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## *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

### **Festive Celebrations at the Club:**

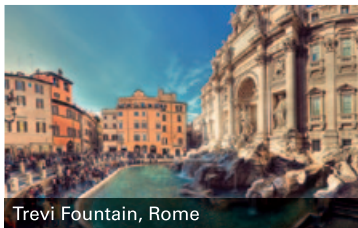
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- **Christmas Carols with the Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir**
- **New Year's Eve Party *and more...!***



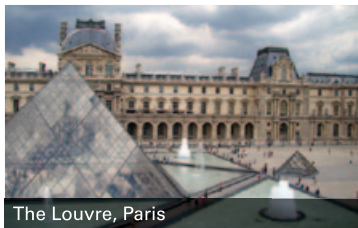
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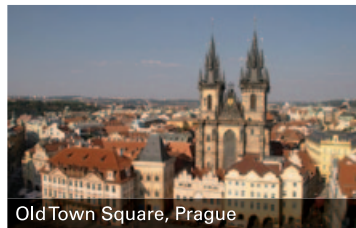
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## HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

#### General Committee

President	: Dermot Agnew
Vice President	: James Collins-Taylor
Vice President	: Nick Hunsworth
Vice President	: Bobby Lawson
Vice President	: Iain Valentine
Chairman	: John Shanahan
Hon. Secretary	: Mike Wood
Hon. Treasurer	: David Howell
Sports and Recreation Development	: Philip Woolf
Discipline	: Mark Clift
Constitutional Affairs	: Dave Reeves
Membership	: Roger Finnie
Hockey Officer	: Maurice O'Brien
Lawn Bowls Officer	: Nicola Russo
Rugby Officer	: Nick Grimshaw
Soccer Officer	: John Molloy
Squash Officer	: Martyn Russell
	: Neil Roberts

#### Management

General Manager	: Mark Pawley
Director of Operations	: Tony Sealy
Director of Food and Beverage	: Dominique Artigolle
Financial Controller	: Ricky Chan
Executive Chef	: Patrick Lau
Facilities Manager	: Evan Tao
Membership Services Manager	: Kerry Ogle
Human Resources Manager	: Angela Chan
Executive Housekeeper	: Tracy Tseung
Front Office Manager	: Shirley Lo

#### Club Magazine

Monthly journal of the Hong Kong Football Club.  
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## The Thoughts of the Chairman

Dear Members,

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on the 8th November 2012. I would like to thank all Members that attended and I am honoured to have been elected Chairman of the Club at that meeting. There were some 140 Members in attendance who along with their Spouses and Partners, stayed on after the meeting to enjoy the Members' Cocktail Reception.

Many congratulations to **Colin Cohen** and **Mike Worth** for being elected Life Members in recognition of their outstanding contributions to Club life over the years. I thank most sincerely **Fook Aun Chew** for his many years of service to the General Committee and as Chairman of the Club for the last four years. I must also say thank you to **Desmond Ko** and **Roger Nissim** for their service on the General Committee now that they have stepped down. I welcome to the General Committee three new members; **Roger Finnie** as a General Officer; **Nick Grimshaw** as the Lawn Bowls representative and **Neil Roberts** representing Squash.

The chairmanships of the five Standing Sub-committees have been confirmed by the General Committee as follows:-

<b>Chairman of the Constitutional Affairs Sub-committee</b>	<b>Roger Finnie</b>
<b>Chairman of the Discipline Sub-committee</b>	<b>Dave Reeves</b>
<b>Chairman of the Development Sub-committee</b>	<b>Mark Clift</b>
<b>Chairman of the Membership Sub-committee</b>	<b>Maurice O'Brien</b>
<b>Chairman of the Sports &amp; Recreation Sub-committee</b>	<b>Philip Woolf</b>

On behalf of the Club I attended the Remembrance Sunday memorial service at the Cenotaph on the 11th November and placed a wreath in commemoration of all those that fought for Hong Kong in the two World Wars.

The major projects for the General Committee for 2013 will be to secure our new lease from the Government and to take forward the Masterplan Redevelopment of the Sportsman's Bar and the 1st and 2nd floors of the Club, all of which are in need of modernisation and refurbishment after 17 years of constant use, especially the kitchens. When we have some concrete proposals (no pun intended) to bring to the membership, I will let you know.

As we approach the Christmas holidays and New Year, don't forget the **Christmas Fête on Saturday 15th December**. This event is open to Members and their immediate families and up to a maximum of four guests (including children), and reservation forms can be downloaded from the Club website, picked up from Reception and/or at the Sports Desk on the 1st floor. We also welcome back the **Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir** who will be singing on the Main Pitch at **7:00pm on Monday 17th December**. Of course, our traditional mulled wine and mince pies will be available.

I would also like to offer heartfelt congratulations to long-serving Member **Bob Lloyd** who will be inducted into the Harlequins Rugby Club Hall of Fame in December. Bob was the Hong Kong Captain of the first sevens team to play at the inaugural Hong Kong Sevens tournament in 1976, winning the Plate. Bob is also an ex-England and ex-Harlequins captain, who scored four tries against the 1967 All Blacks in three matches, the only Englishman to score against them.

Finally, may I, on behalf of the General Committee and myself, wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

**JOHN J SHANAHAN**  
Chairman

**SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER**  
**2PM - 6PM**



HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

# CHRISTMAS FÊTE

Bring the family along to participate in the Christmas festivities where you will enjoy seasonal arts and crafts and games and activities. Don't miss the food and beverage court which is full of Xmas treats as well as the fantastic music and entertainment!

**VENUE: MAIN PITCH**

For the all inclusive price of:

Member: **\$250** (Adult), **\$120** (Child)

Non Member: **\$350** (Adult), **\$170** (Child)

(Each Member account can bring a maximum of 4 guests including children)

*Children under 6 years old free of charge*

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL!**

If you would like to pre-register for the Christmas Fête, please fill in a booking form available at the Reception and 1/F Sports Desk, or from the HKFC website, and hand it to Reception or fax to: 3110 1176

Wristbands which allows entry to the Fête will be available for pick up from Reception from Monday 3rd December 2012 to Friday 14th December 2012.

**Wristbands cannot be collected on the event day.**

**Please submit all booking forms no later than Friday 30th November 2012**



Please note that high heels may not be worn on the Main Pitch.



## *From the Desk of Mark Pawley*

**Y**ou should have received a copy of the Club's Festive Events schedule late October, which I hope has been/will be a useful aid for planning all your Xmas and New Year activities at the Club with family and friends. Please note too that the shop on the G/F1, selling food and beverage items, has recently gone through a transformation, or two, and is now called the Christmas Goodies Counter and is kitted out with a number of festive goodies whilst retaining a number of day to day food and beverage items. The Shop is well worth a visit! You will see our Food and Beverage Outlet Opening Hours over the Festive period which is set out for your information on page 13. Please also see the notice about the increase in monthly subscription from January 2013 onwards, which is set out on this page.

The now traditional **Family Christmas Carols** evening at the Main Pitch is on **Monday, 17th December at 7pm**. As with last year, we are going to seat Members in the Forsgate Stand (the seating stand nearest the Sportsman's Bar). We welcome back the very popular and in-demand **Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir** who will be singing many of your favourite carols. Just to note the Choir will be located on the Pitch and facing the Forsgate Stand. Members are urged to come down early for this event. Per tradition, mulled wine, minced pies and soft drinks will be made available at the finish of the carol singing to all those in attendance.

Don't forget, too, the **Christmas Quiz Night**, held by Santa on **Wednesday, 12th December** in the Sportsman's Bar which has a "**Christmas in Hollywood**" title. A big thank you to the guys from the Squash Section who are helping to organise this quiz and don't forget that Santa will not wait, so do book your quiz team early and don't be late!

And, for bringing the New Year in, look no further than the **New Year's Eve Party** at the Club. A fantastic way to see in 2013 – including bringing in a number of musicians from the UK, a sumptuous Gala Buffet, an early Breakfast Buffet, and **all** drinks (including Champagne at midnight) throughout the night. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Although not too festive, we are holding two wine dinners in December, the first of which, on **Thursday 13th December**, will be showcasing English wines from the **Chapel Down Winery** (a definite first for the Club) and the second one being the **Mt Difficulty Wine Dinner** on **Thursday 20th December**.

Last, and by no means least, on behalf of the Management and Staff of the Club, may I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

**MARK PAWLEY**  
General Manager



### **NOTICE TO MEMBERS**

#### **Increase in Monthly Subscription in 2013**

At the Annual General Meeting held on the 8th November 2012 an increase in monthly subscription was approved which will come into effect on 1st January 2013.

1. Monthly Subscription for Full Members, Corporate Members (including Corporate Nominees) and Associate Members (Sports Preferred Associates, Lady Associates, Family Member Associates and Consular Associates) will be increased from HK\$1,350 to HK\$1,375.
2. Monthly Subscription for Sports Debenture Associates and Junior Associates (between the age of 21-26) will be increased from HK\$525 to HK\$540.

Please note that the new monthly subscription rate will be reflected in the December 2012 statement.



# NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

**MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER  
SPORTS HALL**

**7.30pm Reception • 8.30pm Buffet Dinner**

**Members \$1,400 per person • Non-Members \$1,900 per person**



Hong Kong Football Club once again hosts one of the best parties in town. All the partying you can handle, including live music from the UK, a spectacular buffet spread loaded with international flavours, champagne and free flowing drinks all night and a fabulous breakfast to start the New Year in style!

**BOOK NOW! MAKE SURE YOU ARE AT THE BEST NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY IN TOWN!**

Booking form available at the Front Desk and it can be downloaded from our website. You can also email: [winki\\_ho@hkfc.com](mailto:winki_ho@hkfc.com)

# Christmas Highlights



## At the Sportsman's Bar

**Monday 17th December  
from 7pm until 7.45pm**

Seating will be arranged at the Forsgate Stand  
(facing the Main Pitch).

Mulled wine, Minced Pies and soft drinks will be available for all those in attendance at the end of the performance.

## Christmas Hampers

Share the joy of the festive season by sending hampers to your loved ones, relatives, friends or business partners. Hampers can either be picked up at the Club or arranged for delivery to the lucky recipients!

Order forms are available at Reception and can also be downloaded from our website.



## Christmas and New Year Programmes

The F&B Department has lined up a number of exciting Christmas and New Year activities. Please refer to the Christmas Brochure available on our website.



## Turkey and Festive Takeaway

Available from 1st – 30th December

Sit back, relax and let the professionals take care of the hard work.

A variety of delicious dishes including U.S. Tom Turkey and Glazed Bone Ham can be ordered for takeaway for the perfect party at home or at the office.



## Christmas Goodies Counter

The Kiosk will be offering a selection of festive food and beverage goodies. Stop by the Christmas Counter for gift ideas for your family and friends, and office and clients.



## Christmas in HOLLYWOOD Quiz Night

**in the Sportsman's Bar  
Thursday 13th December  
from 7pm until 10.30pm**

Hollywood theme with prizes for the BEST DRESSED!  
Easy Questions, freebies and more!

