off with smiles across their faces knowing they'd played a far better game. Our fourth and final game was against the team from KL and the lads notched their first 'W' with a good win. It was a great way to finish the day and 15 exhausted, sweaty and muddy young men (plus some emotionally-drained parents!) headed for the Swissotel Pool.

Our first game on Sunday was against the Combined Valkyries an U11 and U10 all girls team who had given our Spartans a good game the day before. The Samurai's played out of their skin and I have rarely seen a more committed display of tackling and rucking. The

Centaurs helped us out by lending us some reserves so our boys were able to get a bit of a break and they were quite handy too, particularly when we played against Centaurs! Our boys did very well, starting with a solid win over one of the Centaurs teams, and including a try that would not have been out of place at Twickenham in the Premiership Final, with superb continuity, ball recycling and handling as the move flowed up three-quarters of the (full-sized don't forget) pitch and finishing with the ball over the try line. A real pleasure to watch. We went on to get the better of Spartans and the other Centaurs team and came up just short against the very strong Singapore Cricket Club team, but purely because we dozed off and gave them a two try head start – tough to claw back in twelve minutes, although the lads tried their best and it ended 2-1. All in all a great experience for the tourists, playing on a full pitch in the heat and in a great spirit, which was extended to the coaches with a very welcome offer of a dip into an Esky of cold beer at the end of play! Thanks to **Thommo, Tony** and **Nick** for taking the lead on the day and to the parents (Paddy aside, as he wasn't there) for bringing the boys along. One last mention for **Craig** who won a deserved "Marvel Super Hero" award at the evening dinner due to him getting a little ticked off at a refereeing decision and channeling that anger, perfectly legally, as he turned green, gathered a pass and stormed through pretty much all of the opposing team to crash over the line! "Hulk, Hulk, Hulk, Hulk....!". Bring on the next tour.

■ **Simon Cooke**

Valkyries were bigger and stronger but the boys got stuck in and made them work extremely hard for their win. It was the best game the Samurais played by some distance and the ferocious commitment from our boys was a great reflection on the team. We had one final game in the competition which to be honest felt like a game too far for the Samurais. Having left nothing on the pitch against the Valkyries, they ran out of puff in the final game.

All the Samurais played their part in the tour, on and off the pitch and we scored in every game we played, a good achievement given the standard of the opposition. Trips like these are as much about the social aspect, experiencing different rugby teams, playing in different conditions and spending time with your team mates. The Samurai's represented themselves and the Club very well and it was a pleasure to coach them. We've got a great bunch of young men to take forward into the U11s and I look forward to next season. Huge thanks to all those involved in organising the teams for the tour, in particular **Jeremy Fearnley** and **Chris Hattam**.

■ **Dan Parr**

U9 Boys

As one would imagine Singapore put on a show that I think most could learn from. A great atmosphere with great directors and Festival managers staging a truly great weekend.

Arrival Friday, usual weather in Singapore Raining and raining hard.... what will the morning bring?

Good night's sleep after a short drink in the Bar.... truly not a long night as an early start for the boys.

Playing with line outs and scrums, with both 5 and 7 point tries, 20 min games (2 x 10 min with 3 min interval), all elements new to the two U9 Teams, the Leopards and the Tigers. A good breakfast had by all, packed and ready to go. Buses on time and well organised by **Travelux Eddie** and **Chris** in the back ground

doing his usual great stuff. Arrival smooth let's get started....

Oh, and we were not ready at all.... Both teams put up a great fight playing some very good rugby but just not there in the first games. A shock to the system but the boys took it well. Leopards lost the first game by 3 tries to 1 (19-7). A spirited attack in the second half saw them gain a valuable try which would all go towards the points, after the round Robin games.

Tigers went in the first match against the hot favourites the Centaurs and a great start saw them dominate the Ruck, and with 80% possession in the first 6 min you thought they would smash it. Unfortunately, we just could not get it over the line. A slight fumble and the Centaurs took advantage and slipped the first of 5 tries past the boys. Second half we rallied and managed a consolation try but the damage was done. Now this was not down to bad rugby it was more of the want to win and drive from the back. Score 27-5 loss.

Second games were up and after a few encouraging words and some more focus the Leopards went out again. Unfortunately, they lost 4-1 in tries (24-7). A great game and you could see the difference in the boys and the wanting to do better but against stiff opposition it was very difficult.

Tigers against the Dragons, oh did they want the win or not! Tigers won every ruck uncontested and gave a lot more than in the first game. A couple of very good moves gave them a 10-0 lead before the heavens opened and the lighting came. The game was called off and the result was given. The boys could have done more, and the game was a true reflection of what they could achieve.

There was no more rugby as the weather and the possibility of lightning was too strong. Sunday would be a long hard day in the field.

A very early start 7:15am at the pitchside and an 8am KO for the Leopards. OK here we go, and what a game. New set up due to catch up, 15 min games and no half time to get back on track

and they put in an amazing game. They held the TRC Hawks by 1-0 in tries (5-0). A gripping game where the boys truly put in a great performance to get in the right frame of mind.

Next the Tigers against the Cambodian team. Well what a game and a game where one side just held their game plan. The Cambodians drove from the back and never let the Tigers get out of their own half. Tigers having around 70% possession but could not get it out from the back line. A heavy soul reflecting loss, 3-0 in tries (17-0).

After a two hour wait, we were back on with the Semi Finals: Plate and Bowl.

Leopards playing the KL Tigers and with a little help from subs, the whole squad realised they could win something. Final Score 3-0 (19-0) and showed the boys they could do it. Some great driving from the back and winning the ball and wanting the game was what mattered here. Some brilliant rugby and a second win lifted the boys.

Tigers against the Saints. A truly different game and mentality after the crushing defeat saw some great play from the back, driving the Saints back all the time. Winning the rucks and creating space saw a crushing win, tries 5-0 (33-0). OK we are on and its game time for the U9. Possession was what it was about and a belief that they could play as a team. Driving from the back, digging deep in the rucks, winning the lineouts and scrums and holding the defensive line, not letting them get the ball down.... what a game changer.

Finals and each got here through hard work and passion, go get the Silver ware was the direction at all costs.

First up the Leopards against the TRC Hawks:

A truly great game and only one winner, Leopards. Wow, did they control this game, or not! From the start to the end they commanded the game and showed exactly what they could do. Emphatic win with a score line to show, 48-0 (tries 8-0) remembering 4 tries where supper tries are 7 point each.



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This just put the whole day into another level. One game to go to collect another piece of silver ware.

Tigers against KL Tigers.

Wow, a very tight game with some brilliant defending by the FC Tigers. Holding the ball up twice in the try zone denied the KL Tigers a try. FC Tigers then put the game out of reach with 3 tries scoring 15 points. Second half saw the KL Tigers come back and score 1 try but to no avail the FC Tigers held off a spirited attack and went on to win the Plate.

WHAT A DAY OF RUGBY, mixed emotions of a true squad working together to prove that they can do it. Two champions, Plate and the Bowl and well deserved. Till next year...

■ **Robin Zavou**

U8s

The under-8s travelled to Singapore with two teams. Having just finished the final season of touch rugby in Hong Kong the boys had to quickly learn the basics of tackling and rucking as under-8 rugby in Singapore is contact. Despite this disadvantage the training had gone well and we all travelled in good spirits

U8 Eagles

U8s Eagles showed great spirit improving in every game they played.

On Saturday they started slowly against a strong Singapore CC Lions. Over the remainder of the day's games they scored 5 tries. They had a narrow defeat to the Centaurs Wolverines and then were leading the Dragons at half time before being edged out in the second half. The team put up solid defence, kept trying to play rugby and always made it difficult for the opponent.

It was back to the pool at the hotel for the kids to have a team bonding session before the gala dinner at night.

On the Sunday the Hawks went into the Bowl, which was a round-robin tournament v Saints and Singapore CC Tigers. They continued their improvement from Saturday and the team bonding from Saturday afternoon and evening paid dividends. After a loss to SCC they won their final match in the round robin by 3 tries to 2 to finish runners up in the Bowl.

They had a squad of twelve who worked together with players rotating on and off for each match. On winning their final match, the three boys on the sidelines jumped from their chairs and sprinted on to the field to join their team mates in celebration.

Great fun, great spirit, great boys! Well done! Excellent performances from **Liam, Sammy, Harry, Peregrine, Owen, George, Kyle, Ethan, Edison, Caden, Michael** and **Iestyn**.

U8 Hawks

The Hawks started strongly on Saturday morning and won their first game against KL Tigers handily. Victories followed against the Tanglin Panthers and Singapore CC Tigers. The team were showing some strong, straight running, good offloading to team mates and some resolute tackles and defence. The only area of concern to the coaches was the rucking.

The last game of the day was against Centaurs Crocodiles and the Hawks were tiring after a very hot morning and three long games. The Centaurs put the Hawks under the first piece of sustained pressure in the day. The pressure was relieved through two breakaway tries, the first one coming from a great interception which left the Centaurs throwing their hats on the ground in despair!

Four wins out of four put the Hawks into the semi-finals of the Cup on Sunday versus the Singapore CC Lions. What followed was probably the best game the boys played in the tournament. Strong pressure and tackling on the defensive side aligned with some fantastic running, passing and some twinkle toes sidestepping from our left winger meant the Hawks ran out winners 57-0.

The final against Tanglin Leopards was a tense affair and the boys lost the first try, going behind for the first time all weekend. They responded quickly with a bonus point try to go in at halftime 7-5 up. The Hawks scored another try in the second half and it was back and forward with Tanglin pushing hard to recover the deficit. However a late breakaway try sealed the win and calmed the nerves on the sideline.

At full time the boys from the Eagles joined in the celebrations to mark a real team effort in line with the support all the boys gave each other during the weekend.

Excellent performances from **Zach, Toby, Shiv, Atticus, James, Henry, Anthony, Hadrian, Edward, Anton** and **Felix**.

■ **Paul McSheaffrey**

U7

After three weeks of dedicated, 'tournament' training, the HKFC U7 Sharks and Dragons descended on the Tanglin tournament ready to measure ourselves against the biggest clubs from Singapore and Malaysia.

Day 1 (Saturday) was a day of contrast for our two squads – the Sharks perhaps had it too easy with two comfortable wins, while the Dragons had the opposite experience and a steeper learning curve. So when "lightning" struck half-way through the day, we were left with mixed feelings to take to our tour dinner and the 'ice cream' race (which followed a rousing rendition of 'Happy Birthday' for **Iola Cairns**). Notable performances on Day 1 led to the following awards: **Rob Ramsey** (Best N Fairest) and **Ryan Chew** (Sportmanship) for Dragons; and **Thomas Wood** (Best N Fairest) and **Archie England** (Sportmanship) for Sharks.

Day 2 (Sunday) was a packed day as the organisers squeezed the outstanding games from 'lightning affected' day 1 in to the Sunday. The Sharks played two great pool games, beating Centaurs, and narrowly missing out



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to the eventual winners, the Dragons from Singapore. The semi-final and final of the plate allowed all our Sharks players a chance to show how much they had learnt and progressed. Congratulation to all the Sharks on winning the plate, and just the one defeat all weekend. The Dragons saved their best 'til last enjoying a convincing victory in the Bowl final on their very last game. Well done to the Dragons for persevering in the heat and rain, and never giving up in very difficult circumstances.

Thank you to all children, parents and coaches for being a part of the tour (and to the committee for organizing). Special thanks to **Mark England** for managing the Dragons – and for wearing the biggest smile in Singapore after the Dragons' Bowl victory!

We are looking forward to next year already!!!

■ **Duncan Grewcock**

U6

Following in the wake of their triumph in March at the MGM Macau Bats Tournament in Macau, two teams of U6 athletes headed off to Singapore to participate in the TRC Junior Cup.

