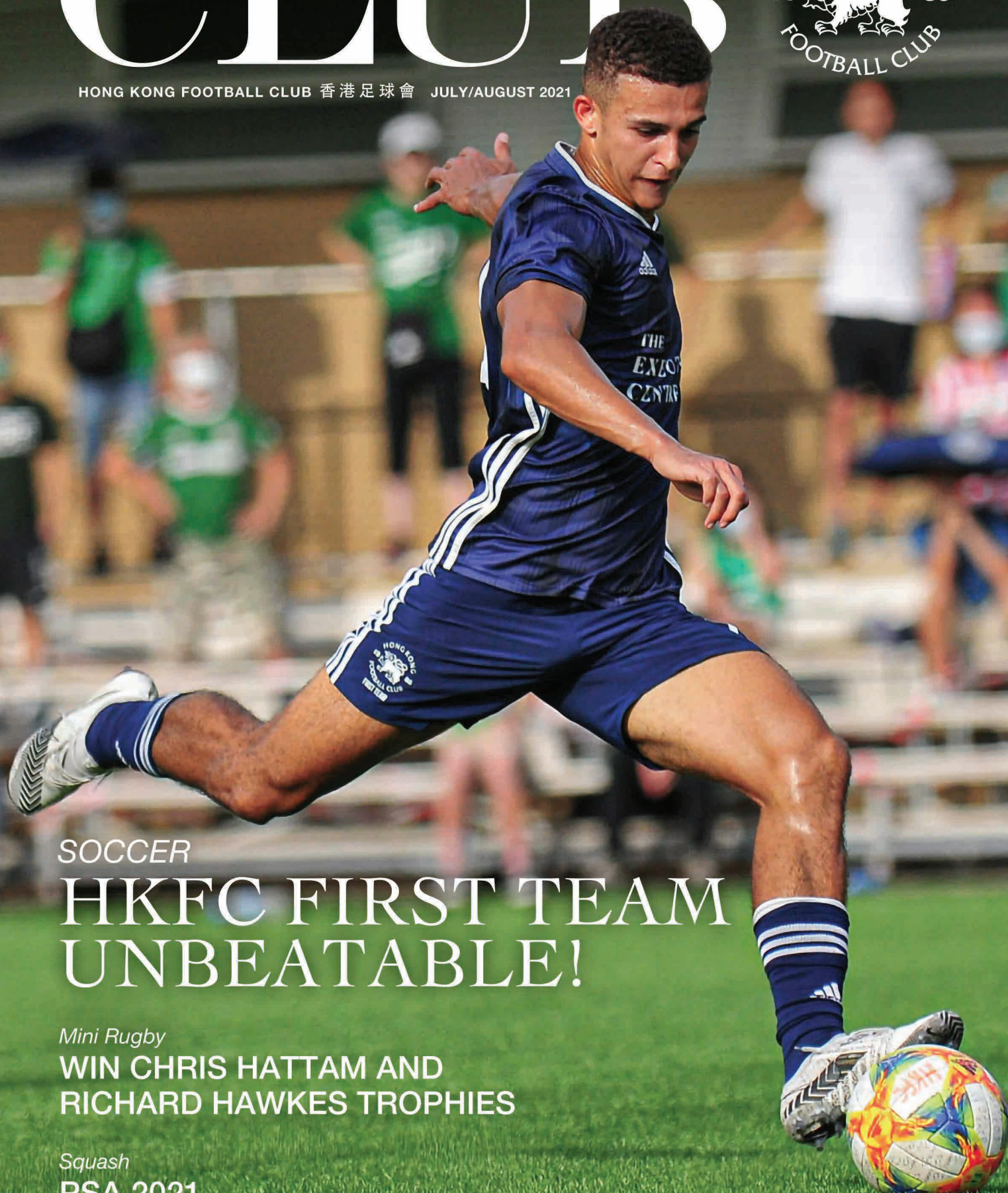


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Ng Kai Pong, Patrick



SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

So Hin Wah, Sandy



LEADER OF THE YEAR

Leung Ka Fai, Calvin

THE THOUGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

主席的話

Michael J. Wood
Chairman



In the summer months there is usually little to report on sport, and this has been exacerbated by Covid. However, there are two matters worthy of mention.