# Special Events on Festive Days

## 24<sup>th</sup> December (Monday)

### COFFEE SHOP

#### Christmas Eve Lunch Buffet

12noon – 2.30pm  
Adult \$275, Child \$160

#### Christmas Eve Dinner Buffet

6.30pm – 10.00pm  
Adult \$360, Child \$208

*\*Santa Claus will be offering presents to all children*

### RESTAURANT

#### Christmas Eve Lunch Semi-Bufferet

12noon – 2.30pm  
\$328 per person

#### Christmas Eve 5-Course Set Dinner with Live Entertainment

7.00pm – 10.30pm  
\$600 (includes a complimentary glass of Veuve Clicquot Champagne)

*\*Please note that there will be no A la Carte for either Lunch or Dinner in the Restaurant and Coffee Shop.*

## 25<sup>th</sup> December (Tuesday)

### COFFEE SHOP

#### Noël Lunch Buffet

12noon – 2.30pm  
Adult \$310, Child \$185

#### Christmas Celebration Dinner Buffet

6.30pm – 10.00pm  
Adult \$360, Child \$208

*\*Special entertainment, party favours and Santa Claus will be offering presents to all children during Lunch and Dinner.*

### RESTAURANT

#### Noël Deluxe Family Brunch with Sparkling Wine and selected Wines

11.00am – 2.30pm  
Adult \$448, Child \$208

#### Noël Deluxe 5-Course Set Dinner with Live Entertainment

7.00pm – 10.30pm  
\$600 (includes a complimentary glass of Veuve Clicquot Champagne)

*\*Please note that there will be no A la Carte for either Lunch or Dinner in the Restaurant and Coffee Shop.*

## 26<sup>th</sup> December (Wednesday)

### COFFEE SHOP

#### “Forever Favourites” Lunch Buffet

12noon – 2.30pm  
Adult \$208, Child \$135

#### “Forever Favourites” Dinner Semi-Bufferet with Carving

6.30pm – 9.30pm  
2 Courses \$178, 3 Courses \$208

### RESTAURANT

#### “Forever Favourites” Family Sparkling Brunch

11.00am – 2.30pm  
Adult \$328, Child \$168

#### “Forever Favourites” Seafood Family Dinner Buffet

6.30am – 9.30pm  
Adult \$338, Child \$168

## 1<sup>st</sup> January (Tuesday)

### COFFEE SHOP

#### New Year's Day Lunch Buffet

12noon – 2.30pm  
Adult \$208, Child \$135

#### New Year's Day Dinner Buffet

6.30pm – 9.30pm  
Adult \$248, Child \$135

*\*Please note that there will be a limited A la Carte menu for Lunch and Dinner.*

### RESTAURANT

#### New Year's Day Sparkling Family Brunch

11.00am – 2.30pm  
Adult \$328, Child \$168

#### New Year's Day Family Seafood Dinner Buffet

6.30pm – 9.30pm  
Adult \$328, Child \$168

# A Taste for the Unfamiliar?



**The Restaurant Private Room**

**Thursday: 13th December**

**Time: 7.30pm: Arrival and welcome drink | 8.00pm: An enjoyable 4 course Dinner will be served**  
**\$520 per Member, \$580 per Member's Guest**

**RSVP: 30 seats available only**

Join **Chapel Down wine dinner**, producer of award-winning English wines, and official sparkling at the **Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton**.

If you want to try '*what Britain does best*' just like them, book quickly as seats are very limited!

Chapel Down makes sparkling and still wines with unusual grape varieties perfectly fitted for England. Hard work in the vineyard and strict grape selection are essential for these premium wines, and it has built the winery's reputation as one of the best in the country.

## **7:30pm: Pre-Dinner Drinks**

2 varieties of amuse bouche

Welcome Drink

*Chapel Down Brut NV (Sparkling)*

## **8pm to 11pm: Dinner**

**Goat Cheese Tart with Morel and Cepes Mushrooms, Baby Leaves and  
Micro Cress with Lemon Olive Oil**

*Chapel Down Bacchus 2010 (White Wine)*

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**Haddock Fishcake with Smoked Bacon, Green Asparagus  
Creamed Baby Leek, Fresh Herb Mayonnaise**

*Chapel Down The Union 2006 (Sparkling)*

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**Filet of Beef Wellington, Fondant Potatoes, Glazed Baby Carrots, Haricots Verts  
Red Wine Sauce**

*Chapel Down Trinity Rondo Pinot Noir 2009 (Red Wine)*

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**Apple and Blackberry Crumble**

*Chapel Down Brut Rosé NV (Sparkling)*

Coffee / Tea

Petits Fours

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or email: [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)

Last day for cancellation: 29th November 2012

\*\* Cancellations made after this date will be charged in full to the Member's account, unless there are exceptional circumstances.



The essence of Central Otago... a reflection of place.

With their founding vineyards established in 1992, Mt Difficulty owns some of the oldest vineyards and is one of the most respected wineries in the Central Otago region of New Zealand's rugged South Island. Situated in Bannockburn, a unique and rare area of extremes, Mt Difficulty has harnessed the once brutal terrain to produce premium wines at the forefront of Central Otago's wine production.

## Mt. Difficulty Wine Dinner

Date: Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> December

Time: 7.15pm to 7.45pm Pre-dinner drink,

Time: 8.00pm: A delightful 4 Course Dinner will be served

Venue: The Restaurant

Price: \$620 per Member or \$688 per member's Guest  
(Inclusive of dinner and 6 selected wines, 30 seats available only)

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation  
or email: [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)

Last day for cancellation: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December

\*\* Cancellations made after this date will be charged in full to the Member's account, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Welcome drink

**Mt. Difficulty Sauvignon Blanc 2011**

2 varieties of amuse bouche

Starter  
Pan Seared South Island Jumbo Scallops  
with Baby Spinach Salad  
Micro Cress with Lemon Olive Oil

**Mt. Difficulty Pinot Gris 2011**

♦

Middle Course  
Guinea Fowl Breast Risotto with Winter Mushrooms

**Mt. Difficulty Chardonnay 2009**

♦

Main Course  
Grass Fed Mt. Cook Lamb, Roasted with Rosemary  
Creamed Potato Gratin, Haricots Verts

**Mt. Difficulty Roaring Meg Pinot Noir 2011**  
**Mt. Difficulty Pinot Noir 2010**

♦

Dessert  
Classic Apricot Tart with Granny Smith Apple Sherbet

**Mt. Difficulty Noble Riesling 2011**

Coffee / Tea  
Petits Fours



## RESTAURANT

### DINNER WITH LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**in the Restaurant**

**Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th December**

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with live performances on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th December.

Chef Adonald has prepared a “Noel 5-Course Set Dinner. Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or email: [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)



### WINTER SOLSTICE FEAST

**in the Restaurant**

**every evening (except on Sundays and Festive Days)**

A specially designed Festive Set Dinner Menu will be available every evening in the Restaurant, except on Sundays and festive days.

Set Menus available from \$420 per person

### SUNDAY BRUNCH

**in the Restaurant**

**and Chairman's Bar**

**from 11am to 2.30pm**

**throughout the month of December**

\$245 per Adult (with unlimited flow of sparkling wine)

\$138 per Child (with soft drinks and chilled juice)

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or email: [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)

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

### CHAIRMAN'S BAR

#### WINE CAROUSEL

**in the Chairman's Bar**

**every day from 6.30pm to 10.30pm**

From 6.30pm until 10.30pm daily, you can enjoy 2 hours of free-flowing wines specially selected to match the season at a set price of **\$140 per person**.

There are 12 wines on offer. Alternatively you can select any two glasses of wine for only **\$75**.

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

#### FRESH OYSTERS

**in the Chairman's Bar**

**every day from noon to 10.30pm**

- 6 oysters and 2 glasses of Sparkling for \$150

- or 12 oysters and 2 glasses of Sparkling for \$250



## SPORTSMAN'S BAR

**SPECIAL HOLLYWOOD  
FESTIVE QUIZ****Thursday 13th December**

The Special Hollywood Festive Quiz will take place on Thursday 13th December with a Festive Buffet starting at 7pm. The quiz starts at 8.30pm sharp (The Quiz Master will not wait!) Please book early to avoid disappointment.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS PERFORMANCE  
BY THE WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR****Monday 17th December**

On Monday 17th December, the annual Christmas Carols performance by the Welsh Male Voice Choir will take place next to the Sportsman's Bar. Seating will be arranged at the Forsgate Stand (facing the Main Pitch) as we try to accommodate as many of you as possible. A light early Dinner Buffet will be available at the Sportsman's Bar and Coffee Shop from 5.30pm.

Mulled wine, Minced Pies and soft drinks will be available for all those in attendance at the end of the performance.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY  
YOUTH RUGBY FESTIVAL****Tuesday 1st January**

Don't forget the New Year's Day Youth Rugby Festival on Tuesday 1st January, the first event of the year where the crowd is always large. There will be a Bar and a Food Outlet set up around the pitch, please come out with family and friends to support Hong Kong and the overseas rugby players! Games will start from mid-day, so let's kick off the New Year Day with a Bang!

*Photo for reference only***NOURISHING WINTER SOUPS****throughout the month of December**

Our delicious and hearty soups are prepared using natural and nutritious ingredients, come and try them all this month.

**MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES****throughout the month of December**

Our home-made Mulled Wine with a choice of Mince Pies will be on promotion, especially for those cool evenings during the Festive month.

*Photo for reference only***AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE  
FUNCTION BOOKINGS****throughout the month of December**

A little behind in your planning? The **Sportsman's Bar** is available from 11am until 4pm, Monday to Friday for private functions. For more information on packages and bookings please email our Catering and Event Department on: [catering@hkfc.com](mailto:catering@hkfc.com)

## COFFEE SHOP

### WINTER COMFORT FOOD

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

As the weather gets colder, stop by the Coffee Shop for some hearty comfort dishes made from seasonal produce and warming spices.



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### FAMILY HOT POT DINNER BUFFET

**in the Coffee Shop  
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm  
Fridays and Saturdays (except 1st, 28th 29th December)**

Winters are not the same without our Hot Pot Favourites in the Coffee Shop.

Our Hot Pot Buffet counter includes a variety of seafood, meats, and vegetables in an alfresco setting. Come along with your family and friends for a leisurely, warm meal under the stars.



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### AFTERNOON MACARON PARADE

**in the Coffee Shop  
from 3.00pm to 5.30pm  
throughout the month  
of December**

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



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## GENERAL PROMOTIONS

# 2012 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY at the Club

Monday 31st December 2012

7.30pm Reception

8.30pm Buffet Dinner

Ticket price: \$1,400 (per Member)

\$1,900 (per Guest)

## HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR TABLE YET?

Nobody wants to miss the celebration of the new year! See out the old and bring in the New Year at the Club!

The ticket is inclusive of a very extensive Dinner Buffet with regular favourites, as well as unlimited standard drinks all night, Champagne at Midnight and a fabulous Breakfast early in the morning. In addition, we will be bringing a live band from the U.K. which undoubtedly will help make this NYE party a memorable one.

Please book early to avoid disappointment. Booking form available at the Front Desk and it can be downloaded from our website. You can also email: [winki\\_ho@hkfc.com](mailto:winki_ho@hkfc.com)

## Christmas and New Year's Opening Arrangements for F&B Outlets

### CHRISTMAS OPENING ARRANGEMENTS

#### Christmas Eve, 24th December

The Coffee Shop will be closed from 5.00pm to 6.00pm in order to help with the set-up for the evening meal. Please be reminded that there is **no A la Carte Menu** available after 6.00pm.

#### Christmas Day, 25th December

The Coffee Shop will be open from 12.00 noon and will be closed from 5.00pm to 6.00pm as with the above to help with the set-up for the evening meal. There will be **no A la Carte Menu** available all day because of the Christmas Day Lunch and Dinner Buffets.

The Sportsman's Bar will be open at 12.00 noon on 25th, 26th & 27th December with full A la Carte menu available.