The teams (carefully selected by U6 Head Coach, **Mark Tsui**) comprised:

Team Bulls: Alan Bishop, Liam Booth, George Brock, Armand Leconte, Lachlan



U6

McGowan, Ayman Pinchon, Max Randall, and Declan Tsui.

Team rams: Jacob Chan, Damien Chew, Odhran Hogan, Millie Hutchinson, Nicholas Kenyon-Edwards, Archie Leleu, Balthazar Leleu (playing up from U5), and Peter Wood (playing up from U5),

So two teams of eight expecting to play six aside with a couple of finishers. We learnt that there had been a rule change: eight aside. So no finishers! Was this a dastardly plot to prevent the rampant U6s claiming their second tournament cup?

First up were the Rams, and despite a mighty effort lost 4-2 to Centaurs. The Bulls then took to the pitch and had a nervy start against SCC. However, composure kicked in and they prevailed: 2-1.

The rest of Saturday's group games were challenging and a great deal of fun: Bulls won every one of their four matches and headed Pool A. Rams had less success, drawing two matches and losing two matches and so took the "wooden spoon" in Pool B.

The Cup games on Sunday were tense. Bulls won their Cup semi-final against hosts TRC, 5-3. So to the Final against Dragons: 2-1 and U6 hoisted a Tournament Cup once again.

The Rams won their Bowl semi-final against



U6

Titans but lost in the Final to Centaurs, and so won the Bowl Runners Up Cup.

Medals having been presented the boys belted out, once again a terrible rendition of Queen's anthem: "We Are The Champions". And kept doing so on the coach back to the hotel. As your correspondent wrote before, U6 play better rugby than sing

Thanks to our on pitch coaches of **Daniel** "Do you want to win?" **Booth, Chris** "run forward" **Kenyon-Edwards, Jerome** "I played at Stade de France" **Leleu, Andy** "Lordy it's hot" **Randall, Mark** "I'll do this" **Tsui**, and **James** "have I missed the bus?" **Wood**, who guided U6 to their second tournament Cup.

■ **Denis Brock**



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Aberdeen Dolphins

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This was a tournament after formal training had ended. A squad of nine young players who showed up had to play for both teams that we had entered. It was a beautiful but scorchingly hot day. The boys had tons of fun scoring tries in some games, and struggled in others. We even teamed up with some Valley players in one game. All in all, a great finish to the season for these dedicated kids.

■ **Kam Fung**



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Men's Hockey – End of Season Reports

A Team (4th in Premier Division A; 2016/17: 2nd)

- **Captain:** Ben Sharples
- **MVP:** Michael Gee
- **Top goal scorer:** Arif Ali

The season was one of missed opportunities and simple errors that cost us a genuine shot at breaking the title drought. Never outplayed, we showed glimpses of domination but never enough to capitalise, shut out sides and lock down games for the win. While we slipped to a disappointing 4th this season, the player list is promising and puts us in a good position to challenge for titles in years ahead. The team welcomed **Dev Dillion** and **Farman Ali**, adding strength and experience across the pitch, while youngster **Phillip Boettger** continued his growth towards becoming one of the premier players of the competition. Highlights include an after siren win against Khalsa at Kings Park during the first round and a Guru Nanak Cup win at the end of 2017. Injuries took their toll on the defensive stocks, but players such as **Patrick Milburn** stepped up to fill the gap. Sadly, we say farewell to our English contingent at the conclusion of the season with Mike 'Club Legend' Gee returning home after a two-year stint at the Club and Wild **Willy Holderness** departing following his year on the Blue Pitch. They will be sorely missed; their professionalism and willingness to embrace every social aspect Hong Kong has to offer was a welcome injection of enthusiasm.

B Team (4th in Premier Division B, 9th overall; 2016/17: 3rd in Premier Division B, 8th overall)

- **Captain:** James Hills-Ingyon
- **MVP:** Justin Lau
- **Top goal scorer:** James Byers

It was another great year for the B's out there on the smurf turf, maybe not reflected in the results (we finished just above relegation) or when considering our multiple injuries (I counted six surgeries alone), but for our continued contribution to the A's squad with the likes of; **Michael 'Jr' Heavan**, **Windfall Monthong** and **Patrick Milburn**. Our development of the young whippersnappers helped them continue on their path to the A's and to the HK National team; Justin Lau (GK, HK and our Players 'Man of the Season'), **Michael Sheperdson** (HK), **Gwen Laot** (HK), **Hon Lo**, **Justin Mak** (HK), **Osama** and **Samuel Pijpers**, and to top it all off we had a few lovely title upsets beating Pak A and HKCC throughout. I'd like to thank **James Fearnside** (VC) and the wider B's stalwart management team for their support

while I extended the bloodline and as always look forward to our post season video analysis session/s (in the Sportsman's Bar and at the EOS Ball)! RIP and special mention to those that migrated back to a form of normality in; **David Pratt** (UK), **Alex Simmonds** (UK), **Hon Lo** (Shanghai), **James Callaway** (UK), **James Byers** (Uphill) and old faithful **Ravi Dillon** (HK). May their paths cross through HKFC again soon! See the rest of you at the pool until we return again in September to do it all again.

C Team (2nd in First Division; 2016/17: 2nd)

- **Captain:** Brad Munt
- **MVP:** Chris Page
- **Top goal scorer:** Joe Donald

Strong post-Christmas (unbeaten at the time of writing) form has seen the Men's C Team consolidate second place in Division 1, with the highlights being a win over the previously unbeaten SSSC and revenge wins over Valley and KCC. The feature of the second half of the round has been the ability for a number of players to step up and create an environment where, regardless of illness, injury or holidays, every team we have put out has been strong.

We are now left to rue the dropped points earlier in the season which will mean catching SSSC at the top of the league unlikely. With second place sewn up, focus will now move to the cup competition where we hope to go one step further than last year and gain some silverware.

D Team (6th in First Division; 2016/17: 1st in First Division B, 7th Overall)

- **Captain:** Gwen Laot/David Evans
- **MVP:** David Evans
- **Top goal scorer:** Sam Pijpers

Like the previous season, the Ds consisted of a well balanced mix of youth and 'experienced' players, with the addition of debutants **Loughlin Davidson**, **Findlay Mayo**, **Kit Studholme-Wilson** and **Dicky Lau** adding yet another chapter to the 'Colts' development. At the end of last season **Justin Mak**, **Justin Lau** and **Michael Shepherdson** earned promotion into the premier division B Team squad. They were then joined mid-way through this season by Sam Pijpers and Gwen Laot.

This year there were more spectacular highs and disappointing lows. The first half of the league competition began a bit slowly with a disappointing 2-1 loss to Aquila A and a narrow 3-2 loss to the C's. However, the D's rallied with an excellent 2-1 victory over Valley B and then embarked on a solid run of undefeated fixtures. Highlights in the first half of the season included

strong wins against Rhino (9-0), NBC (5-0), and SSSC C (13-1). A key individual highlight was top scorer Sam Pijpers scoring 11 of his 16 goals for the season in consecutive weekends with 5 against KCC (5-3 win) and then 6 against SSSC C. Despite only playing half the season, Sam remained the Ds top goal scorer and finished 5th on the overall list for Division One.

At the Christmas break, both Sam and Captain Gwen Laot were deservedly rewarded for their efforts and promoted to the B team. It took a number of matches for the D's to regain their winning ways after their departure (and a few injuries and/or absences from within the senior ranks). However normal services resumed with an 8-0 win against Rhino A and a 5-1 win against KCC B before an unbeaten Cup run began (at time of writing). Overall the D's finished 6th in the League.

In the HKHA Cup the D's have won their first two matches convincingly to bring on a quarter-final game against the Cs and Round 3 of the 'Boulty Bowl', a new derby trophy accompanying every League or Cup fixture whereby the Cs and Ds play against each other. D's Captain, David 'Hulk' Evans, will be hoping to "avenge" the previous two losses and continue the D's run in the Cup also.

E Team (2nd in Second Division A; 2016/17: 2nd)

- **Captain:** Raj Mathur
- **MVP:** Alex Engel
- **Top goal scorer:** Jonny Brock

Another nail biting season for the E's, finishing 2nd with a 2 point difference.

All Guns Blazing is the only way to describe how the team played all season. With 7-1, 9-1 and 6-1 wins to end the year we comfortably got Jonny Brock to the top of the goal scoring table in 2nd Division, only to discover there isn't a golden stick trophy on offer. Jonny is already in active discussion with the association to rectify this going forward.

Throughout the season we had some highly entertaining matches including an Antlers side sporting a few Taiwan Internationals, a Dutch side (who eventually finished top) that in both matches we led but couldn't hold on for the full 70 minutes, and finally a very satisfying thumping of our nemesis from the prior season Punjab, with a combined scorecard of 13-1.

As we kick off another post-season recruiting drive we take a quick look back on this year's additions and what they brought to the team.

We were fortunate to have the services of two high quality German lads, Alex Engel and **Gustav Von Schiller** (GVS) who brought us youth, pace, enthusiasm and in Alex's case some very handy overhead skills out of the backline. This was particularly evident on the 'non-regulation size' KCC ground where he could comfortably lob the ball into the attacking circle from our defensive 16-yard line.

With the loss of **Jun** to Mongolia and our young guns to the D team, we recruited **Sim Archer-Perkins** and **Rob Wilkinson** from the so called 'higher' grades. They both agreed on the premise of getting their photos on the Club wall and whilst that will have to wait for next year, these two gentlemen added a touch of class on game day – made all the more impressive given their apparent aversion to training.

Looking forward to next season and another quest for gold.

F Team (7th in Third Division; 2015/16: 4th in Third Division A)

- **Captain: John Banks**
- **MVP: Gilson Chua**
- **Top goal scorer: Neil Galloway**

This season saw an influx of young/junior players for the Fs in the form of schoolboys, **Raphael Wong, Taha Boty, Long Him Lui** and **Kailan Sharpless** and a German import – **Philipp von Luettichau**, to play alongside the various old stagers and part timers from last season. The youngsters have improved massively during the season and whilst we'll be sad to lose them, we confidently expect that they will be stepping up one or two leagues next season. Hopefully we will get more to replace them next year.

The season was a mirror image of the last one with the first seven games yielding just 4 points. Whilst we didn't concede many goals, we just weren't scoring enough to win. That poor run was turned around with a five game run that gave us 3 wins, a draw and a loss in another close match against a high-placed side. Another short bad run saw only 1 point from three games, before we finished strongly with 5 wins and a draw from our last six games. We were hampered at times by injuries, work commitments and exam revision and this was reflected in the fact that we used more players than any other side, nearly 40, including four different keepers at times.

In a highly competitive league we have finished 7th (respectably mid-table), although if just a couple of games had gone our way earlier on we could have ended anywhere up to 4th, it was that tight. It is worth noting that the Fs only conceded 27 goals in the league season (9 of those to Valley C who won the league

League Standings and Stats: at a Glance

Div	Team	Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
PA	HKFC A	4th ▼	17	8	3	6	60	40	20	27
PB	HKFC B	4th ▼	17	4	3	10	31	53	-22	15
1st	HKFC C	2nd =	22	17	3	2	76	25	51	54
	HKFC D	6th ▲	22	9	5	8	65	39	26	32
2nd	HKFC E	2nd =	22	16	4	2	74	26	48	52
3rd	HKFC F	7th ▼	22	9	4	9	32	30	2	31
4th	HKFC G	3rd ▼	22	16	3	3	75	20	55	51
5th	HKFC H	4th ▲	5	1	0	4	7	11	-4	3

comfortably), so a huge effort from **Jeroen Touw** (and our back up keepers) and the defence, who managed nine clean sheets. Although we didn't score as many as we'd have liked, Neil Galloway is again leading the golden stick. Others have also contributed handily, including **Shep, Gordon Marsden** and **Erik Bernasco**. It's nice to have finished with a winning record of 9 wins, 4 draws and 8 losses and a +5 goal difference.

Our cup run continues into the quarter finals, having started with a close fought game against the Gs, who we held to a 2-2 draw (just) in normal time and only won on a penalty shootout.