Firstly, the Club organized and hosted the **9th annual HKFC PSA tournament** which provided some excellent squash leading to the finals on Saturday 19th June, which was a hard fought contest in both the Ladies and Men's finals. Page 15 contains a full report of the tournament. And in Soccer, congratulations are due to the HKFC 1st team who **won the HKFA 1ST Division league title** going unbeaten throughout the season. A report about their season appears on pages 6, 7, 8 of the magazine.

Under the Government mandated Covid social distancing restrictions, the Club has now moved to Category C mode of operations, which means that we can stay open until 12am and host tables of 6 in all F&B outlets. This is a most welcome state of affairs made possible by the cooperation of our Staff in taking the vaccination and I would like to thank them all for their active participation with this. We are now looking to **move to Category D mode of operation**, which in particular will open up Banqueting and allow us to remain open, where required until 2am, moving us closer to a normal state of affairs and in turn contributing to the financial wellbeing of the Club.

It is with regret that we saw the passing of **Sean Browne** on 11th June 2021 at the age of 32. Sean was an active member of the Downs Syndrome community in Hong Kong and regarded the Club as a second home being an active participant and supporter of both Soccer and Rugby. He was a founder member of HKFC Crusaders soccer team which was set up in the early 2000's and this was a big part of his life at the Club. He led his team mates by example. As time passed Sean became somewhat of a "celebrity" at the Club and was an inspiration to many of us with his happy demeanour and big smile. A celebration of Sean's life was held in the Sportsman's Bar on Wednesday 30th June. Our condolences go to Sean's family.

Last, and by no means least I recently attended a Staff event where I was very pleased to be able to present Staff members with their **Yearly Star Awards**. Many congratulations are in order to **Patrick, Sandy and Calvin**. At the same time we were also able to present a number of **Long Service Staff Awards**. Again, many congratulations are in order to all recipients and, in particular to **Debby Chan** who has completed 30 years of service to the Club.

Michael J. Wood
Chairman

踏入盛夏，往往都不會有太多有關本會體育戰線的消息，疫情底下更是少之又少。儘管如此，還是有兩件大事值得一提。

首先是由本會籌劃及舉辦的**第9屆香港足球會國際壁球職業計分賽**，外圍賽及主賽圈賽事戰況可謂十分激烈，經過連番惡鬥，最終到了6月19日（星期六）的決賽日賽事，當日男子組及女子組的決賽同樣鬥得難分難解，詳細報道經已收錄在第15頁。此外，恭喜足球部男子一隊為本會增添一項殊榮，他們以全季不敗姿態成功登上**香港甲組聯賽冠軍寶座**，成就實在非凡，如果想知道有關更多一隊不敗奪冠的傳奇賽季，稍後第6至8頁會為大家娓娓道來。

疫情好轉，除了體育賽事開始回復正常，餐飲業亦是如此。按照政府規定的最新社交距離限制，我們現時已登記為C類運作模式，意味著本會所有餐廳均可以營業至午夜12點，以及最多6人一枱，相信這個安排大家也期待已久。而餐廳能夠逐漸恢復正常運作，全賴員工上下一心，齊打疫苗，衷心感謝一眾員工的積極付出。與此同時，我們更打算申請**D類運作模式**，這樣的話宴會廳便能夠開放，有需要時亦可以將餐廳的營業時間延長至凌晨2點，距離一切如常的日子就更近，本會的財政收入亦會逐漸穩健。

雖然一切朝着樂觀的方向發展，但很遺憾地與本會關係密切的會員**Sean Browne**卻未能與我們一同見證。他於2021年6月11日不幸逝世，享年32歲。Sean生前是香港唐氏綜合症社群的活躍成員，並視本會為第二個家，積極參與及支持足球部及欖球部的工作，甚至作為於2000年初創辦HKFC Crusaders足球隊的創會會員，Crusaders可說是Sean在本會花了很多心血的結晶，他經常會在場內以身作則，與隊友並肩作戰。Sean在本會出入一段時間後，逐漸成為略有名氣的「名人」，很多人從他快樂的態度及滿面的笑容中得到鼓舞。於6月30日（星期三）我們在Sportsman's Bar舉行了Sean的生命頌禮，在此亦向Sean的家人致以最深切的慰問。