The Captain's Bar will be closed all day on 25th, 26th & 27th December.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE OPENING HOURS

As in past years the opening hours for our Food and Beverage Outlets will be changed for New Year's Eve as per the following schedule:

**Coffee Shop** – closed from 6.00pm (last orders will be taken at 5.15pm)

**Restaurant** – closed from 3.00pm

**Chairman's Bar** – open as usual from midday

**Captain's Bar** – closed from 6.00pm

**Sportsman's Bar** – closed

**Family Lounge Bar** – closed from 6.00pm

## CHRISTMAS GIFT SET On Sale Now!

*A surprise Christmas gift  
for your loved ones...  
Indulge them with a  
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# 20 WORLD SQUASH DAY 20 OCTOBER 2012

**M**ore than 10,000 squash players signed up around the world to play in the World Squash Day on 20th October in support of the sports Olympic bid. The World Squash Federation (WSF) hopes that squash will be voted in by the IOC during their Congress in Buenos Aires next year and that the fantastic response to World Squash Day can only help enhance ambitions of the big decision going their way. The scores from every club will count towards an overall global result between Team Squash and Team 2020.

World Squash Day founder **Alan Thatcher** added: "Several leading professionals, including world champions **Nick Matthew** and **Nicol David**,

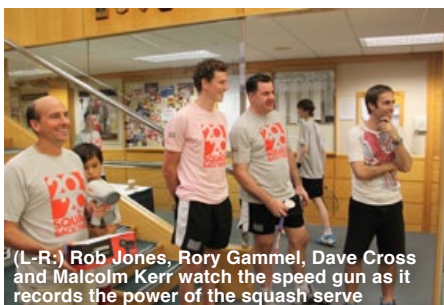
Egyptian star **Ramy Ashour** and current PSA world number one **James Willstrop**, are supporting the day.

HKFC attracted over 100 participants for the event and played over 50 matches on 20th October. This is not counting many who participated in the Big Match between HKFC and HKCC on 6th October organised by **Mike Belbin**. We can all be proud that in some small way we helped to contribute to the promotion of our beloved game.

We started the day with Juniors from HKFC, HKCC and LRC playing friendly interclub matches, participating in the Speed Gun Challenge in the morning and enjoying a quick lunch afterwards. After 20 matches, Team

Squash and Team 2020 were tied at 10 matches each.

The adult matches started early in the afternoon and ran until 5:30pm with a total of 31 matches played, many of which were very tight in scores. At the end, Team Squash beat Team 2020 with the narrowest margin of 1 match, making the overall results 26-25 for Team Squash. We were joined by the dancers for the Flash Mob organised by HK Squash in the middle of the afternoon, who rehearsed in one of our squash courts together with the volunteers. Quite a few volunteers from HKFC also joined the flash mob, which was performed at 4pm outside Sogo in Causeway Bay. You can view the performance at the following



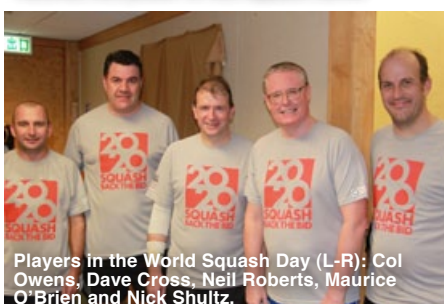
(L-R:) Rob Jones, Rory Gammel, Dave Cross and Malcolm Kerr watch the speed gun as it records the power of the squash serve



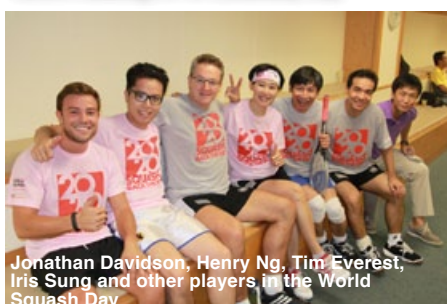
The flash mob practice their moves on court before heading off to Causeway Bay



Team flash dance



Players in the World Squash Day (L-R): Col Owens, Dave Cross, Neil Roberts, Maurice O'Brien and Nick Shultz.



Jonathan Davidson, Henry Ng, Tim Everest, Iris Sung and other players in the World Squash Day



Adam Wilson and Rob Jones with winners Rory Gammel and Andrew Ward



Flash Mob in operation at Causeway Bay



Support the 2020 Bid



Our past Club Chairman Fook Aun Chew also supported the Day along with his son and his father, and the Flash Mob

link:- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCjkdsv0DgE>. The event was also prominently covered in the Sunday Post on the 21st October.

The day ended with prize presentation for the Speed Gun Challenge by our Chairman **Adam Wilson** and “gun keeper”, **Rob (Baseball) Jones** over a couple of drinks. **Cam Pilley**’s World Record remained unscathed but I don’t think I would stand in the way of a shot from **Andrew** or **Rory** after witnessing their performance.

**Results of the Challenge are:**

**(ADULT)**

- **Andrew Ward** and **Rory Gammell** - 151 mph! (Tied for Overall Winner)
- **Pat Choong** - about 120 mph (Ladies)
- **David Cross** - 130 mph (Masters)

**(JUNIORS)**

- **Neil Sadarangani** - 122 mph (Older boy)
- **Harriet Ho** (HKCC) - 79 mph (Older girl)
- **James Barton** - 48 mph (Younger boy)
- **Olivia Barton** - 48 mph (Younger girl)

My big thanks to all who helped out and I hope you all had a good time. ■

By *Simon Ho*

# Annual Squash Match HKFC v HKCC Saturday 6th October



In all, we held a total of 45 matches between the clubs, as well as three “Youth versus Experience” matches.

**Results:**

**(JUNIORS): HKFC 8 - HKCC 2**  
**(ADULTS): HKFC 21- HKCC 14**

In the “Youth versus Experience” matches, the Youth won all the game in very close matches. Congratulations to all:

**(“YOUTH VERSUS EXPERIENCE”):**  
**Ho Man Chiu v Lincoln Chan 3-2**  
**Tim Fan v Malcolm Kerr 3-1**  
**Josh Atwell v Roger Liden 3-2**

We can be proud that we:

- a) held the biggest inter-club match in Hong Kong history
- b) included 10 junior matches
- c) were able to promote the “Support the Bid” for 2020 Olympics

I trust that everyone enjoyed the tournament and post-match social event at the Sportsman’s Bar Pack Patio.

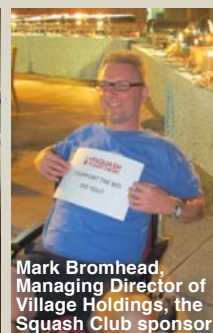
Thanks for all those who participated and came along to support the day.



Andrew “Woody” and his opponent from HKCC supporting the bid



More supporters with Elliott and his HKCC opponent



Mark Bromhead, Managing Director of Village Holdings, the Squash Club sponsor



Junior players from both clubs showing their support



Mike Belbin receiving the trophy on behalf of HKFC winning team



## *Wing Ding was a Hit Thanks to you*

*“Going Balls to the Walls  
for Hong Kong’s Most Needy”*

**A** lot of money was raised for charity. A good time was had by all. This year’s Annual Wing Ding Squash Tournament at the Hong Kong Football Club was once again a smashing success.

“Typically, we focus on the actual tournament and write about the colour, the movement and the electric atmosphere generated by the event. This year we didn’t want to fall into the trap of taking the kind donors for granted,” said **Tim Everest**, a Wing Ding coordinator.

“The Wing Ding couldn’t have happened without individual support, the Hong Kong Football Club, and company contributions,” **Everest** added. “To everyone who donated time, money raffle prizes, auction items, and more, thank you!”

All proceeds from Wing Ding’s team fees, raffle drawing and auction go to beneficiary groups selected Operation Santa Claus, a holiday appeal organized by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

This year’s 17 beneficiaries are the Children’s Heart Foundation; Hans Andersen Club Ltd.; Kids4Kids Ltd.; Playright Children’s Play Association; Teach Unlimited Foundation Ltd.; Christian Action; Christian Family Service Centre; Operation Dawn Ltd.; Helping Hand; Foodlink Foundation Ltd.; World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong; Hong Kong Red Cross Hospital Schools; The Joshua Hellmann Foundation for Orphan Disease; Lions Kidney Educational Centre & Research Foundation; Little Life Warrior Society Ltd.; Operation Smile - China Medical Mission Ltd.; and Families of S.M.A. Charitable Trust.

“Your donations and support have helped raise thousands of dollars for groups helping underprivileged HongKongers and mainlanders,” said **Everest**. “While we can’t name everyone, we once again want to say we’re grateful to all of our donors (such as Cathay Pacific, Delon Photo, Royalty Jewellery, and Elegant Watch....and many, many more), our helpers, our sponsors and, of course, our organizers, including **Susanna Chan, Rovana Lai, Jennifer Tang** and **May Tang**.”

“To conclude, I just want to leave you with a quote that has touched my family and I,” **Everest** said. “It comes from Secretary for Justice, **Mr Wong Yan-Lung**, who spoke at the Closing Ceremony for Operation Santa Claus in 2010. There he said, ‘There are two things that Operation Santa Claus reminds me of. The first is ‘Operation’; it means action, not just talk; it means activities involving different people, not just a lone campaigner. Santa Claus should be very grateful to you, for you have helped transform him from an icon of commercialism to a symbol of love, generosity and goodwill.’”

Said **Everest**: “With that, thank you all. And have a happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season.” ■



## *Masters HKFC 3A v LRC*

A great night was had recently in the Masters League when we played against LRC.

### **Results:**

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- Ritchard Hood** beat **Albert Cho** 3-0
  - Paul Errington** beat **Jack Parrison** 3 – 1
  - Dave Murray** lost to **Phil Milnerberry** 1- 3
  - Andy Niles** beat **Ellie Sackert** 3 – 1
  - Tim Everest** beat **Chris Bottsford** 3 -1
- 

A good 4 – 1 win for the Club but I think we lost the red wine competition afterwards!

## **Diary Dates**

### **Taipei Squash Tour 5th and 6th January 2013**

Club playing against American Club and Taipei City Beitou Sports Centre.

### **14th International Jumbo Doubles 24th to 27th January 2013**

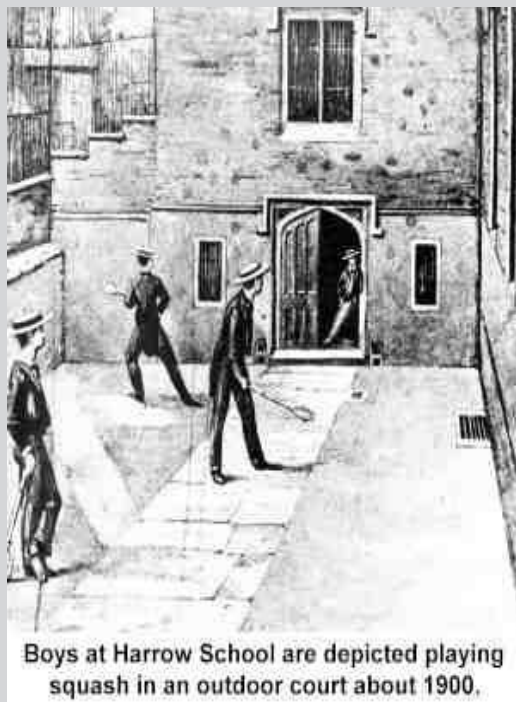
The Singapore Tanglin Club is organising the 14th International Jumbo Doubles from 24th to 27th January 2013.

It is Singapore’s largest International squash event and it is the Asia-Pacific region’s largest doubles tournament.

### **Wing Ding Photos and Results**

Photos and results in next month’s edition.





Boys at Harrow School are depicted playing squash in an outdoor court about 1900.

## The Roots of Squash

Squash was born in the early 19th century in the unlikely place of Fleet Prison in London. Limited facilities saw the prisoners take to hitting balls against the walls with racquets, so starting the game "Racquets".

The game made its way to Harrow and other select English schools around 1820, where the pupils discovered that a punctured Racquet ball "squashed" on impact.