G Team (3rd in Fourth Division; 2016/17: 4th)

- **Captain: Dan Billig**
- **MVP: Dan Martin**
- **Top goal scorer: Guy Higgins**

The G Team's slow start to the season, losing 3 out the first five games, ultimately prevented us from topping the league this year. Due to some early departures and a grace period for the new players to join and settle in, we didn't hit our stride until mid-October with a 2-0 win against Elite C. Since then, the mighty G's haven't lost a single game (in 70 minutes) and are currently enjoying an 18 game unbeaten streak. The ever reliable and skilful **Sam Turvey** pushed the team forward, linking up with Dan Martin, **Martin Harris** and **Russell Wilkinson** in midfield, where we would dominate teams for the majority of games. With Sam's departure, it took a whole team effort to ensure we continued to chase a top half finish to the season. This was very much the case, with wins against the Dutch 3-0 and Aquila C (eventual champions) 3-1 which will always stand out as the best team performances for me. With the second highest goals scored in the league and the third best defensive record, special mentions must go to **Neil Norman, Ashwin Padgaonkar, Geoff Wong** and Guy Higgins.

H Team (4th in Fifth Division Z; 2016/17: 2nd in Fifth Division B, 8th Overall)

- **Captain: Ralph Giulianotti**
- **MVP: Clive Miners**
- **Top goal scorer: Clive Miners**

The Mighty H's have had another entertaining season. With a record of 20 matches played, 3 wins and 3 draws seems a poor reward for a team that was competitive in every game and often only beaten by the odd goal.

The challenge was that we simply could not score! However that was solved after Xmas by goal machine Clive Miners dropping down from the major leagues to help his old mates out. What a difference Clive made, having the audacity to score a hat trick in his third game! The H's boasted probably the largest squad in the section however the walking wounded list was always high which made team selection consistency a challenge, with us losing two of our aging superstars to injury - **Chris Jones** and **Joel Chu** for much of the post-xmas season.

The defence, however, was usually manned by the same worthies with **Anthony Brophy** converting to a left back from left wing making a major impact with his trademark one handed style. **David Taylor** had a great season in goal and was assisted by **Geoff Riddle** returning to action in the second half of the season and putting in a notable performance in our first cup game where he forced the opposition to go to 9 Penalty shoot outs and got us the win!!

Our midfield always struggled in the second half, due to old legs, however our teenager sensations **Jamie Evans** and **Frasier Giulianotti** made a major difference and kept us moving forward, linking well with the front line and fellow midfielders, with **Patrick Watt** putting in some notable performances in the second half of the season.

There are many positives to take away from this season and with a fit squad and a sprinkle of more youth players next year, Division 5 domination can only be round the corner!!

Ladies Hockey – End of Season Reports

A Team (1st in Premier Division; 2016/17 – 1st in Premier Division)

- **Captain:** Leigh Cumings
- **Vice-Captain:** Sophie Forest
- **Coach:** Arif Ali
- **MVP:** Ollie Chiu
- **Top Goal Scorer:** Leigh Cumings

The A Team have gone from strength to strength this season, after some player movement, a few new members joining our squad and three girls coming back from maternity. It has meant we have had to work hard at building our connections with each other and solidifying the movement of play between the defence and the attackers.

With coach **Arif Ali** leading the squad for a second season, he has built on their skill development and encouraged the girls to play as a unit. The A Team dominated the Premier Division, winning with entirely clean sheets in 2018 and taking the title in the 5 a side tournament, but it took determination and hard work to get this far.

On a wickedly hot day at Kings Park, the A Team beat Valley 1-0 to secure the Holland Cup once more (and to take the treble). Overall it has definitely been an excellent season for the As and we look forward to improving even more in the season to come.

B Team (3rd in Premier Division; 2016/17 – 2nd in Premier Division)

- **Captain:** Georgie Barber
- **Vice-Captain:** Yiman Chan
- **Coach:** Will Holderness
- **MVP:** Coby Lau
- **Top Goal Scorer:** Coby Lau

It was a season of comes-and-goes for the Bs this year. We saw a few of our key players leave with **Christine**, our top scorer last season, and **Izzy** heading for home. **Melvina** had to miss half of the season with disciplinary force training, and the ever-brilliant **Watto** moved into a cheerleading role postpartum. Even when our desperately low defence called for midfielders to step back, we lost **Jess** to a broken hip and multiple other injuries and illnesses really tested our bench depth and the will to just hold on.

The one and only **Will** deserves a thousand thanks for his patience and constant encouragement, and particularly for introducing us to the delights of hockey-tennis-volley-ball. Many months later we are starting to understand the idea of backing ourselves – who knew you could just keep the ball? His underpants-dancing and Grease-medley-singing will stay forever in our hearts.

While we didn't quite repeat last year's glory, we have plenty to celebrate. **Sammie**, our new midfield pillar to neutralise any threat, and **Coby**, who stepped up into the top goal scorer role, were wonderful additions to the team. With our frequent lack of subs, some of our best hockey came when severely depleted in numbers: playing harder and faster, with everyone throwing all their weight for each other and the team, especially under the titanic pressure of the As and Valley. We also must thank our cameo Bs from the Cs and Cubs, who unfalteringly took up the challenge and added their fierce energies to the team. And, of course – we are very happy to come 3rd in the Prem! This puts our rightful superiority over our regular nemesis Valley on ice, but on this note, forwards to next season!

C Team (1st in Division 1; 2016/17 – 1st in Division 1)

- **Captains:** Marthe Van Wilsum and Emma De Rhonde
- **Coach:** Ishtiaq Ahmed
- **MVP:** Kat Gatherer
- **Top Goal Scorer:** Chloe Sik

The Ladies C team had a cracking season this year. Coming into the season after having lost a couple of key players, we were apprehensive at the start of the season – which bore out in our first game, drawing 1-1 against KCC B. However we soon got into the swing of things, beating Aquila A 8-0 in our next game and the season continued to go from strength to strength from there. We finished top two in the 1st Division at the end of the first half of the season but unfortunately were not able to move up to Premier due to the HKHA rules forbidding it! But it did mean we finished top of the 1st Division at the end of the season with a 12 point lead against second place and a whopping +68 goal difference!

We managed to end the season on a high note, winning the HKHA 5-a-side tournament and going onto win the Cup, breaking our cycle of never being able to beat the D team, after an extremely hard fought and tense match in the final against the D team.

Top goal scorer was the amazing **Chloe Sik** who represented Hong Kong in the Youth Olympic Games Qualifiers at the end of the season. A shout out also to our most improved players this year, **Anika de Blank** and **Phoebe Fraser**, who have both been superb. Finally a massive thank you to our wonderful goal keeper, **Annika Feign**, who won't be able to play for us next year as she jaunts across Europe.

D Team (2nd in Division 1; 2016/17 – 4th in Division 1)

- **Captains:** Katie Daly and Katie Potter
- **Coach:** Dev Dillon
- **MVP:** Amelia McColl
- **Top Goal Scorers:** Amelia McColl

It was another successful season for the Ladies D Team with the arrival of coach **Dev Dillon** and lots of new and old faces to start the season. The SoS party dictated our team's theme for the year and so began the season of the pineapple... tough on the outside and sweet on the inside. The first half of the season saw us take away some early wins, however we continued to struggle on the turf of King's Park, losing and drawing with some of the lower teams on the table. With a record of 5-1-3 we were sitting pretty in the middle of the table at the conclusion of the first half of the season.

After the Christmas break, we welcomed the addition of some of the Cubs players and this was a much needed injection of energy and goal scoring ability. With team mascot, "Spikey Mikey" spurring us on, we had a very successful second half. Throughout the season, our team became a great mix of old heads and youthful skill and we're proud to say that we managed to foster the team camaraderie that the D-Ream team has become known for despite the forty-ish year age gap between young and old! With a record of 4-1-2 we finished in second position in the league and went on to be runner up in the Knockout Cup. This is the third year the D team has been in the Cup Final and it's a record we are proud of. Special thanks must go to **Dev** for putting up with us. His knowledge of the game and his gentle style saw us execute another fun and successful season. And finally, we say farewell to six dreamers this season with **Katy Spooner**, **Poppy Mason-Watts**, **Lauren Edgley**, **Jemma Abbs**, **Maya Maloney** and **Mollie O'Neill** moving away from HK. It has been an absolute pleasure playing with these ladies over the year/s and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

E Team (4th in Division 2; 2016/17 – 2nd in Division 2)

- **Captain:** Kim Roberts
- **Vice-Captain:** Zoe Belhomme
- **Coach:** Stuart Mayo
- **MVP:** Kim Roberts
- **Top Goal Scorer:** Brianna Thorp

After coming second in Division 2 last season, the Ladies E Team had high hopes of going one better and taking home the title. Unfortunately, this wasn't to be, but the girls certainly gave the opposition a run for their

money, with a number of close and highly entertaining tussles throughout.

Unlike in previous seasons, Division 2 is now a strong and very competitive division featuring a mixture of exciting up and coming talent and solid, experienced players. This season the Ladies E Team had several tough (and closely fought) matches, but on several occasions were unfortunate not to come out on top.

This season's E Team included many of the players in the Es from the previous season, but with the addition of fresh young legs such as **Nicole Millar, Madeline Chu, Aiko Henderson** and **Brianna Thorp**. After narrowly losing to division newcomers HKCC B in the opening match of the season, things began to look up for our ladies with a few wins and a couple of draws before Christmas - unfortunately a win against their ultimate nemesis, Antlers A, still eluded them. After the first half of the season, the Es were sitting in a solid third position but HKCC B and Antlers were starting to pull away. Like the first, the second half of the season was a mixed bag, with several wins, draws and some unfortunate losses, often in the dying moments of matches. In the end, the girls came in a solid fourth behind Recreio A Team with the same points on the board but a slightly better goal difference. The Es are looking forward to improving on this season's performance and taking the top spot next year! We certainly have the talent, E Team determination and will power to do so.

Dinos [F Team] (7th in Division 2; 2016/17 – 1st in Division 2B/7th in Division 2)

- **Captain: Joanne Moore**
- **Vice-Captain: Kath Munt**
- **Coach: Olivia Chiu**
- **MVP: Joanne Moore**
- **Top Goal Scorer: Claire Fulton**

We started the season on a high, proudly donning our specially designed away kit in celebration of the Team's 30 years of hockey – a very thoughtful contribution by the Club. Indeed, it seemed to give us a boost with some sterling efforts, lots of goals and a respectable first half of the season. Our second half results were unfortunately not as strong and we ended the league sixth in our division (albeit comfortably).

One of the biggest Dinos achievements this season (apart from the vino and chips consumption at the Sportsman's that is) has to be the turnout – we had plenty of subs on the sidelines for most of our games and also saw the long-awaited return of **Su Cowland** to the pitch. Stepping into **Jess Morrison's** kickers when we needed her to, Coach **Ollie** impressed us all with her tap dancing skills and amazing

League Standings and Stats – at a Glance

Div	Team	Position	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Prem	HKFC A	1st –	17	15	2	0	83	7	76	47
	HKFC B	3rd ▼	17	10	2	5	31	16	15	32
1st	HKFC C	1st –	16	13	2	1	74	6	68	41
	HKFC D	2nd ▲	16	9	2	5	31	15	16	29
2nd	HKFC E	4th ▼	14	6	5	3	18	12	6	23
2nd	HKFC F	6th ▲	14	4	1	9	25	26	-1	12
3rd	HKFC G	8th –	16	4	1	9	16	36	-20	15
5th	HKFC H	1st –	14	14	0	0	96	3	93	42

flexibility in full goalie attire! Her coaching directions may be slow to sink in but we will get there.

In early April, we were very sad to say goodbye to **Caron Hughes** (and her silky-smooth moves), who has returned to the UK after ten years of playing for the Club. We're hoping she has lots of business trips to HK – once a Dino, always a Dino!