最後不得不提最近參加的一個員工活動，很高興能夠到場頒發**年度最佳員工大獎**，恭喜**吳啟邦、蘇顯華及梁嘉輝**三位得獎員工，我們亦有幸在典禮期間向服務多年的員工頒授**長期服務獎**。在此再次恭喜所有得獎者，特別是在本會服務滿30年的**陳小玲**，衷心感謝大家多年來為本會作出了重要的貢獻。

主席 胡米高

OBITUARY

We were saddened to hear the news of the recent passing of longstanding Members

Angus Gillies

Sean Browne, son of Kevin and Edi.

Our thoughts and prayers go to their families and friends. May they rest in peace.



HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB **LONG SERVICE AWARDS**



30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Debby Chan



25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Jojo Munsumaul, Wong Yui Tong



20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Dicky Liu, Danny Shum, Kerry Ogle, James Ho, Yeung Yau Chuen



15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Frederick Lee, Adam Cheng, Hazel Bedana, Billy Lau



10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Tang Sau Kuen, Tony Cheung, Max Kuo, Jennifer Navalta, Ester Wong, Chan Hong Mui (absent)



5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Back Tse Kau Wah, Roger Tin, Roy Choi, Patrick Chan,
Front Joyce Chan, Kong Pui Shan, Mandy Lee,
May Chan, Ming Chow, Kathleen Leung

FROM THE DESK OF MARK PAWLEY

總經理的話

Mark Pawley
General Manager



I am writing this article in mid-July when a Typhoon Signal No. 1 has been hoisted. It's been very wet overnight and this has carried through for most of the morning. By way of a reminder, I have copied below the **Club policy on Typhoon, Black Rainstorm and Extreme Conditions**. I would add that this notice also appears at the footer of each page of the Club's website. Let's hope we do not have any Typhoon Signal No. 8's or beyond hoisted over the summer months.

On the food and beverage front throughout August there are a plethora of promotions to choose from. In particular, in the Coffee Shop we have the **Hurrah for Herbivores** promotion where a number of vegetarian and vegan dishes will be available for selection. In the Sportsman's Bar why not try out the **Hot Dog Hero** promotion where we will be providing a number of Super Sausage menus. The promotion culminates with the first ever **Hot Dog Eating Contest on Thursday 26th August 2021** (contact Sportsman's Bar Staff for more details).

And in keeping with the Chairman's comments many congratulations are due to the Staff members who received their **Long Service Awards** and the **Yearly Staff Awards**.

In closing, it is anticipated that the **Rugby 7s** will take place from Friday 5th November until Sunday 7th November, although of course it is uncertain if this will actually proceed given the fluid situation with Covid. Nevertheless, the Club will **move the Annual General Meeting to Thursday 11th November**, and closer to the time the usual statutory notices will be sent out to all Members.

Mark Pawley
General Manager

下筆之際，正值7月中懸掛一號風球的時刻，事實上昨晚開始便已經大雨連連，今早大部份時段亦未能倖免，幸好風力未算強勁，沒有改掛八號的必要。順帶一提，本文下方列出了本會在颱風、黑色暴雨及極端天氣期間的特別安排，請大家務必留意，在網站每頁最下方也能找到相關公告。希望這個夏天不會再出現八號或更高信號的風球，一切風平浪靜。

雖則餐飲部為8月準備了多得眼花繚亂的餐飲推廣，但要是八號風球再次來襲，部份活動或許就不能順利推出。但不管天氣怎樣，大家都不會錯過整個8月的所有美食精選，其中一個重點推介是Coffee Shop的**為素食喝采大行動**，一系列的素食及純素菜式將帶你進入無肉世界。相反，如果閣下是食肉獸的話，不妨到Sportsman's Bar嘗嘗**熱狗本色**，世界各地的超級熱狗任君選擇，而熱狗本色於**2021年8月26日（星期四）**走到尾聲時，當天更有本會史上首個**吞食熱狗大賽**（更多詳情請聯絡Sportsman's Bar職員），大獎為配搭熱狗一流的布魯克林手工啤酒，自問食量能夠吞食整個宇宙的話，冠軍絕對唾手可得。