This created a game with much more shot variety and demanded much more effort from the players. Squash proved very popular and in 1864 the first four squash courts were constructed at Harrow school and Squash was officially founded.

Today, Squash is played in some 185 countries, on nearly 50,000 courts, and the WSF now has 150 Squash playing National Associations in membership. It is the sole International Federation for the sport, as recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and maintains responsibility for the Rules of the Game, Court and Equipment Specifications, Refereeing and Coaching. The WSF maintains a World Calendar of events, organises and promotes World Championships for Men, Women, Junior Men, Junior Women and Masters age groups in both singles and doubles Squash; and leads its Member Nations in programmes for the development of the sport.

Squash has been played for over 140 years, grown sensationally in the last forty and is now poised to become one of the largest and best loved of all sports.

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# Hockey News



Coaching clinics with Crista Cullen



## Chairman's report



Nick Studholme-Wilson

Dear all,

The season is well underway and all the teams in the Section are performing in line with our high expectations. The new kit looks fantastic - many thanks, Clare, for dressing us so well. The Ladies' and Men's A's are topping their respective tables, but I get the feeling that this year's competition has intensified.

In the Men's league there has been a further addition of players from India and Pakistan to support the local players, with teams such as Khalsa and Punjab becoming increasingly ambitious. Increasing the talent pool and standard of the league can only be good for hockey in Hong Kong and we look forward to testing ourselves against these sides.

One of the most enjoyable games I have seen lately was between Men's A and Shaheen. It was a clash of two very different styles of hockey. Both teams were good demonstrators of their own particular brand of dark arts, with Club playing a game of possession and position, versus the Shaheen's game of hit and dribble. It was an enjoyable spectacle with Club sealing a convincing 6-3 victory.

The highlight of November was without doubt **Crista Cullen's** series of coaching clinics for the Section. Crista was one of the stars in the GB women's team that came 6th in Beijing and won bronze this year in London.

Seventeen hours of coaching clinics were extended to all the Men's and Ladies' teams, as well as the entire junior section!

It was a very good reminder that a good coach does not just know a lot about hockey, but also knows how to communicate

that knowledge, combined with the ability to inspire people to perform. From young to old, I think she found an audience hanging on every word she said. The cheer from the senior section after their sessions was as loud as the juniors from theirs. I have no doubt that there are a few more young hockey players now dreaming about Olympic glory!

Looking ahead we have the **Christmas Party** to look forward to. The theme this year is Hollywood, which should result in some interesting choices of costume, or lack thereof if you were to listen to some on the committee. **Cristina, Russell** and **Sam** are attempting an ambitious project of using the Sports Hall to support the numbers more comfortably, and to provide a bigger canvas to express their creativity. Well done for taking on the mammoth task; let us make sure we give them our full support with strong attendance.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy and injury free New Year!

*Nick Studholme-Wilson*

# December Tour Dates 2012

Get these dates in your diary and keep checking the website for more information – [www.hkfchockey.com](http://www.hkfchockey.com)



Why not take your team on tour....?



## Ladies' Captain's Report



Joanna Fergus,  
Ladies' Captain

Hello everyone,

I can't believe how quickly this year is going - we're almost half way through our season and it feels like we just started! Meanwhile the festive music, sparkly decorations and mulled wine signal that Christmas is fast approaching!

After a few shuffles, our teams are finalised and momentum is building fast; the A's and F's are currently sitting at the top of their respective league tables; the B's, C's, D's and G's are fighting for the top spot and the new and improved Dinos (E's) keep finding themselves with too many players to choose from!

Along with their league domination, five of our A team girls have been picked to represent Hong Kong in the 3rd AHF Cup in December: congratulations to **Nicola Sawyer, Babs Mountain, Claire Archer, Sam Hill and Veronica Morlotti!**

While they will be representing Hong Kong, the rest of us will be toasting their success at the Hockey Section Christmas bash, dressed in our fanciest (!) Hollywood inspired garb. Watch this space for the humiliating evidence!

Not long after that, the Club will be gearing up for its annual New Year's Eve Party - for anyone who is on the fence about NYE plans, I can personally guarantee that it is a night to remember. Tickets are still available, so get in quick!

Cheers, and see you on the pitch. ■ **Jo**

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## Captain's Call

“Tis the season to be jolly...”



Mark Liversidge, Club Captain

**A**s we reach the halfway point in the season, we are in jolly good shape both on and off the field.

Club, Scorpions and Select have won every game this season and are top of their respective leagues. A fantastic achievement from everyone involved so far!

With the other Hong Kong clubs' imports now having got their visas and becoming eligible to play in the Premiership, Premier A should level out and the Dragons will have a great chance of winning through the second half of the season and being real contenders come the finals.

In Community League 2 we came through the triple header of Club v Club matches involving Select, Sequins and Bulls with every game decided by a single score, going to show the incredible strength in depth we have at the Club and also the level of competitiveness, as no player gave any quarter through the combined four and a half hours of rugby. It also showed the importance of not having any of our teams in the same competition, as each of these teams has the ability to win a championship. (Hopefully a situation the Union can resolve for next year!)

The Dragons took the long road trip out to Tin Shu Wai to meet the Pandas, coming away with a 72-0 win and some sore heads from the bus trip back, via the Bavarian bar they found somewhere in the New Territories... while Select will be making the trip to Boundary Street, stronghold of the Police, in their last game before the break, which is sure to be a Christmas treat both during and after the game.

The Ladies of ICE continue to put in the effort at training under the watchful eye of Q, the new players are starting to pick up the subtleties of rugby and we hope they can build on the win they had against Kowloon (is there a sweeter victory?)

The traditional HKFC v HSBC match was played in the usual great spirit with the Bank winning for the first time in six years, although it was noticeable that several members of the Wayfoong team were considerably younger than 35 and I did spot a current Natal Sharks academy player drifting around at full back for them! The Club once again provided a fantastic Curry Buffet and a few of us were able to negotiate improvements to our banking terms late into the night...

The International Sevens season has been in full swing with several Club players playing prominent roles. **Jamie Hood** joined the national team as they had their finest run of results ever, becoming Asia Sevens Series Champions and thanks to their performance at the Singapore Sevens qualifying for the World Cup to be played in Moscow next year.

Meanwhile, a fantastic achievement for a product of our youth programme, as **Raef Morrison** played for Hong Kong "A" Sevens in Bangkok (and also the Scorpions! Not sure which one Raef found a bigger honour??)

This month sees the Hong Kong national side on tour to Dubai to play in the IRB Cup of Nations against Zimbabwe, Belgium and the hosts Dubai. With three games in 2 weeks against two sides ranked in the 20's it promises to be a great challenge and

adventure for the players selected. Good luck to all the Club players involved.

We continue to have plenty of fun off the field too, with November being packed with social activity. Once again the senior and junior sections came together for the Family Day on the weekend Newedge Club played against Hong Kong Scottish, we got great numbers at the **Ben Kende Ball** which raised plenty of funds for Ben's future and a few of the elder statesmen of the Club participated in the Hong Kong Sevens Long Lunch raising over \$1 Million for local charity. We held a long lunch of our own with the senior representatives of the sponsors and the annual Wednesday night madness that is The Speckled Jim Junk Trip to Lamma had the usual effect on work productivity for those involved.

December sees the gentlemen of Club slipping into black tie and their ladies into sparkling dresses for the traditional Christmas parties, with the Bulls starting us early on 1st December and then the Scorpions, Select and ICE combining for a James Bond theme night, with a few pre-xmas away trips and a big crowd attending the Welsh Choir night in the Sportsman's before we all head off on our holidays...

Finally, congratulations to both **Ian** and **Jessica Morrison** and **Dave** "**Chunky Monkey**" and **Claire Nazer** on their respective new arrivals, and Good Luck to **Dougo** and **Brooke** for their wedding in Sydney.

I hope you get what you asked for from Santa under the Christmas tree...

Have a very Merry Christmas! ■

*Livo*

# Youth Rugby

## New Year's Day Youth Rugby Tournament

Time	Match	Trophy
1130	U12 Island v U12 Peninsula	Waterford Bowl
1220	Ladies U14 Dragons v U14 Lions	Ladies Cup
1310	U14 Dragons v U14 Lions	Stuart Leckie Cup
1410	Ladies U16 Dragons v U16 Lions	Naylor Cup
1510	HK U16 v Overseas U16	George White Trophy
1620	Ladies U19 Dragons v U19 Lions	Lassies Quaich
1720	HK U18 v Overseas U18	Middlesex Cup/ Wright Naylor Cup

The Hong Kong Football Club will proudly host the 46th annual New Year's Day Youth Rugby Tournament again this year, one of the feature events of the Hong Kong rugby calendar. The tournament has existed in various forms since 1967, when the late Vernon Roberts was instrumental in arranging the first Hong Kong v Overseas Schoolboys event as an adjunct to the traditional New Year's Day Army v Civvie "Old v Bold" match at the Club.

The event has grown steadily to the current 7 match format bringing together the most talented boys and girls aged 11 to 18 years studying both here and overseas. The action starts at 11.30am with an Under 12 age group featuring players selected from the 19 clubs and over 4,500 children that make up the mini rugby community, and culminates with the Middlesex Cup match, an Under 18 age group game between students studying locally and their overseas counterparts. Also up for grabs is the prestigious Larry Abel Trophy, awarded to the best and fairest player of the whole tournament, and whose previous recipients include the likes of **Chan Fuk-ping**, **Keith Robertson** and **Natasha Olsen-Thorne**.

What hasn't changed over the years is the magnificent setting of HKFC, which looks forward to welcoming over 200 players and more than 3,000 spectators to this wonderful family day.

"The New Year's Day Tournament marks the start of another busy year for Hong Kong rugby," notes **Brandon Huang** the HKRFU's Head of Community Rugby, "and many of the youngsters in action will have hopes of appearing in years to come in Hong Kong national team colours. If you've never attended the event before, I'd highly recommend it – by far the best way to start 2013!"

Entry is free, refreshments are available, and an exciting day of sporting action is guaranteed! If you would like further information about this event please contact [bin.huang@hkcrugby.com](mailto:bin.huang@hkcrugby.com) (Chinese) or [Robbie@hkcrugby.com](mailto:Robbie@hkcrugby.com) (English)



## Movember

At the time of writing HKFC Rugby is in 3rd place in Hong Kong rankings, and have already raised in excess of \$50,000 for charity. We will proudly host the "End of Movember" Party for Hong Kong rugby at the Club on 1st December, where the men of Movember will be dressed in costumes matching their Mo... look out for the pictures in next month's magazine!

Well done to **Hone Patrick** for being one of the key organizers to get the whole Hong Kong rugby community behind the initiative, congratulations to all the men of Movember for raising so much money for a great cause: **Tom Bolland, Guy Payne, Greg Hayes, Hone Patrick, Pat O'Connor, Mike Glancy, James Cook, Andy Yates, Todd Scott, Olly Finding, Chairman Babis, Gaz Wilde, Pete McKee, Des Cheung, Dan Falvey, Clint Borle, Lachy Chubb, FFG** — for leading the way and finally thanks to all our wives and girlfriends for living with the Movember magic! (Do Ladies love the Mo?!)

## HKRFU Premiership

Due to the Hong Kong national team playing in the Cup of Nations the Hong Kong Premiership only has one round on the 1st December before a month off.

Newedge Club play their final game of 2012 against HKCC, which promises to be a real challenge, as on the opening weekend of the season we only just squeezed past the boys from Aberdeen 20-18, and if Mr. Hayes had his kicking boots on, the result could easily have gone the other way. We need big away support at Aberdeen!