Fruity Pat (Cunningham) outdid herself this season in boosting the Dinos vitamin C intake with an array of half-time fruits – Japanese persimmon, Tasmanian cherries, pink grapefruit and golden kiwi fruit no less! Special thanks also to our wonderful Scribe, **Alison Cabrelli**, without whose (highly entertaining and detailed) match reports this report would be impossible. Despite suffering some nasty injuries, **Claire Fulton** kept coming back for more and was our top goal scorer (third in the division). And what would we do without **Mel Watt** and **Heather Deayton** who spent their Saturdays fulfilling the Dinos' (as well as their 'appointed') umpiring duties. Thanks also to **Dora Chan, Di Walters** and **Annabel Baillie** for 'kitting up' when we were in need.

Finally, a big thanks must go to all our avid supporters – you know who you are.

From 7th place last season to 6th this season – could the rumored recruitment of some new Dinos continue to see us rise up the ranks? Watch this space.

There were some big Dino celebrations (thank you **Mary Berry**, aka Heather D, for all the pitch-side birthday cakes) during the season, not least being the team's 30th Anniversary Weekend – the good news is that we will have fully recovered in time for the EOS party – see you there.

G Team (8th in Division 3; 2016/17 – 2nd in Division 4)

- **Captains: Isla Hughes, April Cheng and Karen Thorne**

- **Coaches: Isobel O'Connor and Rachael Whittaker**
- **MVP: Louise Clark**
- **Top Goal Scorer: Ashley Man**

This was a very challenging season, with the Gorgeous Gs moving up to Division 3.

The Gs started off with a bang in the first half of the season and were 5th out of 9 heading into the Christmas break. However, with Captain **Isla Hughes** moving to Oz at Christmas (coupled with a few injured players), the Gs finished the season 8th out of 9.

Resident G coaches **Izzy O'Connor** (from the Bs) and **Rachael Whittaker** (from the As) put the Gs through their paces every Thursday training. Weekly attendance was high as coaches and players organised fun challenges such as "The G-ladiators" challenge and the Coaches' challenge, as well as a "strong woman" workout in the gym.

We bid farewell to Coach Izzy who returned to Ireland on the last day of the Rugby 7s! G team fixtures **Ashley Man** and **Shaila Lambert** are heading back to the UK as well. We wish them all the best of luck!

The Gorgeous Gs are looking forward to welcoming new players and returning players in the 2018-19 hockey season and improving their stats!

Cubs [H Team] (1st in Division 5)

- **Captain: Jacqueline Chu**
- **Coaches: Simon Chapman and Coby Lau**
- **MVP: Brianne Laot**
- **Top Goal Scorer: Emily Mann**

It's certain to say that everyone agrees the Cubs have had a phenomenal debut season, finishing 1st in Division 5. With a team made entirely of rookies, we had a brilliant start to the season, scoring double digits in our debut game. Throughout the season, we had to say goodbye to some of our players. **Anna Aiello** (who had truly been a fantastic captain before she moved up to the Ds) and **Sophie Bater** (who was also

one of our key playmakers). We definitely felt the difference in our performance without them, but the Cubs pulled it together and started playing better hockey and continued smashing our way to the top.

Although having lost in the Bowl quarterfinals, the Cubs had a glorious victory in the HKHA 5 a side tournament. It goes without saying that we couldn't have done any of this without our coaches, **Chappie** and **Coby**. Nurturing every player with their kind and encouraging words, they have helped each and every one of the Cubs grow and mature, not only as a player but as a person. The Cubs would also like to thank other coaches for their time and effort in the team and juniors' training sessions. After the excellent start to the league campaigns, we very much look forward to next season.

Ladies' Captain's Thoughts on the 2017/18 Season

After an incredibly successful 2016/17 Season, the standards had been set very high for this year. With incredible results across the board, it was always going to be a hard act to follow, and so there was some nervous anticipation in the Ladies' section, as to whether we could deliver again. The aim once more was to see successes down the divisions and to see as many teams in contention for top-of-the-table spots as possible.

We won 13 more games than last season, scored over 110 more goals, conceded over 50 less goals, had a goal difference of +97 more than last year and ended the season with 30 more points. We have walked away with three league titles, we won three 5-a-side

The end of season collective stats are set out below:

Season	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
2017/18	124	75▲	17▼	32▲	374▲	121▲	256▲	241▲
2016/17	109	62	25	22	258	99	159	211

tournaments and we once again brought the Holland Cup and the Cup back to Sports Road. We have teams in potential promotion spots in two divisions and all teams should be clear of relegation concerns. Of course, these results also include the impact of having an eighth team this season – the Cubs (or the Hs) who were undisputed winners of their division, but they also take into account that the Gs were promoted to Division 3 at the beginning of the season (having come second in Division 4 last year) and so had a much tougher ask of them this year.

From my perspective, the stats are pretty great. I am very pleased with where we have got to this season. What the stats do not tell, is the fact that every team has had its little success stories this year, and my personal highlights are below:

- As – completed the second half of the season with a clean sheet in every game; scored almost 30 goals more than last year; won the treble (again).
- Bs – won more games than last season; scored more goals and conceded 13 less goals.
- Cs – 12 points clear in Division 1; scored more goals; won the Cup (after a thrilling final against the Ds).

- Ds – won almost double the number of games to last season; second in Division 1 and runners up in the Cup; scored almost double the number of goals to last season.
- Es – only narrowly missed out on 3rd place; struggled with a number of serious injuries and yet continued to be a stronghold of Division 2; inaugural team Spartan challenge and tour to Vietnam.
- Dinos – scored more goals than last season; incredible attendance; turned 30!
- Gs – had an amazing first half of the season; finished above old foes KCC C; third in the 5-a-side tournament.
- Cubs – played 14, won 14.

I know that some teams have finished the season with a feeling of “we could have done better” – indeed, it has been a bit of a roller coaster for all at some point or another. No team has had the perfect season. Each team has had its own mountains to overcome. Some teams are finished feeling as though there are missed opportunities. But this only gives us somewhere to move on to for next season. In the meantime, I am very proud of what we have achieved together this year (and the achievements are very much those of the section) and I feel privileged to have been part of it for another amazing season.

■ **Lynsey Edgar, Ladies' Captain**



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HKFC Hockey Youth Tour 2018 - Perth, Australia

The first week of the summer holidays has now firmly established itself as 'tour week' for our youth hockey squad. Once again we flew south for the summer with a team of girls and a team of boys, headed to Perth for a hockey enriched week-long trip.

This year we were based at Warwick Hockey Centre, where our host, Tristram 'Trid' Woodhouse, is now based full time. Our opposition teams for the week at Warwick were the Rising Stars squads from Woodhouse Sports Academy (WSA), a group of very talented hockey players. The main competition format for the week was to be a three test series against WSA. Two consecutive tests followed by a road trip break and then a third test at the end of the week. The series was kicked off firstly with a mixed social game, which HKFC won 2 - 0. A great start to the week, but very much a taste only of what was to come on the pitch and an opportunity for the players to mingle and get to know each other a little off the pitch before going head-to-head in the serious games.

Not only was the social game set-up as a tour warm-up match, but also because we were waiting for five representatives to arrive from Singapore, where they had been competing for the Women's and Mens' Hong Kong National teams in the newly established FIH format, the Hockey Series. **Anna Aiello** (age 14) the youngest and on debut, was joined by fellow debutant **Chloe Sik** (15) in the women's team, and **Michael Shepherdson** (age 16) the youngest and on debut, was also joined by debutant **Gwenael Laot** (17) and older brother **James Shepherdson** (19). Congrats to all five for their appearances and for their valued contributions to their respective teams!

Game 1 for both the girls and boys were challenging and had a sense of 'what might have been'. In the girls game, they would lose a game they had a number of chances to win, but just weren't able to capitalise on the chances (a classic Game 1 on tour result). The boys game was a game they should have won comfortably, but they allowed the opposition back into it over the course of the 2nd half. With 30 seconds remaining WSA scored an amazing equaliser to clutch a draw from the jaws of defeat.

1st Test

HKFC vs WAS Girls: 1 - 3

HKFC vs WAS Boys: 4 - 4

Game 2 saw a reversal in fortune with the girls earning the thrilling come from behind draw



late in the game, while the boys went down to a resurgent WSA team. The inclusion of some stronger WSA players definitely altered the balance, but on the whole the Club team were a little flatter also.

2nd Test

HKFC vs WAS Girls: 1 - 1

HKFC vs WAS Boys: 2 - 4

In addition to the WSA games, we ventured further south on a road trip to Bunbury, where we played two very strong South West Academy of Sport teams (SWAS). Typically, the country teams in Australia dominate the region and consist of current or future international players. The girls faced a very competent team who had the vast majority of possession and controlled the game tempo and territory almost entirely. The fact the score remained as low as it did, was a credit to the Club girls who showed great resilience and composure on defence to deny many goal scoring opportunities. This was, without a doubt, the best of the tour matches for experience and even with the loss, it was a pleasure to watch the other team play so well. Many lessons were learnt for the future. The boys game was played at a frenetic pace, especially through the first half. The skill execution was phenomenal from both teams. I

even went on record as saying it was by far the best youth game I had seen played in a very long time. Down 1 goal, the Club team stuck at it, and well into the 4th quarter they found the equaliser. That was to be outdone moments later with the go-ahead goal, ultimately the winner. The game was incredibly fast and physical but played in excellent spirit. For me, this was the game of the tour.

Road Trip Game

HKFC vs SAWS Boys Result: 2 - 1

HKFC vs SWAS Girls Result: 0 - 3

This day trip was not to disappoint and delivered as expected. It was also great opportunity to get out of the city and to see some of the coastline, and to spend a bit more time 'bonding' along the way. The players were set a limerick challenge, one for every tourist, to be recited at the team meeting later that night ... they were, on the whole, quite entertaining and enlightening. Here's a repeatable sample (what goes on tour...)

*Fred's on his phone and games all the time
There's a whole section in the book for the
German speaking fine
You're the youngest on tour
But your skills sure aren't poor
Compared to the other boys, you outshine*



generous invitation, and they would eventually run away with another win and the series.

3rd Test

HKFC vs WAS Girls: 1 - 3
 HKFC vs WAS Boys: 3 - 2

At the end of the week the hockey had delivered on expectation, the kids were tested, and exhausted returned to HK richer for the experience. Many tour fines had been distributed for tour indiscretions. The daily food shopping and cooking had identified those who clearly have no idea and would fail to last a day on a Survivor show, and those who have some culinary expertise.

We attended premier division league games, cruised the cafes in Fremantle, and witnessed some of the best sunsets you will ever see from our prime Scarborough Beach location. We endured a winter storm that would knock the socks of a HK T8. We had bake off's, classic Aussie bbq's, cuisine theme nights, photography contests, and a number of other team/individual challenges throughout the week. We had a bus breakdown, a finger break, a broken door, lost keys, a lost passport, forgotten gear, forgotten room numbers, teams knocked out of the World Cup, delayed flights, ridiculously early or late flights, and yet... it all worked out just fine.

A huge thanks to Tour Manager and Coach and Tour Mum, **Simon and Ita Shepherdson**, who's 24/7 dedication to the group remains unrivalled and was massively appreciated by all. To **Trid** and **Brad**, our Perth Liaisons, who without we wouldn't be touring this perfect hockey destination, we are very grateful. A special thanks also to the Hockey Section for their continued support. Without it, the tour would not be able to continue.