**Saturday 1st December - HKCC v NEWEDGE CLUB - 6:00pm @ Aberdeen Sports Ground**

The Premiership and all other leagues resume early in 2013, giving little time to recover from the New Year celebrations or to get back from wherever you went on holiday! We welcome back Hong Kong Captain Pale Tauti and his men from the dark-side for what is sure to be another cracking match under the lights at Club.

**Saturday 5th January 2013 - NEWEDGE CLUB v DeA Tigers - 6:00pm @ HKFC**

## Thought for the month:

*"One man, one bullet"*

– Dave Egerton. *Scorpions/Select Coach and Bath, England and British Lion*

Obviously Dave has seen the new Bond movie too many times or did he pick up the secret of the All Blacks success at IRANZ Coaching week...



Boys U12 Shield Winners



U12 Girls

## Hong Kong Mini Rugby Tiger Fest

The HKFC Mini Rugby section sent an army of players, ranging from U6's - U11's, to the annual DEA TigerFest at Kings Park on Sunday 4th November, while the U12's competed in the Richard Hawkes League the same day.

The impressive U10 girls won five out of eight games across the two teams of the tournament with **Eilidhi McCoig, Coco Nate, Emily Mann, Sophie Bater, and Jade** all having strong festivals. Bater was also the top try scorer of the day with eight tries while an impressive five-try haul went to **Sarah MacPherson**.

Coach **Diana Li** is very impressed with the improvement of every one of her team and is inspired by their passion for rugby and the spirit and drive that they have. The tournament taught the girls a lot on the field including tackling, driving, winning the ball, and winning the gain line. We are all looking forward to the next tournament for some more big wins.

The U12 Cobras came second in the Cup competition, with three wins, one draw and a loss. All the games were tight affairs, with the skill level across all the clubs extremely high for this early in the season. The Cobras started slowly against Valley and ground out a very tight nil all result. Wins over Sandy Bay and Tigers were followed by the big clash against DB Pirates. A great start failed to yield points and DBP took the two chances they had to finish the game ahead. The day finished on a high with a fine team display for a 4-0 win over Sai Kung Stingrays with tries from **Luke O'Toole, Jake Woods,**

**Archie Lawson** and **Nathan Sweeney**.

The U12 Crushers started with a strong 6-0 win over the combined MKY/TWR team. The side fought hard in tight losses in their following games culminating in a great final game against the Flying Kukris 1st team, which they narrowly lost 2-1.

It was great to see the team develop and progress throughout the day with strong performances from **Captain Cian, Gabriel** and **William**, and great running by wingers **Michael** and **Cruise**. **Elliot, Jack M** and **Temana** were strong in the pack and great work rate from **Lucca, Jeremy** and **Jack D**. An excellent performance from **Alex** at scrum half in all facets of the game.

The U12 T-10s blew up a huge storm on Sunday morning with a devastating display of fluid running rugby. 18 tries with only four conceded won the Shield and promotion to the Bowl in the next tournament. The side featuring new faces and old established hands grew in confidence and understanding throughout the day. Some fantastic running from all over the park as forwards and backs shared the spoils. Massive congratulations to the team who worked hard for each other and have set their standards very high.

The U12 Lions had a very encouraging start at our first U12 tournament and registered our first win over a team we have struggled against in seasons past. There was a really impressive level of commitment and effort by all the team. Some highlights were the effective rucking by **Aidan Fong** and **Kruger Lee** and a great steal, barrelling run and offload by

**Lucan Flynn** to release **Paul Cole** into space whose spin pass was superbly timed for **Hugo Cheng** at full pace to round the last defender and score in the corner...coaches' heaven! **Cameron** and **Emile** were great around the pitch with **Sean** showing power in the scrum. In the backs **Andrew** and **Kyle** gave us shape and control with **Paul Cole** and **Nicholas Lumley Smith** providing creativity, tries and great defence in the midfield. Our wingers **Alec, Henry, Christian** and **Alexandre** all got stuck in and provided great cover tackling that saved at least three tries.

The U12 Girls team consisted of 14 players, which showed a fantastic sign of growth for the all Girls rugby programme compared to only six last year. The first game was against the Sai Kung Stingrays second team that the girls won 2-0 with tries to **Kate Bradley** and **Portia Freeman**. **Natasha Lee** held up SKS2's only attempt to score a try at the end of the game.

In their second game against Sandy Bay II, the girls demonstrated their new found passing and tackling skills as newcomers **Lara Carolan** and **Jasmine Dhillon** scored, as did **Portia Freeman** making the final 3-0.

The final game was played against the developing South Lantau Buffalos and despite several injuries; the HKFC squad won the game decisively 6-0. All in all, the U12 Girls demonstrated great teamwork and truly enjoyed themselves winning the plate. ■

## Captain's Corner



Scott Semple,  
Soccer Section  
Captain

Hello, hello everyone and welcome to the December issue of the "Captain's Corner".

November was a pretty good month for the majority of the teams in the Section, as many of our sides kept up good records to sit "there or thereabouts" at the top of each of their respective divisions.

At the time of writing HKFC 1st team sit third in the HKFA 2nd Division and Lucky Mile also hold the third spot in the

3rd Division with games in hand meaning both are in a great position to try and attain a top two finish and secure promotion.

In the Yau Yee League Division 1 Wanderers and Albion sit second and third respectively with Colts also in the top half of the division sitting in sixth place, which proves that across the Section all teams are performing to very high standards.

One highlight from the YYL recently was the Sports Road derby as **Terry Harris** and **Mark Healy's** Wanderers boys ran amok defeating Tony Hamilton-Bram's Albion side 5-0. The result was never in doubt but the score line certainly flattered the victors, with goals on the day coming from **Pete Robinson** (2), **Stewart McInnes**, **Scott Hooper** and last but not least the solid as ever **Danny Beattie** who scored his first goal for the Club in sixty attempts!

It should be noted that the Albion league defeat was the first they had tasted since December 2011, so they almost completed a full calendar year, so it has been a terrific run of results for the Albionees.

The Club also hosted the Singapore Cricket Club last month in the usual Interport Challenge and you can read all about the game thanks to **Freek Schipper's** report on this page. Prior to the main Interport match for the first time, a veteran's match was also held. What resulted was a very entertaining and hard fought encounter and thankfully the HKFC Vets ran out 3-2 winners in this inaugural challenge match courtesy of goals from **John Pimlott**, **Paul Foster** and a 30-yard screamer in-off the crossbar from **yours truly!**

Finally, whether you are staying in Hong Kong or travelling back to your home countries, I wish you all safe journeys and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For those of you that are in town, be sure to get down to Sports Road for the annual Scotland versus England clash on Boxing Day. Scotland managed to retain the trophy and bragging rights last year and will no doubt be on a mission to make it three-in-a-row. If that happens we may have to look at giving our southern softie cousins a greater chance and play with our other hand also tied behind our backs!

Cheers, **Scott Semple**

## HKFC vs SCC

Club took on Singapore Cricket Club on 9th November for the Interport Cup Trophy. SCC had proved to be a tough opponent in the last couple of years so this game would be a good test.

Right from kick-off it was Club that took control and pushed back SCC in their own half. This resulted in an early opening goal when a **Freek Schipper** cross came off an SCC defender into the back of the net. Club kept up the high tempo but were unable to add another goal despite a number of good chances. Some slack play resulted in SCC equalizing shortly before the interval when **Steve Everest's** attempt to clear the ball resulted in the second own goal of the evening. Half-time score 1-1.

Club tried to regain the initiative early on in the 2nd half but SCC showed better shape than in the early stages of the match. As a result, the game turned into a midfield battle with few opportunities at either end. When **Steve Everest** got sent off for fouling a player through on goal with 20 minutes to go the momentum seemed against Club. However, new boy **Freddie Toomer** in goal made a couple of great saves to keep the score level. With SCC slowly pushing more players forward, spaces opened up for Club to counter attack. One of these quick breaks resulted in a free kick. It was **Allan Fraser** who delivered a great ball in which was flicked towards goal by **Hung Jai** where **Tom Smith** was in the right place to head home: 2-1.

SCC desperately tried to get an equalizer once again but Club stood firm and managed to hold on to the lead. Overall a good performance for Club meaning that the Interport Cup Trophy is back at Sports Road for at least another year.

### Freek Schipper





## *A tale of two matches for the Under 14 second team...*

With two wins and one loss under their belt this season, the Under 14 second squad gathered together on Saturday 3rd November at a grass pitch in Wong Chuk Hang, near Ocean Park for a Hong Kong Junior League match against Wah Yan College. Well it looked like grass but as soon as we warmed up both players and coaches realised that the surface was as lumpy as my monthly club bill!

As the game commenced the U14s started to show how they are really starting to gel as a team with some slick passing and lots of possession. However, by half-time we realised that this was not the pitch for pure football, with the opposition lumping it into the box and getting the run of the ball to score from an unkind bounce and then a decent second from a flicked on cross. Pitch 2. HKFC 0. It looked like this was not to be our day.

Clearly the boys were not of the same view and continued to play their football, with **Callum McKeown** snatching one goal back early in the second half and then **Franz Otten** equalizing from a superb through ball by midfield maestro **Alex Jo Jo**. The coaches did start to adopt a Stoke City-like approach to ‘get it in the mixer’ from long thrown-ins by ‘big guy’ **Max Denmark**, but after man of the match **Alex** himself scored a third, the boys refused to relax and sealed a great come-back win with a fourth late in the game by the consistent **Wayne Luk**, to finish 4-2 winners. It was a great squad performance all round with everyone playing their part, not least super sub **Tom Shirley** who stepped up from the development squad.

Coaches **Ed Lupton** and **Phil Shirley** were clearly ecstatic with **Phil** stating that, in his view “that was one of the best Footy Club second-half performances

I’ve ever seen”...praise indeed.

The following Saturday the boys were back in Wong Chuk Hang, this time on the pancake, albeit hot surface of the astro pitch and against much tougher opposition in the shape of the HK Football Academy first team in another HK Junior League encounter.

Despite stern warnings from coach **Phil** and stand-in coach, yours truly (who ended up being given the whistle for the match!), that “these Academy boys will pass it around us”, we were three down in quick order. But five minutes into the second half, after again keeping possession well and pulling back two quick goals, one featuring a superb lob over the advancing keeper from **Henry Luise**, the score stood at 4-3 to Academy. Dare we believe we could pull off an unlikely draw or even a win? Sadly not. The heat and the movement of a talented Academy side took its toll and the final 15 minutes saw too many

easy goals conceded to finish up a nasty 9-3. Lessons learned but nevertheless another gutsy performance at least until the final third of the match.

It may be early in the season still and there are certainly improvements to be made in most areas of the pitch, but it's equally encouraging to see these players working together as a unit, finding each other with some decent passing and pulling off a great come back victory.

**Chris Plowman,**  
*Chairman*  
*HKFC Junior Soccer*

**U14 SECOND SQUAD**  
*(over the two weekends)*

**James Shepherdson**  
*(Goalkeeper), Ranan Cheng, Reuben Sweeney, Jacob Tai, Chris Smith, Bill Beaves, Yew San, Wayne Luk, Max Lupton, Yannick Artigolle, Toby Plowman, Alex Jo Jo, Tom Shirley, Alex Balfour, Callum McKeown, Max Denmark, Henry Luise, Ronan O'Meara, Yi-Hsin Wei, Joseph Wan, Frans Otten.*

## High-scoring HKFC Junior Soccer Girls

The newly formed Under 12 and Under 14 HKFC Junior Soccer Girls squads have got off to some fliers for their first-ever competitive matches. The opening encounter for the Under 14s against CDNIS ended with a 4-2 victory and then the 14s went on to demolish DB Angels 10- 1! The Under 12s showed they could do the same with a high-scoring 9-1 win over Tai Tam Tigers, although it must be acknowledged that we did field some older players in this match to make up the numbers.