Squad Lists:

Anna Aiello, Carlotta Boettger, Jacqueline Chu, Anika De Blank, Phoebe Fraser, Claire Grisel, So-phie Haik, Brianne Laot, Isabel Li, Maya Maloney, Xinyao Liu, Sophie Poulton, Agnes Shu, Chloe Sik, Elise Van Hees, Nathanja Verburg

Frederick Boettger, Philipp Boettger, Loughlin Davidson, David Evans, Long Him Lui, Gwenael Laot, Justin Lancelotte, Matthew Ma, Justin Mak, Findlay Mayo, Tom O'Dell, Samuel Pijpers, James Shepherdson, Michael Shepherdson, Raphael Wong

Management Team:

Simon Chapman, Simon Shepherdson, Ita Shepherdson, Brad Ladyman (Perth), Trid Woodhouse (Perth)

■ **Chappie, Tour Dad and Coach**

Back in Perth for the third and deciding test matches, it was all on. Both teams needing to win and to score well. In the case of the boys game, it was tightly contested and very evenly balanced again late until a winner was hit with minutes to spare. There was a de ja vu moment from Game 1 with almost exactly the same equalising play with 30 seconds remaining, but the boys held on for a series tying draw (lost only on goal difference). The girls game was a classic 'game of two halves'. Showing huge improvement from the day before, and completely dominating the first half, the Club team could have put 5 away and sealed the series, but were restricted to 1 and left the door open. As it transpired, the WSA team did not have to be given such a

Welcome to our new sponsor!



We are delighted to welcome our new partnership with Splendid Group, who join us as a new Hockey Section Sponsor this season. They specialize in creating unique tailor made products and concepts to enhance brand communication.

"Splendid Group is thrilled to be partnered with HKFC Hockey! We are looking forward to getting involved. We wish everyone a happy summer and a very successful 2018 – 2019 season." Daan Van Rees, Splendid Group.



Sandra Pemberton
 (1970 - 2018)

We are deeply saddened to inform you about the untimely passing of **Sandra "Sanj" Pemberton**. Sanj passed away very suddenly and her passing is a great shock to her family and many friends at the Club.



HKFC Dominates National Championships Finals Day – Summer on 1st July

A big harvest for our top bowlers in the Finals Day this summer where four teams of HKFC competed for the overall honours of the National Championships organised by HKLBA. The Finals Day was held at the Filipino Club on Sunday 1st July. The results were as follows:

- Champion of National Mixed Pairs: **C T Wong** and **Dorothy Yu**
- Champion of National Women's Pairs: **Dorothy Yu** and **Vivian Yip**
- Champion of National Women's Fours: **Josephine Lam, Connie Chung, Rita Shek** and **Wanis Sze**
- Runners-up of National Mixed Fours: **Yumi Wong, Stephen Chan, Frankie Siu** and **Terence Lee**.



National Mixed Four - 1st Runner Up

Sincere thanks also go to our fellow HKFC bowlers for their unwavering support on-site, applause and cheers on the Day.

Well done!



National Women's Pairs Champion



Two Champions - Dorothy Yu



National Mixed Pairs Champion



National Women's Fours Champion

HKFC Tops Premier League Leaderboards

HKFC-A Team have proven once again their sportsmanship and tenacity in competitions by attaining the top spot in Division One half-way through this season's Men's Premier League.

Ladies' team HKFC-B have also lead their competitors in Division Two of the Women's Premier League 2018.

Altogether HKFC has sent off six teams and three teams respectively to compete in Men's Premier League and Women's Premier League in 2018. The latest standings of our teams are as follows:

Men's Premier League 2018:		
Division	Team	Standing*
One	HKFC-A	1
	HKFC-B	6
Three	HKFC-C	4
Six	HKFC-D	3
Seven	HKFC-E	7
Nine	HKFC-F	3

**half of the season*

Women's Premier League 2018		
Division	Team	Standing*
One	HKFC-A	2
Two	HKFC-B	1
Three	HKFC-C	2

**half of the season*

Club's Outdoor Green and Indoor Green Closed for Maintenance and Floor Upgrade Works

The Outdoor Green will be closed for regular maintenance from 3rd July until 23rd July (both dates inclusive). The Indoor Green will undergo flooring upgrade works during the summer and it will be closed between 8th July and 9th August (both dates inclusive). It is going to be a nice summer break for our bowlers whilst we look forward to the re-opening of the Greens.

Chairwoman's Report



Tassie Brakenridge
Netball DSA Chairperson

As we prepare for the fast approaching 2018-2019 season, I am excited to announce our newest Netball sponsor, LiquidNet, who will be joining us as a Gold Sponsor for the next three years. The LiquidNet sponsorship will enable the Netball DSA to continue to develop the Junior Netball Academy, to up-skill our coaches, umpires and players with more expert-led training sessions, as well as enabling a wider variety of social events. We are currently finalising the new look uniforms that will be introduced this season, ready for the first game on the 24th September 2018. Trial dates have been confirmed for 15th, 20th and 22nd August, to be held at the Sports Hall, with an impressive list of returning players and new faces already registered online. For those still looking to register, please do so online at hkfcnetball.com.

Junior Netball Farewells



The Junior Netball Academy sadly says farewell to both **Erin** and **Beauella** as they leave this summer having represented the JNA for several years.

Beauella is moving to the UK this September to continue her education there. Beauella has grown and matured into a strong shooter over the past few years for the various teams and age groups that she has represented at the Club. She leaves on a high having been part of The Twisters Team that won the U14 Division 1 title in December 2017. That success meant they were moved up an age group to the U16 age group where both Twisters and Beauella more than held their own in that age group and turned in some fantastic results and performances making it into the finals. Beauella has also been involved with the coaching at the Club of our future netball stars by assisting in the Wednesday coaching of the age 5-7 year groups. Those young girls have enjoyed Beauella's enthusiasm and fun approach to netball and she has been a great help to myself and the other coaches too.

Erin and her family are moving to the UK too this summer where Erin will continue her schooling in the Manchester area. Erin has progressed through the Junior Netball section and represented various teams at different age groups. She has developed into a capable wing player where this season her performances at WA helped her U14 team Rainstorms to take the U14 Division 1 title in the Spring Competition. Erin's commitment to training has always been evident and her enthusiasm and fun-loving approach to training sessions and matches means she has been a pleasure to coach.

Both girls will be sorely missed by the JNA.

■ Kathryn Curley

Senior Player Farewells

Aliya Tupper

While we know we are losing a key contributor to our Division 1 team in **Aliya Tupper**, we are excited about what lies ahead for this talented young netballer. Aliya has played both junior and senior netball at the Club, making her mark in the Division 1 side in the most recent season at goal-attack.

A raw talent who has continued to thrive on opportunities afforded to her, Aliya's talents have been noticed at national level. She has represented the Hong Kong Under-21 National Team and more recently was selected in the Hong Kong Open Women's National Squad.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Aliya for her on-going contributions to the Club and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

Kate Jackson

This summer we are sad to say farewell to **Kate Jackson**. Kate arrived in HK in July 2004 and immediately joined summer mixed netball. Trialling successfully at the end of the summer she then spent the next 5 years playing for Club and Typhoons as a nifty WA and occasional GA.

A committed player on and off court Kate spent two years on the committee as Tour Rep organising memorable trips to Bangkok, Singapore and Malaysia and then hosted a return in HK. Whilst work took Kate to Singapore for a year in 2009 she knew she'd be back, so much so her then company GTO Trading kindly sponsored the Netball DSA whilst she was away!

True to her promise she was back again in 2010 setting up the first social team which she captained for two years to get it off the ground. After a couple of years out having babies she joined us again last season playing for Monsoons. A real asset to any team, always 100% committed, skilled and full of enthusiasm for netball on and off court, a complete riot to spend time with and a friend to so many who have had the pleasure of playing with her, Kate you will be sadly missed, thank you for all you have done for netball at FC.

We all wish you and your family the very best as you start a new adventure back in the UK.



Aliya Tupper – second from left





JUNIOR'S Pool Party

JNA ends the season with a SPLASH!

Junior Netball Academy End of Season Pool Party and Awards.

After a week of rain, nery weather watching and fielding numerous enquiries, - "No, we don't have a back up plan if it rains!" "Yes, the pool party is going ahead!" – the weather Gods smiled down on Happy Valley and the pool party went ahead. A great turn out of 150 girls, coaches and parents were treated to a delicious pool-side buffet, inflatable fun (for the girls) and wine (for the adults!) After a long, hectic season and school year, a chilled-evening with friends was just the tonic.

The End of Season function and awards was a first for the JNA and so all the stops were pulled out with lots of awards and the commissioning of lovely glass trophies. It was a great opportunity to celebrate our successes of which there have been many! We've seen some brilliant netball this season; From HKFC teams making the Division 1 finals across all age groups and Rainstorms becoming the U14 champions to the record numbers of girls making the Hong Kong Regional U14 and 16 squads. Up and down the age groups, coaches reported agonising over award recipients – such has been the levels of progress, play and commitment throughout the season. Well done everyone!

Huge appreciation to the Club Sports Department for hosting and the F&B team; in particular **Dominique, Janet** and **Stephan** for being accommodating and ensuring everything at the Pool Party went without a hitch. It was great to receive so much positive feedback from parents on the level of lifeguard supervision and the quality of the food and service.

Thanks to our brilliant, committed coaches: **Kathryn Curley, Rebecca Thompson, Amelia Handford, Jane Peters, Heather Probert** and **Iris Chan**. Your commitment to the girls and to making the season a success has been exceptional. Special thanks must go to our amazingly organised Junior Netball Convenor, **Mary Vlogianitis** who was presented with the award for "Outstanding Contribution to the JNA". As many of you know, Mary works tirelessly all season long – Thanks Mary!

Finally, the JNA would like to thank our parent team managers for all their help over the season and in particular the funnelling of the never ending Whatsapps!

Age	Team	Coach's Player	Most Improved
U8	Snow Fairies	Caroline Lindsay	Harloh Palmetto
U8	Snowies	Iris Greenwood	Ashley Tang
U18	Icicles	Lexi Brown	Eloisa Deayton
U10	Snowflakes	Natalie Sylvester	Natasha Powell
U10	Snowstorms	Michaela Riedel	Phoebe Pearce
Players' Player			
U12	Blizzards	Vaitiare York	Iris Peel
U12	Thunder	Elsie Hulme	Alicia Koo
U12	Lightning	Lois Beatie	Kristen Leong
U14	Tremors	Jess Martin	Meave Quinn
U14	Rainstorms	Anjeli de Blank	Niamh Mahoney
U14	Twisters	Nori Law	Beauella Purcell/Charlie Peters
U16	Breakers	Emily Norris	Claudia Harrison
U16	Mavericks	Chloe Babis	Aaliyah Sullivan
U16	Storm	Gaby Brophy	Paige Wills





French Open and Wimbledon Social



While **Rafa** continued his unparalleled dominance of court Philippe Chatrier, and **Simona** clinched her first Slam title - the Tennis Society with the kind assistance of our coaches **Nathan Booth** and **Toby Clark** from Australasia Tennis Aces (ATA) hosted more than 30 players for the French Open Wimbledon Social.

Play was held across six courts with participant's having registered for either the Open or Social Draws – although Toby Clark put the squeeze on the Open players by reminding them "...this is not Wimbledon" and introducing a fair play award.

Players played a total of six, one set matches which followed the popular Fast Four format and were limited to 20 minutes. **Greg Brutus**

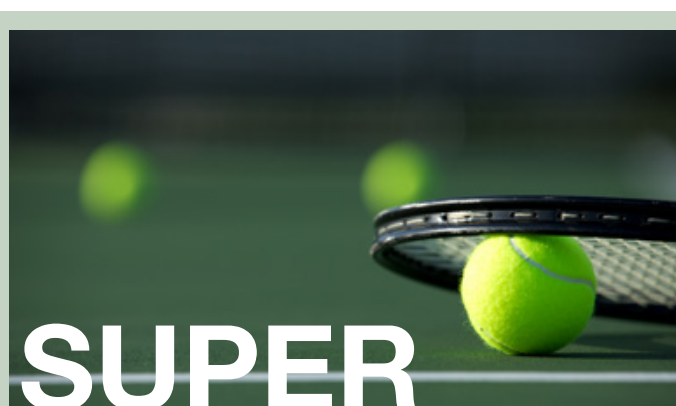
won the open draw with **Portia Chan** runner-up. In the Social Draw **Andrew Patterson** claimed the ultimate prize with runners-up **Katy Wan** and **Jacqueline Morais Diniz**. Other prize winners included **Tanya Clark** for best costume (a successful defence of title), **Philip Tam** and **Jeremy Thorne** for the French Open and Wimbledon quiz, and **Conor O Donavon** claiming the coveted fair play award.