In fact we are still actively recruiting female players for both our Under 12 and Under 14 squads so any girls aged from 9 to 13, who are keen to play all-girls football at HKFC can still join our squads and should contact the Girls Squad Manager, **Ruth Kelly** at: [ruthkelly@hkfcjuniorsoccer.com](mailto:ruthkelly@hkfcjuniorsoccer.com)



## P3s Magnificent Seven head north of the border

Saturday October 27th saw P3's first "overseas trip", to Shenzhen by the "Magnificent Seven" - **Alex Bater, Marcus Chui, Lucius Campbell, Gareth Fung, Garrett Lee, Joni James, JJ Tullis**. The tour atmosphere was added to by sharing the bus with Tai Tam, and Shenzhen United's well-organised venue. Both travelling clubs produced outstanding performances, not the least of which was the playing of seven matches straight, over two and a half hours, from getting off the bus until it was time to depart! (A feat of stamina almost matched by P3 coach **Lachlan Campbell's** vocal encouragement and yours truly with the reffing!)

After the first round robin we had won 2, drawn 1 and lost 1, coming second overall in the group round. This saw us through

to the final versus our earlier nemesis Shenzhen Utd 1, but this time for a 0-0 draw. Two further games saw a 1-1 draw, and in the last match, what was heading for another 1-1 draw turned into a loss in the final minute as a bit of fatigue and loss of concentration crept in. For other age groups interested in any future Shenzhen trip, the journey time door to door was one hour 40 minutes each way, with a nice artificial pitch located in a pleasant spot. With Shenzhen Utd having organised drinks and food on site, a good footballing day was had by all. ■

**George Tullis**  
*HKFC P3 Head Coach*



## End of Season Party

Fancy dress in the style of "uniform" was the theme of the Lawn Bowl Section's End of Season Party held on 27th October. Winners **Rupert Puels** and wife **Charmian** surprised party participants when they marched in donning guerrilla combatant tunics with charcoaled faces. Upstaged front-runners for the award, **Regina Liu** in her younger sister's school uniform and **Derek Wyllie** in a Formula One mechanic's overall, looked slightly disappointed but still joined in the applause.



The recognition of the Most Valuable Player for both ladies and men side was another highlight of the evening. Ladies A's **Emmie Wong** was the first recipient of this new award. In addition to her outstanding results in national competitions, she also won the best skip title for Division One in the Summer League. On the Men's side, Men C's **Neil Herrington** was named for the award because of his outstanding skipping for the season. The Section's future hopes, **Regina Liu** and **Terry Kung**, were voted by the committee as the Most Improved Players among those nominated by side captains.



Bowlers also took the opportunity to greet and welcome new Section members **Jesse Bradford**, **Phyllis Wong**, **Matthew Lee**, **Stephen Chan**, **Connie Chan** and **Rupert**.



A great evening was had by all.



By **Priscilla Lam**

## Result of the Premier League 2012:

Men's C Team played extremely well but unfortunately finished in 3rd position in Division 2.

Ladies' A Team captured the Division 1 Championship for the 6th consecutive year.

Ladies' B Team came to a close 2nd runner-up.

Ladies' C Team were the champion of Division 3.

Most Improved Players - **Terry Kung** and **Regina Liu**

Most Valuable Players - **Neil Herrington** and **Emmie Wong**

Congratulations to all winners.

## Men's Captain's Report

It was a rather disappointing season for the Men's section in the past Premier League. Men's B, D and E teams had been struggling throughout the season.

Our Men's C team was the best performing team. Their high team spirit supported their performance in most of the games. They had been doing very well and were so close to being promoted to Division One. They eventually finished in 3rd position and I am sure they will look to do better next season.

The A team had secured their position in Division One at the early stage of the second half of the season. They had very good team spirit with a high attendance rate. They performed very consistently and demonstrated that they had a very competitive ability among the stronger clubs. They finished a very comfortable 5th position in Division One.

The B team struggled game by game, and point by point throughout the season. They only secured their Division One status when they beat the PBLBA-A and GLBC-A, both by 6 to 2, near the end of the season. Indeed, they had a narrow escape and finished in 8th position. Nonetheless, we are glad to have two teams in Division One which was one of our objectives going into summer league season.

However, our Men's D and E teams were not so lucky and both of them were relegated. They had been trying hard to get more points in order to escape relegation, unfortunately many unexpected reasons affected the availability and commitment of many of the bowlers. In order to solve the problem of shortage of bowlers, the Section had to borrow players from the Youth Development Team for several games. The Section will evaluate this problem and will find ways to sort it out. We are confident that our bowlers are still strongly supportive of the Section and will do their utmost best to commit themselves to playing for us in the coming seasons.

On behalf of the Lawn Bowls Section, I would like to thank our bowlers for their great effort and support this past season. A big thanks to our five team captains for their patience and hard work in managing their teams.

By **Bernard Young, Men's Captain**



## Report from Ladies C Team Captain

The 2012 league season has been a rousing success for the ladies C team. Having been relegated last season, the team fought back to regain their position in division 2 by winning the championship as well as being awarded the best rink for division 3, all of this achieved before the last game of the season was played.

The C team finished the league 14 points ahead of the runners up with a 309 shot difference which was 189 shots more than the runners up! Out of the 18 games played, the team won 13 (with 6 at 8-0) and drawing 2 and losing only 3.

The best rink went to **Flora Ni** (top skip of division 3), **Terri Tsang**, **Josephine Wong** and **Regina Liu**. However, credit should also be given to **Katherine Leung**, **Irene Muk**, **Charlene Liu**, **Jacqueline Liu**, **Helen Ormerod** and **Evelyn Chan** all of whom at some stage had played for the winning rink.

Skips **Dora Lam** and **Gigi Nam**, together with **Carole Chau**, **Calinna Chan**, **Fonda Law**, **Lita Lee**, **May Lee**, **Linda da Luz**, **Phyllis Wong** and **Nicole Cheung** all played an important role in winning the division 3 championship.

Team practice is an essential component to building a competitive team and I am happy to report that the majority of the team committed to team practice throughout the season. The 8 wins on the bounce in the first half of the season provided a platform on which to push on. A great all round performance over the 18 games to cap off a superb team effort!!

Many congratulations to our C ladies for such a fantastic team spirit, which ultimately played a huge part in our success. Special thanks to **Dora**, **Flora** and **Gigi** for their great skipping and their understanding and flexibility in the players' line up. ■

*Terri Tsang, Ladies C Team Captain*



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## Message from the Chairman



**Karin Looram,**  
Netball DSA  
Chairperson

Merry Xmas everyone!

We are half way through the season already and all teams are very happy to be back on home turf and playing on the new surface which is getting rave reviews.

When we first entered the Sports Hall after the renovations, all the players commented on how much bigger the hall looks and after training on it, most players agreed that they could feel greater bounce from the surface and good grip. The new Sports Hall was then christened in the best fashion with HKFC Club producing a great win over HKCC! With us all playing at regular venues, we should have no one going to the wrong venues for their games, right Whirlies?

Once again, I want to say thanks to **Marie** for securing the courts and thanks to Chinese International School for being so accommodating in providing the courts.

We are looking forward to our Christmas function on the **Thursday 13th December**. Details are still being finalized but I know that **Natacha** has some fun activities for us all. Thank you **Natacha** for her hard work on this.

A big thanks to **Hayleigh Davies** for her work on the HKNA committee, sadly she has stepped down, however we now welcome **Caroline Freeman** as our new representative. I am sure she will do a great job and please contact her for any issues or queries that you think may need to be passed onto the HKNA.

This month's photos are of some of the HKFC teams entered in the league this year. You will see HKFC Club, HKFC Typhoons, HKFC Whirlies and HKFC Tornadoes. All teams are in their new kit supplied by Canterbury this season. We have decided to brave dresses again after a long hiatus and so far the consensus is that they are great to play in.

As we don't have the dates yet for the restart of the season after Christmas, all players will need to be on the lookout for the dates, times and venues for the restart. Also note the training schedule and social events dates and times.

Keep safe over the holidays and enjoy.

## Match Reports

### HKFC CLUB



#### November 5th

#### HKFC Club (36) vs HKCC Black Magic (19)

With three wins under our belts we came up against our toughest competition to date, the Black Magic team from the Hong Kong Cricket Club. Last year's premiers had lost a few key players but they were still looking strong, and Club had a seriously depleted reserves bench going into the match.

As for the last two games, Club was off and racing with the first whistle. We were able to score off the first few centre passes, keeping our centres safe and turning over a few of theirs. The team's intensity was great and every pass was challenged as it came down the court. **Jessica McAuley** and **Alex Weston** were a formidable defensive duo in the goal circle. Their constantly changing defensive techniques kept the shooters guessing and helped them to miss quite a few of their shots. At the end of the first quarter Club were ahead 10-5.

In the second quarter Club kept up the strong play, with strong attacking drives by **Claire Quigley** and **Elise Daly** providing safe passing options. Much of the court movements we'd

been practising at training were used in the game and the ball moved down the court well and with speed. **Cat Broome** and **Kristy Hutt** combined beautifully in the shooting circle against very tough and physical defence from the talented Cricket Club players, with **Kristy** putting up some perfectly weighted lobbs putting **Cat** in perfect shooting position. Club finished the second quarter 17-10 ahead.

Black Magic were not ready to give up though and upped the ante during the third quarter with the play becoming more physical. Club took the hits and kept up their quality game with the tireless **Vanessa Cuvelier** perfectly linking the two ends of the court and managing to take a few intercepts as well. After **Claire Quigley** retired with injury, **Rosalind Coffey** from the Typhoons stepped up to fill the gap and was quickly welcomed into the game by an elbow or two from her opposition. She was more than up to the challenge though and spoiled quite a few of Black Magic's plays. At the end of the third quarter Club were ahead 27-14.

Club were able to extend their lead in the last quarter and the final score was 36-19. It was a great effort by

the whole team and while there was still room for improvement, there were plenty of things we did very well in the game particularly the strong start that set the tone for the rest of the match. Well done Club!



## HKFC WHIRLWINDS



### 8th October

#### HKFC Whirlwinds (27) vs HKFC Monsoons (12)

There were plenty of familiar faces on court when the HKFC Whirlies took on the HKFC Monsoons in their first game of the season. Both teams made a steady start as the shooters took time to find their range but the HKFC Monsoons got the slightly better of the early exchanges and led 9-8 at half time. A couple of mid-court substitutions gave the HKFC Whirlies fresh legs and they began to move the ball really well down the court, **Ali Hern** and **Frances Hurley** began to shoot beautifully and **Sue Yee** and **Heather McKay** did a fantastic job in the defensive circle, denying their shooters many opportunities and snatching almost every available rebound. The HKFC Whirlies pulled away quickly and opened up a substantial lead which they never relinquished, winning 27-12.

*By Caroline Freeman*

### 15th October

#### HKFC Whirlwinds (34) vs HKCC Dragons (25)

There was a great turnout for the second game of the season. This game was a tough game in every sense of the word. Both teams were evenly matched at the beginning with the scoring being very level after the first quarter (8-8).

However the 2nd quarter saw a definite lift in the level of play, prompted by some words of advice from **Karin!** The mid court players made some great intercepts which allowed the shooters some extra opportunities. By half time the score was 18-13, this was due to some very accurate shooting by **Fran** and **Ali!** There were lots of fast hands in defence which interrupted the opposition's flow of play. Well done **Heather** and **Sue**.

There were three changes made at half time, **Charlotte** at GA, **Jenny** at WD and **Eva** at WA. Their new combinations made steady progress adjusting to the pace of play. The third quarter finished at 23-18.

The fourth quarter saw a stepping up of play again. Players supporting play though the channels better than in the previous slot. Lots of long range shots were put in to increase the lead to a comfortable 34-25 at the final whistle.

Well done to all the players who contributed to a great win!

*By Elaine Morgan*

### 5th November

#### HKFC Whirlwinds (15) vs HKCC Phoenix (27)

The team turned up in their masses, so we had plenty of fresh legs, and everyone gave it their all for the duration! We had good flow down court, with some speedy turnovers from the defence which we capitalized on, as the shooters put up some awesome shots on goal! We also saw some new pairings in the goal circle and through centre court which worked smoothly together.

The competition was always going to be tough, as they sit at the top of the table. Although they are a social team, you wouldn't have known it, as they played very cohesively together and definitely gave us a runaround!

*By Heather McKay*

### 12th November

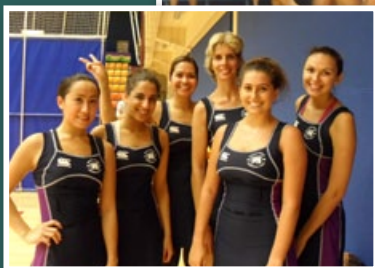
#### HKFC Whirlwinds (30) vs Aussie Kangaroos (11)

A great turnout for the team, welcoming **Elaine** back from injury, and we had loads of choice for almost every

position. After a slow start for both teams, Whirlies ran rampant, plopping in goals left, right and centre. With some excellent zonal defence, determined teamwork and chat from everyone, we ran the Aussies around the court and tired them out. **Sue** and **Heather** (who didn't have any fresh legs to help them) had another great game. So many tips and intercepts that I lost count and rebounds galore. Looking for the long ball up the court in attack was also working really well. By the end of the match, we were completely in control. Great result for us, and a great team effort. ■

by Tracy Hackston

## HKFC TORNADOES



# Tennis News



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## Junior Tennis Player of the Month: Noa Fjelddah

Congratulations to the HKFC Junior Tennis Player of the Month - **Noa Fjelddah!** Noa has shown huge improvement over the past month, he has been playing and training with the HKFC Junior League D Team for the first time and also competed for the HKFC against the LRC in an LRC Challenge in October - Noa was the only player to win all three of his doubles matches. He is super keen, dedicated and enthusiastic on court and obviously loves his tennis! Well done Noa and keep up the great work!



## Prince Junior Tournament

Sunday 4th November

The Jockey Club played host to the Prince Junior tournament for Under 12s on 4th November. Our squad of eight juniors battled valiantly against the Country Club, AMC, the American Club, LRC and the Jockey Club. Although the team didn't manage to win any of their matches there were some very close games and the kids had a great day and continue to improve all the time through this sort of experience. Special thanks to **Shane** for giving up his Sunday to look after the team.



# Canada Reigns Supreme



Seven teams turned out to proudly represent their countries at the ever-popular Cup of Nations social tournament on 4th November. Bathed in glorious autumn sunshine, teams of four were divided into two groups for a round-robin match-up similar to the Davis Cup format, with men's, ladies and mixed doubles, along with one 'special' match. Some teams chose to play singles, while Urumqi and Hong Kong decided to play with all eight team members at one time!

To mix things up **Toby** threw in a few special team challenges as well, such as relay races and volleying contests.

After five hours of friendly competition, team Canada successfully defended their title. Of course the fact that they had the only all-male team featuring two A+ players is neither here nor there. Meanwhile team Urumqi won the prize for best costumes, and France/South Africa came second overall. Thanks to Toby and ATA for organizing a great event once again. ■



## League Update

The winter league is drawing to a close. The men's A+ team has once again secured their berth for next season with two wins out of six matches – a fantastic achievement at the highest level of tennis in Hong Kong. Sadly the men's B team has yet to record a win but the last two matches have been very close shaves losing both 4-5. There are just two matches remaining and they need to win both to stay in the B division. Meanwhile the men's D team continues its stellar unbeaten run with just two matches remaining. The ladies B team has won four out of five matches and look like they will be making the playoffs – best of luck ladies!

## League Players Wanted

As the Tennis Society continues to grow in size and strength we are hoping to recruit additional players to strengthen our league teams. In particular we are looking for A-grade men's and ladies players for the 2013 season. In addition, we have some **Junior Associate Memberships** available for players under the age of 26. Please contact the Tennis Society for details and try-outs at [tennisociety@gmail.com](mailto:tennisociety@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday 9th December –**  
**Christmas Junk Trip to Po Toi Island 10am-6pm**

**Saturday 19th January 2013 -**  
**Aussie Open Social**

## Sunday Social Tennis

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



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## IT'S A BABY BOY!

Congratulations to ATA's **Kristin Godridge** and **Paul Foster** on the birth of their beautiful baby boy **Samuel Kaden William Foster!** Watch this space...with super sports stars like Paul and Kristin as parents little Samuel will be a star of the future!

## Reunification Cup 2012



Despite the usual last minute drop outs from injury and such, thanks to a good response to the invitation for players, we were able to assemble a full team of fine golfers at Starbucks at an unholy time on Saturday morning. There was one slight hitch though, in that **JP Cuvelier** was sitting in the Starbucks in the Shun Tak Centre, whilst the remaining nine were where they were supposed to be, namely in the China Ferry Terminal on the other side of the harbour.

A quick call on the mobile, and an even quicker drive by a HK taxi driver who presumably was just back from the Macau Grand Prix, and we just managed to drag JP onto the ferry as it was departing.

Around noon, the teams teed off in Lotus Hill, which was in excellent condition. The format has been modified to a net Stableford total with the best and worst scores for each team being removed each day. This turned out to be quite good for HKFC as there were a few very high scores (eg 43 stableford points) which were removed from other teams before being totalled.

After the first day, there was a quick update on the team rankings which revealed that only 2 stableford points divided the first 3 teams (and the fourth team were only 10 behind) so everyone

was still in the running for the Cup.

On Sunday, the tee times started at 7.03am which left our top scorer on Day 1 **Jason Waldie** moaning that surely the worst scorers from Day 1 should be punished with the earliest tee time, not rewarded with the latest! As I was in the second flight I tended to agree.

Possibly it was the early hour because every team scored worse on the second day. To handle the challenge of calculating correctly and rapidly the stableford scores from the 1,440 holes played, we had an Excel spreadsheet which meant that the actual Stableford points each team had scored was not visible until moving to the results page. Accordingly it was with considerable trepidation that I did so to discover the following final standing:

American Club	492
Chinese Recreation Club	502
Hong Kong Country Club	510
HKFC	514

Well done team! So the HKFC have managed to win the event for a 3rd time in 6 years which is an excellent achievement in such a competitive event.

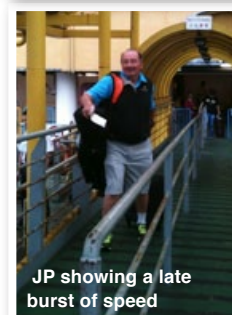
Many thanks to all the players for participating, to Lotus Hill for producing a course in excellent condition, and to the Country Club

who kindly lent us 2 of their support staff to assist with the administration.

As I have all the scoring details, I thought I would share them below. Top honours go to Jason who was also playing off nearly the lowest handicap, but as you can see all the scores were respectable which is the key to winning in this event.

Jason Waldie	70
Malou Ferrier	67
Dallas Reid*	67
Elsa Lee	66
Lily Chan	65
Chad Sunde	64
JP Cuvelier	62
Des Hastie	60
Andrew Wood	60
Nick Allen	59

The other key issue remained of course the key decision as to who should be awarded the Pig of Shame this year. As everyone played well and made their tee times, there really was only one candidate in the frame. And of course to turn up at the correct ferry terminal! JP you are now the proud owner of the Pig of Shame!



■ *By Dallas Reid*

### GS/HKGA membership renewal

It is almost time to renew both your GS and HKGA membership. Please let **Maggie Ng** know by mid-December 2012 if you wish to withdraw your membership, otherwise charges will be made to your HKFC account.

# Swimming and Triathlon News



## Captain's Report

**Catherine Sen**

October and November have been busy months for the Swimming and Triathlon Society!

Club entered four teams of 5 people each for the annual Clean Half 15 km ocean race where 51 teams and 9 brave solo swimmers negotiated the open water from Stanley to Deep Water Bay. Our HKFC ladies team did the Club proud and finished 2nd overall to a very strong LRC team.

Both the HK ITU Triathlon and Taiwan 70.3 saw impressive turnouts and podium finishes from Club.

This being peak triathlon season, with Phuket LPT and Phuket 70.3 just around the corner, expect to see more impressive results from our Members!

We are all very sad to see Michelle leave Hong Kong for sunny Miami. She has left some very big shoes to fill. Her sunny disposition is infectious and much needed at 6:30am in the morning. She is also the only person who can talk under water, ha! Swim sessions are going to be much quieter without her.

The society has gone from strength to strength under her captaincy and I hope we can continue to build on all she has done for us over the past 12 months.

I look forward to seeing you in the pool, on the bike and round the track.

**Cap'n Cat**

*Captain, Swimming and Triathlon Society*



A good turnout for Captain Michelle's final swim session



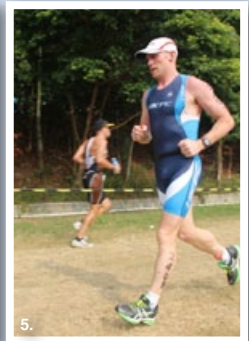
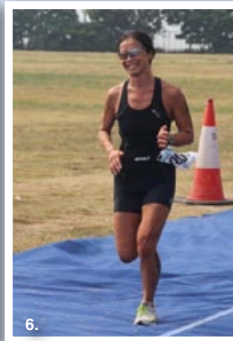
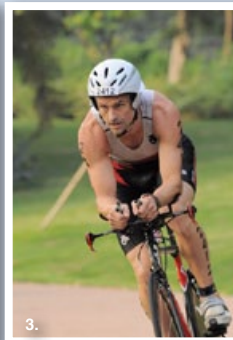
From top (clockwise): Deb Hanley refusing to let go of the boat; our ladies team finished 2nd overall; A happy Cordelia Dyer and Michelle Robinson at the finish; Richard Hall with a well deserved beer after his 15km swim

## 15km Clean Half Extreme Open Water marathon Saturday 6th October 2012

Club entered four teams of 5 people each for the annual Clean Half 15 km ocean race where 51 teams and 9 brave solo swimmers negotiated the open water from Stanley to Deep Water Bay. This race is now ranked as the top ocean swim in Asia and is one of the world's top 100 swims. **Richard Hall** very impressively/crazily swam the whole way by himself and came 5th in the solo competition. Our HKFC ladies team also did Club proud and finished 2nd overall.

## HK ITU Triathlon Asian Cup

Sunday 14th October 2012 (1.5km swim/40km bike and 10km run)



(Clockwise from top left): 1. Group photo 2. Mike Sadler heading out for the bike leg 3. Richard Hall powers round inspiration Lake 4. Cat Sen on the bike leg 5. Steve Wilmott in deep concentration 6. A strong sprint finish from Cordelia Dyer 7. David Howell manages a smile on the run 8. Captain Cat Sen (on the right) on the podium after coming third in her age group

The Club had an impressive turnout for the biggest Hong Kong triathlon event of the year, the HK ITU Triathlon Asian Cup at Disneyland, with the following Members competing: **Richard Hall, Hendrik Rosenthal, David Howell, Steve Wilmott, Greg Brutus, Cat Sen, Cordelia Dyer, Caitrin Adorian, Mike Sadler, David Watts, Tim Robinson, Deb Hanley, Karen King, James Chapman and Jonathan Perrin.** It was also great to see **Richard Scarth** and **Sally Gentle** doing their first triathlon event.