A big thank you to Toby and Nathan for organising a fantastic event and as always the Sport's Desk and Catering for all their excellent support work. It would be remiss not to give a shout out to the Tennis Society who have added an extra level of support to these events by making them free to its' members.



Upcoming Events Schedule

- US Open Social** – Early September
- Club Championships** – Late September
- WTA Pro-clinic** – Early October
- Gala Dinner** – Early October



September

Summer holidays are here, and many of us will be taking a well-earned break but that doesn't mean the Tennis Society stands still. Look out for flyers around the Club and in your email promoting upcoming events with details related to timing and registration.



Ladies' A Team

As the summer league season comes to an end, we are proud to say we fought hard throughout the season to secure our position in A-grade. This was no small feat with so many rain checks leading to a lot of rescheduled matches. Kudos to all our teammates' devotion to rearrange their schedules to squeeze in time for the games!

We had **Myrna Jivraj** join us from Ladies' day league, and she quickly became an important member of the team racking up a number of wins for the team. On the other hand, we are sad to say goodbye to **Ashley Man** who is moving back to the UK. Ash has been a valued member of the team for her help behind the scenes and her always positive attitude on the court. Ash we'll miss you and wish you all the best for the future!

As always the season was too short, and now we take the time to train up and rejuvenate. We are happy to invite new players keen to join us rocking the next season!



Mens' D Team

The D Team entered the summer league season with the goal of stabilising the teams' performance after our demotion from C-grade. We welcomed three new additions to the team - **Amro Abbas**, **Steve Bruce**, and **Jake McCauley** - who along with our continuing players had a fantastic season.

Topping our group with a 6-1 record we went into playoffs and won our semi-final 6-3 the score belied the closeness of a match that featured two tie breaks and three sets decided 6-4. In the final we faced a determined Hong Kong Jockey Club who prevailed in a tight contest with a 5-4 win. The team finished 2nd out of 22 teams, and at an individual level all our players enjoyed winning seasons.

It's been a great season for the team with even contributions from all the players on the squad. Next season we look forward to moving back to C-grade, adding some new players to the team, and making a better fist of our winter campaign.



Play Competitive Tennis

Interested in joining a league team? Email to Tennis Society: hkfcctennissociety@gmail.com for help in getting started. First matches of the winter season are late September.



Captains turn to shout



Oliver Li longdrive



Stanley Szeto nearpin

Some new faces in both teams since WAGS (Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society) won this contest in May last year. A great day for golf so plenty of smiling faces. The greens at Macau recently cored so a bit slow and bumpy so how would that effect the result?

Leading off for HKFC **Duncan Spooner** and **Ali Murray** found some good form with Duncan managing to par the first 7 holes in a row. Frustratingly that was only good enough to be all square at that stage against **Garry Kemp** and **Nick Helms** who managed to use their shot holes wisely and combine well to get the first point on the board for WAGS with a 3 and 2 win.

In the second flight **JP Cuvelier** and **Jukka Hakli** were dominant with Jukka continuing his good form and the team combining well to be ahead the whole way against **Jonathan Williams** and **Steve Warwick**. The 6 and 5 HKFC win possibly understating how well the WAGS pair had played.

Group 3 saw debutant **Philip Nunn** and Captain **Terry Wright** taking on the WAGS

Aussie pairing of **Duncan Paul** and **Steve Smith**. After a quick check on the first tee for ball tampering devices this game set off. With 8 halved holes in the first 11 this was always going to be tight. Key putts by the WAGS duo and a missed put by Wright on 17 saw the tide turn and see WAGS go ahead 1up on 17. Some high risk comeback options on 18 saw this extended to a deserved 2up WAGS win.

Another good contest followed with **Dallas Reid** and **Stanley Szeto** taking on **Simon Hague** and big hitting **Oliver Li**. Another tight contest with a highlight being Dallas Reid hitting a 60 ft putt with at least 15 ft of break to have it barely lip out of the hole for a simple tap in par. Unfortunately for Dallas his opponent Simon Hague had a 25 ft putt on exactly the same line and having done his homework on Dallas' putt Simon duly drained his. The injustice of it all was softened when the HKFC pair came in with a 3 and 1 victory.

Overall match tied up at 2 – 2 with two groups still on the course. **Jonny Brock** and **Owen Davis** were able to swing the pendulum back

in HKFC's favour with a solid 3 and 2 win over **Feng Qingxian** and **Seb Hughes**. The reliable chipping and putting of **Owen Davis** was critical to this outcome according to a complimentary partner Brock. Sounds like you need to work on your drives Owen !

Last group in (yes they did eventually get there) saw a battle between **Anatole Le** and **Andy Wood** of HKFC against WAGS captain **Brian Moss** and **David Grimm**. With few shots being given this was a tough balanced match. Le and Wood managed to combine superbly and in the end were just too good despite a strong showing from Moss with the WAGS team not quite striking the same combination as the HKFC pair.

End result a hard fought 4-2 win to HKFC in what is one of our toughest annual fixtures. Superb weather and a very welcoming Macau GCC combined to make it an extremely enjoyable event for all.

Near Pins were won by : Anatole Le, Jonny Brock, Stanley Szeto and Jonathan Williams (WAGS). Long Drive : Oliver Li (WAGS).

KSC North Outing

Thursday 17th May

Sun is up and shining with 31 degrees today. The weather is definitely a bit hot and humid to play golf but still eleven players have registered to play in this event. To play the North course in this kind of weather is physically challenging!

As usual, we depart from HKFC to Sai Kung at 7.30am and we manage to arrive at Kai Sai Chau at 9am. Plenty of time for the players to warm up and start a good round!

The first to tee off were **Dallas Reid**, **Terry Wright**, **JP Cuvelier** and **Alastair Murray**. Once again, Terry and Dallas went on a match-play with each other. As competitive as usual, Terry has a great start going 2 under through the first 4 holes and then 4 up through the first 5 holes. Dallas fought very hard to decrease the deficit to 2 down. However, Terry is in great form and wins the match with 2 up although at least Dallas dragged the match to the last hole (which Terry birdied as well!).



Fame at last for the HKFC Golf Society



David Chiu, Alastair Murray, Terry Wright, JP Cuvelier, Dallas Reid, Elizabeth Dendle, Jukka Hakli, Dori Dainton

Despite playing in such hot weather, Terry shot 77 and 40 stableford points to win first place in the competition. Dallas shot 81 to claim the best gross. JP also played a great round of golf with 88 Gross and 35 stableford points and gains third place in the competition. Alastair played through 14 holes and had to take a

break due to the hot weather, however he won the nearest to the pin on hole 14 before heading back to the club house.

The second to tee off were **Jukka Hakli, Stephen Bottomley, Nicholas Allen** and **David Chiu**. Jukka once again has a wonderful round with 91 gross and 36 stableford points to claim

second place in the competition. David Chiu won the longest drive on hole 12.

The third to tee off were **Dori Dainton, Elizabeth Dendle** and **Steve Au Yeung**. Dori scored 35 stableford points however, she lost on countback to JP and was fourth overall!

Below is the breakdown of the scoring:

1st	Terry Wright 40 pts
2nd	Jukka Hakli 36 pts
3rd	JP Cuvelier 35 pts
Best Gross	Dallas Reid (81)
NP hole 3:	Terry Wright
NP hole 7:	Nicholas Allen
NP hole 11:	Dallas Reid
NP hole 14:	Alastair Murray
NP 2nd Shot NTP 15:	Jukka Hakli
LDM:	David Chu
LDF:	Elizabeth Dendle

See you all in the next event!

Happy Golfing

■ **Ted Li, Golf Event Organiser**

HKFC Golf Society vs HK Club Golf Society

Monday 21st May

Another gorgeous sunny day greeted the golfers as these two traditional foes drew battle lines once again. At stake was one of the more attractive trophies we compete for annually which currently resides in the HKFC cabinet.

Was there tension in the air for a fierce contest? Actually focus was more on ensuring enough suntan lotion was in place and sufficient hydration was available to survive 18 holes. The friendly familiar faces and multiple common members of these two clubs ensure this match would not be reaching the tension levels of The Ryder Cup.

The second group off proved that relaxed approach was well and truly in place with **Andy Wood** on the 7th hole requesting the marshal check the previous green for his pitching wedge. After slightly longer than expected the marshal returned with said wedge which had not even made it beyond the practice area before the 1st hole – nice one Woody! Clearly surplus to requirements as he and partner **Terry Wright** combined for a comfortable win.

Prior to that **JP Cuvelier** and **Anatole Le** had been pushed all the way to 18 to scrape in with a 1 up victory in the first match out.

Soon to depart HK **Duncan Spooner** notched another win in the company of **Owen Davis** in the 3rd flight with **Warren Weener** and **Jukka Hakli** not exactly being perfect gentlemen by extracting the 4th win over the HK Club ladies pairing of **Julie Collins** and **Eileen Riddell**. Manners please gentlemen!

If **David Collins** and **Mike Sanders** of HK Club thought it would be an easy day out **Stanley Szeto** quickly showed his form by holing his 3rd shot on the long par five 2nd hole for an eagle. With **Stephen Bottomley's** help they were never headed in their win.

Down to the last flight and yes HK Club having been the perfect guests to this point finally notched up a solid victory in the last match with

Craig Chapman and **Anthony Wood** recording a convincing win over HKFC's **Ali Murray** and **Gilles Bonnier**. Apparently this reversal of fortunes is set to flow through into next year's contest but one thing we do know is that like this year we will have a lot of fun finding out.

Thanks to **Bob Wallace** for leading the HK Club team and as always thanks to Macau GCC for presenting us with a great course and very friendly reception.

Near Pins were won by: **Owen Davis, Stephen Eno** (HK Club), **Woody** (probably not a wedge), **Warren Weener** and **CW Lee** (HK Club).

Long Drive: **Terry Wright** and Ladies – **Eileen Riddell** (HK Club)



Riddell, Cuvelier, Le and Eno



Anyone seen a wedge



The Trophy

Inaugural Inter-section Cup – Macau Golf and Country Club

Friday 25th May

One of the characteristics of the HKFC which I regret is that in general the members of the various sporting groups have very limited contact with each other. Sometimes a member will play more than one sport, and sometimes there are other reasons why the groups mingle, but by and large this is not the case.

In an attempt to rectify this situation, the Golf Society decided that we would initiate an Inter-Section Golf Challenge so that primarily there would be a great opportunity for members of different sections/societies to mingle in a friendly sporting environment, and also to give official bragging rights for the following year to the winning sports group to claim that fundamentally their sporting prowess transcends the mastery of a mere single sport!

Accordingly, 16 representatives of four sports (namely squash, tennis, rugby and hockey) gathered in Macau to demonstrate their sporting virtuosity.

The weather was glorious, if somewhat warm, and the views from the golf course were spectacular. As expected there was a lot of beef shown by the rugby team, strong wrists from the Hockey players, and impressive hand-eye co-ordination from the tennis and squash players. Equally well demonstrated were impressive abilities to down huge volumes of lager from members of every sport!

After a highly enjoyable day on the course, it was time to do the sums, and after the details had been recorded the results were:

In the handicap competition, the Tennis Society triumphed with a phenomenal total of 151 stableford points. All players scored very well but **Duncan Spooner** (ironically the outgoing handicap secretary for his main Golf Society) scored a staggering 44 points with a lifetime low score of 3 over par.

In the non-handicapped version, the Squash Section pipped the Rugby Section (clearly not all brawn and no brains!) by a single point to win 92 to 91.

In the individual skills section the following showed their moments of brilliance:

Long drive: **Jonny Brock**

Near Pins: **Koen Pijpers/JP Cuvelier** (x 3) / **Stan Szeto** (x 2)

The two most outstanding individual performance were from Duncan (mentioned above) and JP Cuvelier (who in an attempt to relive his youth turned out for the Rugby Section) who also shot an amazing 44 stableford points to win the handicap individual prize on a countback over the last 9.

Following the match and prize-giving at the MGCC, those players whose schedules permitted carried on to a delicious meal in the Old Town in Taipa where discussions on the unreasonably small size of the golf hole, the wonders of how far pros hit the ball nowadays, and other general golf babble continued happily into the wee hours.

Hopefully this event will continue to be fiercely contested for many years to come.



The handicap winners (Tennis) - Steve Bottomely of the Hockey team (pretending to be Jim Suttie who was in the showers!), Duncan "the Sandbagger" Spooner, Jenny Chapman, and Captain Anatole



The gross (real) winners - Phil Head, Dallas Reid (Squash), Stan Szeto, and Jukka Hakli



The Captains' Flight. Anatole Le (Tennis), Terry Wright (Rugby), Dallas Reid (Squash), and Jonny Brock (Hockey)



A delighted (and finally clean) Jim Suttie who announced "This is the first golf trophy I have ever won". Better late than never Jim! Well done!



Anatole bombing one down the 18th



"Survivors" dinner in Taipa

Annual Club Champ

Saturday 16th June KSC East

What perfect weather for the Annual Club Championship! All of us had been worried about the terrible weather last week which might affect today's event. In the event it was 30 degrees with sun up and shining, and a gentle breeze; a very comfortable to start a round of golf. Twenty-three people were registered for the event with sixteen gents and seven ladies. As usual, we arrived at KSC at around 8.32am with plenty of time to warm up and have breakfast.

The first to tee off were **Jonny Brock, Dallas Reid, Phil Head** and **Terry Wright**. All of them had their good and bad moments in their respective rounds but, in the end, Phil won the second runner up by shooting 83 while Terry won the second place with 82 with a disastrous last three holes. Dallas took full advantage of this by paring his way home to scrape an 80 and claim the annual Club Champ title. Congrats to Dallas!

The second to tee off were **Bill King, Duncan Spooner, Camille Jojo** and myself. Bill had a terrific start with his precision iron play and short game which left him 3 over through 10 holes. However, things went bad after a mishit on hole 10, where he drove his ball into a bush and mishit the second shot which resulted in a 7 on hole 10. Golf is a mental game, so he did the same thing again on hole 11 dropped from +3 to +10 through 11 holes. However, Bill still managed to shoot 84 to claim the best net!

For Camille it was the first time to join a HKFC Golf Society outing after 38 years of membership of the Club and he plans to play more with the Society soon. Welcome aboard Jojo!

The last two groups were the ladies group. As competitive as ever, **Lily** shot a 91 to claim the first place, **Marilou** shot 95 to claim the second place and **Agatha** shot 104 to claim third place.



Trophy Winners: left to right Agatha Hay, Marilou Waldie, Lily Chan, Phil Head and Dallas Reid

Prize Winners: left to right Bill King, Terry Wright, Jean Louis Desgouttes, Dallas Reid, Eric Desgouttes, Koen Pijpers, Duncan Spooner and Phil Head

Below is the breakdown of the scoring:

Annual Club Champ winners (Men):

1st-Dallas Reid, 2nd-Terry Wright, 3rd-Phil Head

Annual Club Champ winners (Ladies):

1st-Lily Chan, 2nd-Marilou Waldie,

3rd-Agatha Hay

Best Net: 1st-Bill King, 2nd-Duncan Spooner,

3rd-Koen Pijpers

Congratulation to all winners and we hope to see you in the coming event!

Happy Golfing!

■ **Ted Li, Golf Event Organiser**

Walmsley Cup 2018

Thursday 28th June KSC South

We were greeted at Kau Sai Chau by blinding blue skies, and even though playing out of buggies on the South course it was obvious that conditions were going to be demanding.

With no **Phil Head** in the field, and **Terry Wright** accompanying his wife **Lindsay** in the second flight, the low handicap flight comprised **Tom McColl** and **Nick Allen** as well as the regular members **Dallas Reid** and **Jonny Brock**. In their internal battle which included 8 birdies the honours fell to the Reid/Allen combination, and would have been more costly for the opposition if Jonny had not rolled in a 30 foot breaking putt on the last hole to win the back nine.

In the heat **Owen Davis** decided to sit out a couple of holes, and **Andrew Perrett** withdrew after 4 holes either because of the heat or because of back issues. Basically the event was becoming a matter of survival in 36 degree temperatures.

Luckily a breeze blew up and some cloud cover arrived so the back nine was not so brutal and we were better able to focus on golf.

Clearly Terry Wright was not focussing enough as on a short par four he decided to tee off while the previous group were still on the

green and from about 280 yards away landed the ball in the middle of the flight ahead who were still putting out. Luckily no-one was injured, but as Jonny Brock had been narrowly missed by a stray ball earlier in the round, he was getting understandably nervous at that point. Terry kindly bought his "targets" a beer later to apologise.

Hopefully life was safer in the following groups, and despite the heat some great scores were recorded.

For the men, Tom McColl blasted his way to an impressive 38 points (gross 74) for third place behind the ever competitive Terry Wright on 39 points (gross 74). Tom's round included smashing a three wood over the back of a par 4. At least he waited for a clear green first!

However no-one could beat Nick Allen who managed 40 points (gross 79) who despite the lack of wind went with his usual strategy of hitting the ball a few feet off the ground and then chipping the ball dead at every opportunity.

On the ladies side, there was a small but high quality field with **Lily Chan, Cathy Neish**, and **Lindsay Wright**. Lily was not quite her deadly self, but Cathy came in with 35 points narrowly losing to Lindsay on 38 points.



Nick Allen proudly hoists the trophy



The proud lady victor Lindsay Wright

Things went so smoothly we were able to get an earlier ferry back and **Lawrence Chong** kindly volunteered to buy beers for the bus on the way home so all in all a very pleasant trip back! Thank you Lawrence!

Fun prize winners were:

Near pins: **Cathy, Tom** x 2, **Terry** x 2 and **Jonathan Li** who shot an excellent 84

Long drives: the usual suspects of **Terry Wright** for the men and **Cathy Neish** for the ladies.

Lowest gross (who had not won another prize was Jonny Brock)

Congratulations to everyone for surviving the heat and especially to our two 2018 champions Lindsay and Nick.

■ **Dallas Reid**

ARCH to ARC

In June 2018, our Swimming and Triathlon member **David Gething**, along with his team mate **Mayank Vaid**, completed the world's longest point to point triathlon, accompanied by their wives **Trilby** and **Theresa** as their support crew. The event started with a 140 kilometre run from London's Marble Arch to Dover on the Kent coast. The next stage was a rough and windy 55 kilometre swim across the English Channel to the French coast, pushed further than expected due to the tides. Finally, the event finished with a 300 kilometre bike ride from Calais to the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.



David Gething: The event was in support of a charity initiative the four of us had established called Every Mile Matters 288. Every Mile Matters 288 worked with two registered Hong Kong charitable organisations, Outward Bound (Hong Kong) and the Zubin Foundation, to develop special programmes for 288 disadvantaged or disabled Hong Kong children from diverse cultural backgrounds. One child was helped for every mile of the race. Our journey embraced the Every Mile Matters philosophy – a team of four Hong Kong residents from four different cultural backgrounds working side-by-side working against what at times seemed like insurmountable odds. We hoped that the diversity of our team and the obstacles we faced and overcame would in a small way reflect and mirror the causes of the children and families that we hoped to help.

We arrived in the UK with a very unclear timetable. The weather in the channel was unpredictable, and we weren't really sure we could start the swim even as we embarked on the run, but we figured the best bet was to get the run done and be there in Dover ready and waiting in case a suitable swim window came up.

The run from London started off fantastic. I felt like a million dollars. Too good. Always a bad sign. But we had a nice run out of the city, kept a sensible pace, and slowly made our way into the countryside. All went well until about 40 kilometres in, when that million dollar feeling turned into a lead ball in my stomach. I couldn't eat and felt like I was going to be sick. I'm not sure what happened, but I couldn't bear think about food and I ate and drank next to nothing for the next thirty kilometres. Never a smart thing to do in a long race. However the only answer was to tough it out. Eventually things

pulled around and we ran through the night, ending up in Dover as dawn broke through, still not knowing if the weather in the channel would calm down enough to allow us to swim.

I'm not sure when I fell asleep, maybe around 7am, but I woke up in the early afternoon to have my wife Trilby tell me the swim was on and it was starting at midnight. Because of the English Channel swimming rules, we were only allowed to have one swimmer in the water at a time. My teammate and I decided to take one-hour shifts, swimming next to a guide boat whose job it was to steer us through the tides, container shipping boats and pitch black night. We each grabbed a pebble off the Dover coast for luck, then put on our wetsuits, booties and hoods, and attached special flashing lights to our head and body so the boat could see us in the darkness.

I could only describe the conditions as tough - swimming in the dark against breaking waves, heavy seas, strong winds and freezing temperatures, all the while trying not to swallow half of the English channel. I'll admit that I went through a lot of emotions on that swim - there were times when I enjoyed it and times when I hated it, times when I felt like we were moving well and times when I felt it was pointless. I very nearly pulled out. If we were having a rough time in the water, our support crew was suffering twice as much on the rolling and pitching boat, with severe bouts of sea-sickness and shivering. But they never gave up, and they didn't let us swimmers give up either. As we pushed forward the sun rose, and so did our spirits. The weather seemed to settle, and there came a point when I realised we could see the houses on the French coast. Then the cows. Then the people. And finally, after a little over 12 hours, I jumped in for the final time, and swam side by side with my teammate to the French coast. I think we were both surprised that we actually made it. We gave each other a stunned high-five, and each grabbed a rock off the shore - a bookend for the other rock we'd picked up on the Dover coast. It was only after we arrived that the boat crew let us in on a secret: they'd been running bets on us finishing the swim, and all but one guy had bet against us. In retrospect, the crew were pretty dubious about us when we got aboard in Dover, but by the time we got to Calais I think we'd earned their respect. They all wanted to take photos with these two fools from Hong Kong who had turned up without appropriate clothing, ability or talent, but had gutted it out and made it.

After a few hours rest and recovery, we started

what we expected was going to be the "easy" stage. And how wrong we were. The ride was 300 kilometres, and we'd chosen to do it on a tandem bicycle as part of our teamwork message. The bike was like a tank, and rode like a brick. Any hill required the smallest of gears, and even rolling along the flats took constant effort. There was nothing for it except to push on, with the French countryside and food-stops of croissants and coffee helping maintain our enthusiasm. Finally, about 17 hours later, we arrived on the outskirts of Paris, in the early evening. If riding a tandem in the countryside was difficult, riding it in the city rush-hour was next to impossible. Traffic lights every few hundred metres, traffic, pedestrians... and two very tired cyclists. However, even the slow tandem moved quicker than our support van, and finally we turned down the Champs d'Elysee and saw the Arc de Triomphe ahead. After a short debate we decided to pull over just before the end and let the van catch up so we could all finish together, and finally rolled in the last few hundred metres. We were met by friends, champagne and surprised tourists, took lots of photos, sprayed each other with champagne, and it was done.

The team was officially received by the Hong Kong Chief Executive Honourable **Mrs Carrie Lam** at a reception in Paris. The Every Mile Matters 288 programme has been an incredible success, reaching our funding goals of raising HK\$888,000 to help give 288 Hong Kong children a life-changing opportunity. Hong Kong businesses, community organisations such as the Club, media and individuals showed their true colours, recognising the programme with exceptional generosity and interest. As Mrs Lam noted in her speech, "the Every Mile Matters 288 programme demonstrated the 'can-do' attitude of Hong Kong and of Hong Kong people", bringing both awareness and support to an under-recognised issue in the country.