Congratulations to **Richard Hall, Cat Sen** and **Deb Hanley** for coming first, third and fourth respectively in their age groups.

The race started strangely with a one hour delay due to two ambulances crashing into each other! The swim was from Disney pier with **Richard Hall** and **Sally Gentle** being some of our strongest performers. **Richard** completed the 1.5km swim in an impressive 24:56 minutes and **Sally** in 26:02 minutes. We're glad to report that **Tim Robinson's** official swim time of 1 hour 46 minutes was an administration error! The bike

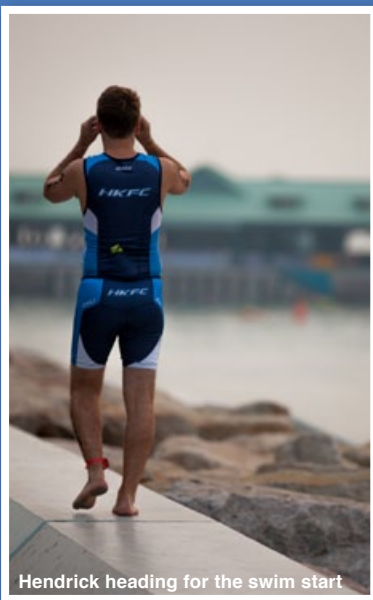
course was flat and fast and helped by the race being 'draft' legal. **Richard Scarth** chose to do the bike leg in his swimming briefs with many ladies seen drafting behind him! Due to the delayed start it was a bit hot on the run leg but nearly all our Members completed the 10km run in solid times of under 1 hour.

Name	Time	Swim (1.5km)	Bike (40km)	Run (10km)	
Richard Hall	02:13:48	24:56	01:02:34	42:30	1st in age group
David Watts	02:39:11	35:24	01:04:08	54:08	
Jonathan Perrin	02:40:29	31:33	01:06:11	56:34	
Steve Willmott	02:41:20	36:15	01:06:17	54:01	
Tim Robinson	02:41:43	--	--	--	
Cat Sen	02:42:15	27:51	1:08:46	59:55	3rd in age group
Hendrik Rosenthal	02:45:06	28:06	1:08:38	1:00:41	
Deb Hanley	02:51:04	30:06	01:14:49	59:48	4th in age group
Mike Sadler	02:56:08	39:50	01:10:28	1:00:31	
Karen King	03:04:40	36:06	01:18:22	1:03:57	
Richard Scarth	03:12:54	32:44	01:19:45	1:11:40	
David Howell	03:18:28	36:26	01:23:50	1:11:14	

## That's why we go for the Race of Legends! (Laguna Phuket Triathlon)

*Hendrick Rosenthal tells us about his Hong Kong triathlon experience and why he always looks forward to the Phuket triathlon in November.*

The HKITU race was sheer bliss. The tranquility before the race is always the best part, when quietly watching the sunrise in anticipation of pure physical exhaustion. Preparations to get race gear up and ready starts the night before. Making sure the right cocktail of hydration drinks, energy gels and protein bars doesn't turn your stomach up-side-down during the race – but elegantly empties your bowels before you start the swim – can indeed be challenging.



Hendrick heading for the swim start

On that fine Sunday morning of 14th October, we all had the chance to boast around in our tight outfits for an extra hour as the race was delayed due to a missing on-site ambulance. The Porta Potties got extra good use instead. When the swim finally got underway, the warm tingling waters of Penny's Bay decorated with the occasional floating plastic

bag, gave all the swimmers an extra kick as it often feels like a shark nibbling on your leg. The long transition provided plenty of rest, before the fast bike course along the airport road commenced – perhaps too fast for some who wiped out, receiving prompt attention from stand-by paramedics. The run was by far the most enjoyable part, as the sun had crept out to scorch our backs, the lukewarm water supplied by the organizers made you feel wholesomely refreshed, and the baking hot pavement drained the remainder of your energy. Then going from the finish line, directly to your car and then home, with no post-race festivities and the wife probing “what took you so long?” while laughing at the race number sunburned onto your arm.

Can't wait for the Laguna Phuket Triathlon, and that well deserved holiday that comes with it!

## Taiwan 70.3 Ironman: Two First Place Finishes for HKFC

**Well done to all HKFC Members who competed in the Taiwan 70.3 and congratulations to Richard Hall and Laura Walsh who both won their age groups!**

*David Howell and Laura Walsh tell us about their race experiences.*

For some reason having swept past 50 into my second half century, I found myself avoiding the demands of campaigning for votes for the Honorary Treasurer slot at the Club and entered for my third half Ironman (or 70.3 as they have become known – being the total distance in miles) in Kenting, Taiwan. This was not exactly great timing as I'd had a bunch of injuries so my running fitness was not the best and certainly not helped by being about 20lbs overweight! Either way, I was heading for Kenting with numerous Hong Kong entrants, including a bunch of people representing the Club.

The race takes place at the southernmost tip of Taiwan and you get there by flying into Kaohsiung and then driving south for 2 hours. The start line is on a lovely surfing beach next to which there is a nuclear power plant and several wind power generators. This should have been a bit of a clue that the water would not be flat calm and the bike would not be wind free – something no one had told me about in advance!

After a day of carbo loading (Taiwan beer – very refreshing), checking the bikes in, having a dip in the crystal clear water (some say this is the effect nuclear power has on local water, but surely not) we all hit the bed at a very early hour and then had a very restless night thinking about the morning. It did come eventually and before I knew what was going on, we were standing on the beach in our wetsuits with over 1,600 other competitors all set for a mass start. The organizers allow wetsuits – which give you much more buoyancy and makes everyone faster – if it is colder than 24.5 degrees and rather suspiciously, it was 24 degrees (maybe something to do with the nuclear power station?), so wetsuits were the order of the day. The swim was out round two marker buoys and then over a timing mat on the beach before heading out for a second lap of the buoys, which had cunningly been hidden amongst surfers, jet skis and other buoys, making it very difficult to see them. The mass start meant it was something of a brawl to start with, with everyone fighting for a piece of water to swim in. This plus a strong current made for a much longer swim than I'd expected, coming out of the 1.9km in 47 minutes (I'd guess I swam about 2.5km), but then it was off for the bike course.



Warren Warner, Steve Willmott, David Howell, Paul Dingley, David Gething, Jonathan Perrin and Richard Hall

I really liked the bike having done some solid bike training out at the airport in Hong Kong over the preceding weeks, and the 3 laps (90km) went by pretty quickly in about 3 hrs 15 mins (or 3hrs 27 including the two transitions). The course was fairly flat, with a couple of hills (nothing too painful) but quite a lot of wind in places. There was some great scenery and made me wonder why more people don't go there for holidays. It really could be a good alternative to Thailand and is less than an hour's flight away.

The transition from swim to bike was right next to our hotel – the Bossa Nova – a great little backpacker's hotel with three rooms, occupied, by me, **Richard Hall, Paul Dingley, Warren Warner** from Club and a friend from Clearwater Bay, **David Gething**. The transition from bike to run was about 15km north of this. Feeling reasonably fresh coming off the bike I headed off on the run for what I thought was a short climb. It turned out to be a 5km climb, which I really wasn't ready for! It was pretty warm at about 29 degrees and after 10km I was feeling rather rough and ended up walk / running for 4km. Thankfully I got my second wind after that and ran in with a total run of about 2hrs 40 mins for the 21km run, and a total time of 6hrs 57 mins which, while not earth shattering, I was pleased with.

Everyone I knew had finished before me, so had plenty of time to tuck into the free Asahi beers....this made picking up the bikes from T2 to get them home an interesting logistical problem, but somehow we made it.

**Richard Hall** and **Laura Walsh** both won their age groups, with **Richard** finishing as third male amateur and **Laura** finishing as third female amateur overall. This is against some of the top amateur triathletes in Asia and really is testament to the strength the Football Club has in the Swimming and Triathlon Society. **David Gething** and **Abi Stead** from Clearwater Bay also took home trophies (3rd in age group for **David** and another 1st for **Abi**). Funnily enough, I didn't get a trophy..... but I did get a medal and a T-shirt which will be on display in the gym !

Had a wonderful time, especially the carbo loading on both sides of the race and would thoroughly recommend it to anyone wanting to go a bit longer than Olympic distance.

*By David Howell*

**S**taring out to sea at the start of the Taiwan 70.3, all my thoughts were on trying to finish this race. After having not raced for 6 months and forced to take 4 months off due to illness...I wasn't sure 2 months of training, even **Lloyd's** training, was going to be enough to get me through.

I decided it was better to finish than try and race this one. So, with that goal in mind, I half walked and half got pushed into the sea by the almost 1,600 other competitors. Needless to say, the swim was a little more than a fistfight in a washing machine. I managed to get my goggles kicked off by someone and then reciprocated this by punching **Trevor** in the head after the second turning point. Things were not going well at this point. I decided that maybe I had tried to come back too soon and that perhaps it was best to just cut my losses early and drop out after the swim.



What kept me going was coming out of the water with **Herman Holst, Paul Dingley** and **Oliver Courret**, all guys whom I respect for their athletic strength. So I thought maybe my swim wasn't that bad and I'd keep going for the bike.

The bike was great. I kept it steady, never pushing very hard and loved it until a 60-man pack swallowed me after the half waypoint. This was scary. First of all, one guy directly to my left, hit a pothole and almost went down, then two guys in front of me clipped each other's wheels, crashed to the ground only to have a third guy run over them. You could hear the metal pieces of the bikes coming off and the layers of skin left behind on the pavement. Horrible! All of this happened within minutes, which was enough time for me to get out and ride on the left. The real irony of this pack was I was actually going slower than I had been on my own.

Finally the run...again I just wanted to finish so kept the run pace very steady and comfortable. Things were ok until the 7km mark. I had brought gels for the run but they fell out of my race belt. The aid stations only had water and this started to have an effect on me. I managed to be ok until the last 3 km, which became a blur. I remember crossing the finish line, kneeling down on the grass, getting up to go to the medical tent and waking up wearing an oxygen mask, with a drip in my arm and hearing **Kate's** voice. Two IV's later, I was good again.

All in all, the experience was good. I now know where my fitness is and what I have to do to get ready for the next one. I also now know you need more than 2 months to get ready for a 70.3. These are not easy races especially when you are not fit. ■

*By Laura Walsh*

## Upcoming Events

### **Inter-club tournament Sunday 2nd December**

On Sunday 2nd December, the Badminton Society will be hosting its annual inter-club tournament. Eight teams will be competing for the trophy and the Society is putting up its strongest team ever, under the management of Steven Ng. Come along and cheer your team to victory!

### **Badminton Family Fun Day Sunday 16th December**

On Sunday 16th December, as advertised in the last edition of CLUB magazine, we are hosting a Badminton Open Day. HKFC juniors (7 years and above) and parents are invited to this open session from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in the newly re-floored Sports Hall. There will be free junior coaching arranged by our international-level coaches, and quick tips for adults. There will be a raffle with a top prize of joining a 3-month coaching session with Society coaches. Drinks will be available during the afternoon. Members of the Club may invite non-Members with a fee of \$50 per non-Member family.

### **The Sports Hall re-opens**

The long-awaited opening of the Sports Hall finally took place at the beginning of November. The Hall has been equipped with a new cornflower blue sprung floor and a great non-slip surface. The Badminton Society showed up in force on Sunday 4th November to try it out and the reaction was overwhelmingly positive. "Better grip", "better control", "softer on the knees", "easier movement" and "clearer line markings" were oft-repeated comments. We all now hope that it will also be hard-wearing!



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