Thanks to HKFC for all of the help and support, especially for the coaching, tuition and reassurance of Coaches **Dominic** and **Ken** from the Swimming and Triathlon Society and the unwavering enthusiasm of my HKFC Swimming and Triathlon team-mates. I started off with the Society a few years ago as a fairly novice swimmer. I never imagined that with their help I might one day be able to be part of something like this.



HKFC Tri-Kids

Tri-Kids Swimmers Success

The HKFC Tri-Kids Swim Club had a great kick-off at the Stingrays annual Swimming Competition last month. It was the first swim meet we have entered since the Tri-Kids programme began. The individual swims showed some great progress with the races being very competitive, and very exciting indeed. This gives us great expectations going forward!

Congratulations to all the swimmers who took part this term. Especially **Tatum Saddler** who entered 6 events, including the more challenging 100m Butterfly and 200m Freestyle. The three **Puels** siblings, **Jasmine**, **Vegas** and **Milo**, entered all Freestyle events and won Ribbons for winning their heats. They performed better than their seed times, beating their Personal Best times by far. This is a tremendous effort from the Team.

Special mentions from Coach **Dominic** goes to:

- Tatum Sadler** – Most hard working, ready for the Masters Programme
- Nick Lester** – Great attitude award
- Tommy Langley** – Best attendance
- Ellabelle Purcell** – Distance Swimmer Award
- Samantha Lester** – Getting it done quietly
- Jasmine Puels** – Most improved all round, best attitude, the most eager and great influence!
- Vegas Puels** – Most improved swimmer. Great Freestyle
- Milo Puels** – Brings the best Basketball skills to the pool!

And we say goodbye to **Eleanor Lewis** - Best Breaststroke Swimmer. We wish you all the best in England!

There is much to look forward to for next term as we have enough swimmers committed to make us competitive for the first time in 3 years, all thanks to Coach Dominic! We have seen great success throughout the term, which covers every aspect of swimming, technique, fitness, speed, skills and drills. The swimming meet proved beneficial and a great opportunity for our young swimmers to get their first taste of competition.

We finished off a fantastic season last week and we are looking forward to starting up the sessions after the summer holidays.

We would like to thank Coach Dominic Tsui 'Best Coach Ever' who looks after the swimmers. A big thank you to the Swim Club and committee for their support with the programme, and to our parents who have shown great support. A special mention to our parent supporters **Suzanne Sadler** and **Rupert Puels** for continually encouraging the swimmers. We wish the Tri-Kids a restful break, and hope you all come back after the summer focussed and eager to achieve your aims in the new season.



Tri-Kids Updates and Sign-Up

Exciting changes are happening next season with lots to look forward to for our swimmers. It is reassuring to know that the Swim Club is in a strong position and is looking forward to many more successful years. There is a new training timetable starting from Monday 20th August 2018 and we would like to invite children of both Members and non-Members to join our squad. Swimmers must be 8yrs-16yrs old and already have swimming experience. The sessions are 1.5 hours long, and although there is lots of fun activity and breaks, the sessions can be challenging at times.

Trial sessions

Over the Summer Break, Coach Dominic will be offering trial sessions. If you would like your child to attend one of these sessions free of charge, please contact **Debbie** on (debbiehanley01@gmail.com). We will be back in the pool for trials starting 18th July 2018.

Keeping informed

Please contact Debbie Hanley for any information about joining the Swim Club, at debbiehanley01@gmail.com or feel free to have a chat with Coach Dominic on a Monday or Wednesday at 4.45pm onwards at any time on poolside!

Race Results

Tai Mei Tuk 1.7k swim

Results in attached

TerraMar SwimRun Series

Terramar organises races combining run, swim and paddle in 'wild' parts of Hong Kong. Popularised in Europe, Swimrun took off in Hong Kong this year and the Society was there to support the series.

Sai Kung: On 13th May **Nicolas Gontard**, smashed the field winning the Senior Mens; **Mathieu Maury** came eighth while **Deb Hanley** came sixth in the Male and Female Open divisions.

Lantau: The big guns arrived for this final race in the series on 3rd June. **Mathieu Maury** won his second race of the series in Male Open with **James Mabbutt** coming in eighth while **Nicolas Gontard** came third in the Senior Mens.

HKASA Long Course Masters Swimming Competition (Part 3): June 24th - Sun Yet Sen

Another great showing by the Society on 24th June! This was the first time in history, the Society has competed under #FC and they did not disappoint! **Matt Belecanech**, **Craig Nortje** and **Nicole Millson** swept their



races! **Matt** beat his own 400 Free record by 12.2-seconds! **Craig** also set new records in both the 50 and 100 back.



Badminton Society

Badminton Society recently held two social events. First was an “All You Can Eat” barbecue meal in Sheung Wan. Consumption of food was the main priority of the day. Unfortunately, some had to be careful with what they ate needing to later play that night in the early rounds of the HK Annual Championships. Badminton Society also hosted a friendly match with long standing friends from Kowloon Cricket Club. After the match, we ‘introduced’ KCC to the newly renovated upstairs Coffee Shop.

Badminton Society Annual General Meeting saw a new committee elected. Chairman – **Cheung Yu**; General Secretary – **Peggy Lee**; Treasurer – **Patrick Leung**, Membership Secretary – **Danny Leung**; S&RC representative – **Mat Shuker**; Captain – **Ivan Ho**; Social Secretary – **Yeuk Sxe Yeung**; General Officers – **Nora Man**, **Tommy Liu**. Congratulations!



All You Can Eat” barbecue social.



HKFC Badminton versus KCC Badminton friendly match

Ten Pin Bowling



*Emy Clarke
BIG Treasurer*

BIG Report

The Hong Kong Interclub Ten Pin Bowling (HKICTB) 2017-2018 league recently came to a close. It has been a tough year due to injuries (not bowling related) and with a limited pool of players. We are proud to announce that the Hong Kong Football Club Team achieved second place on the Scratch game with 182 points. The Champions were Kowloon Tong (KTC) with 191.5 points, who are formidable opponents. In third place were the Ladies Recreation Club (LRC) with 151.5 points. Champions of the handicap point’s game were Kowloon Cricket Club (KCC) with 151 points followed by LRC with 133 points with HKFC third with 131.5 points.

In the Individual Scratch Award: Men’s Highest Scratch Game Score of 256 goes to **Roy Chan** of KTC while Ladies’ Scratch Game of 219 went to **Audrey Tang** of KCC. While Scratch Game Series



of 648 was clinched by Roy Chan of KTC and the Ladies’ Scratch Game Series of 557 was a tie between KCC, **Audrey Tang** and HKFC, **Tracy Tam**. Many thanks to all our BIG players especially **Adrian Li** (who never missed a



game and was consistently good with his scores), **Raymond Chan** our convener and particularly **Marian Au** our Captain.

Last May the InterClub Team Challenge was played at South China Athletic Association (SCAA). Congratulations to KTC for winning the Scratch Game and again HKFC came second and third was LRC. The Handicap points game was won by LRC and again HKFC came second and third place went to KTC. With regard to the individual awards: Highest Men's Game Scratch at 236 went

to Roy Chan of KTC while Ladies' Scratch at 186 went to **Emy Clarke** of HKFC. Highest Men's Scratch Series at 611 (3 games) went to **Gerald Lau** of LRC and the Ladies' Scratch Series went to Emy Clarke HKFC at 516.

On the Handicap Individual Award: Highest Men's Handicap game at 251 went to **Vic Ramchandani** of LRC, Ladies' at 226 won by Emy Clarke HKFC. Highest Men's Handicap Series went to Gerald Lau at 716 and Ladies' won by Emy Clarke HKFC at 636.

The Club Bowling Interest Group (BIG)

also participated at the Samsung 61st Festival of Sport Inter-Club Challenge Cup at SCAA and came 5th. Correctional Services Department Bowling Club were the Champions, Police Sports and Recreation Club 2nd Place and Kowloon Tong Club 3rd. BIG will be competing at the 44th Hong Kong International Open Tenpin Bowling Championships on 25th June 2018 at SCAA.

Congratulations Team! Well done!



HONG KONG INTER CLUB TENPIN BOWLING

12th LEAGUE BOWLING SEASON 2017-18

HKICTB LEAGUE TEAM STANDINGS



ROUND		1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	19 May 2018							
CLUB TEAM		A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H		LEAGUE POINTS TO DATE					
		LRC	RHKYC	KCC	HKCrC	KTC	HKC	HKFC										Total Scratch Points	Total Handicap Points	CLUB TEAM	AVE POINTS	Position	
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A	LRC	SCR			16	15	15	12	15	14	9.5	4	20	11	15	5			151.50		LRC	12.63	
		HCP			10	5	12	7	13	10	20	4	18	9	17	8				133.00	LRC		11.08
B	RHKYC	SCR	6	7			7	4	15	13	7	9	2	4	6	3			83.00		RHKYC	6.92	
		HCP	12	17			4	4	17	16	9	15	6	6	13	11				130.00	RHKYC		10.83
C	KCC	SCR	7	10	15	18			14	7	5	13	4	14	7	6			120.00		KCC	10.00	
		HCP	10	15	18	18			10	15	9	18	4	11	9	14				151.00	KCC		12.58
D	HKCrC	SCR	7	8	7	9	8	15			7	4	14	16	2	2			99.00		HKCrC	8.25	
		HCP	9	12	5	6	12	7			13	7	14	15.5	10.5	13				124.00	HKCrC		10.33
E	KTC	SCR	12.5	18	15	13	17	9	15	18			22	22	18	12			191.50		KTC	15.96	
		HCP	2	18	13	7	13	4	9	15			20	7	17	5				130.00	KTC		10.83
F	HKC	SCR	2	11	20	18	18	8	8	6	0	0			4	2			97.00		HKC	8.08	
		HCP	4	13	16	16	18	11	8	6.5	2	15			9	6				124.50	HKC		10.38
G	HKFC	SCR	7	17	16	19	15	16	20	20	4	10	18	20					182.00		HKFC	15.17	
		HCP	5	14	9	11	13	8	11.5	9	5	17	13	16						131.50	HKFC		10.96
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		HCP																					

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HARROW SQUARE



Bond Apartment, Harrow HA1 1BE

Harrow is an area renowned for its history and scenic green open spaces. Harrow Square is an exciting new development, will have 318 apartments comprising of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom across four buildings. Private balconies and terraces on the top floors of the buildings are a perfect way to view the surrounding area.

Estimated completion: Summer 2019

Prices from £356,000

POTATO WHARF



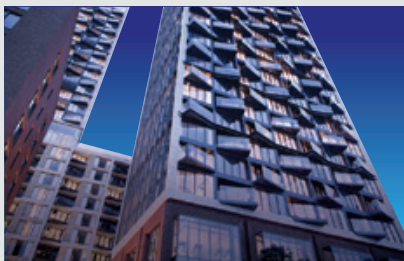
Castlefield, Manchester M3 4BD

Potato Wharf is an iconic collection of 1 & 2 bedroom apartments offering village life within walking distance of one of Europe's most vibrant and forward-thinking cities. This cultured and cosmopolitan area is packed with art galleries, cafés and idyllic green spaces. Potato Wharf has good access to a number of locations in Manchester and surrounding cities, all of which can be reached via walking, metro or train.

Estimated completion: Q4 2019

Prices from £304,000

ONE WEST POINT



6 Portal Way, Acton, W3 6RU

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Estimated completion: Q4 2021- Q1 2022

Prices from £560,000

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Canning Town, London, E16 1JH

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Estimated completion: Completed.

Prices from £460,000

ALTITUDE



Hampden Road, Hornsey, London, N8 0HG

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Estimated completion: Q2/Q3 2019

Prices from £425,000

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