說到獎項，本會最近亦舉辦了頒獎典禮。因為主席先前已經提到典禮的重點，所以就不再重複，在此再次恭喜**長期服務獎**及**年度最佳員工**的得獎者，感謝大家的付出。

最後還有另一個好消息，就是**香港國際七人欖球賽**預計將於11月5日（星期五）至7日（星期日）舉行，當然賽事能否如期進行，仍須視乎疫情發展。無論如何，本會會將**周年大會**延後至**11月11日（星期四）**，一如以往，所有會員都會在大會前夕收到法定通知。

總經理 龐禮文

NOTICE TO MEMBERS TYPHOON, BLACK RAINSTORM WARNING AND EXTREME CONDITIONS



- Upon the hoisting of **Typhoon Signal No. 8, or above**, the Club Premises shall be cleared within 30 minutes of the raising of such Signal.
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- If such Signal is lowered between 5pm and 5am the Club will reopen at 7am.
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- Upon the issuance of a **Black Rainstorm Warning**, the Club, or some of its facilities, may be closed.

UNBEATABLE!



HKFC FIRST TEAM GO THROUGH THE SEASON UNBEATEN, WINNING EVERY GAME

Photos by Davidwhy

With the 2019/20 season having been postponed and subsequently cancelled around the mid-way point due to COVID-19, HKFC First Team manager Tony Hamilton-Bram made the most of the time off and recruited well on and off the field. The team welcomed Danny Beattie to the coaching team along with several soon-to-be very important players. As the squad prepared for the 2020/21 season, COVID continued to get in the way as pitches in Hong Kong were closed countless times. Tony and Danny ensured the squad remained focused by arranging weekly team hikes and Strength and Conditioning sessions (all socially distanced) as well as the regular usual training nights. The build up was complete and the squad were excited as the league was set to finally commence in November, but HKFC weren't to be so lucky! Their first game was postponed due to the request of the opponents, before the next opponents forfeited the game in advance with the HKFC being awarded a 3-0 victory without kicking a ball! The team were beginning to think they would never play again as the following week the pitches closed again due to another outbreak.

The pitches finally reopened again at the end of February and the squad were able to complete their fourth, maybe fifth, but final pre-season. Having been unbeaten in all friendlies, the team came into the league opener on the 28th February full of confidence. A routine 3-0 victory set the team up strongly and they went on to win the first 5 games scoring 19 goals without reply. The end of April moving into May would prove to be much tougher and the team were forced to dig out some results, winning 3 games in a row by only 1 goal. In the last of those 3, and the 8th game of the season, the team conceded their first goal of the campaign, from a well struck free kick.



The following week the team had to make the long journey to Fanling as they faced title challengers Golik North District, who were only 2 points adrift at the time. It was another hard fought game in horribly hot conditions, but HKFC prevailed, claiming a convincing 3-0 win. The following week, after sailing to another 5-0 victory over Wing Yee Property, Golik North District slipped up and dropped points. The team were quick to calculate that a win the next week would see them mathematically crowned league champions. With everyone well aware of what was at stake, no time was wasted in messing around, racing to a 7-0 lead at half time.



The game would then finish 9-0, the biggest win of the season, and HKFC were confirmed champions of the HKFA First Division!

Although jubilant about the achievement, Tony and Danny reminded the squad that only half of the job was completed and the aim was now set to finish the season by winning every game. With a comfortable 3-0 victory in the second from last game, this didn't seem an issue, but the final game of the season would prove a struggle. After taking an early lead in the game, HKFC found themselves trailing 2-1 and then 3-2. After equalising 7 minutes from time, HKFC got the well-deserved winning goal in the 93rd minute and final kick of the game. The celebrations were outstanding and a great way for the team to end the season.

Although this year was a shortened season, everyone involved with the First Team, staff and players, deserve huge credit for the achievement of winning 13 games from 13.

Congratulations to the joint top goal scorers, Jean Maciel and Antoine Sahaghian who both finished on 7 goals for the season. Finally, a special mention must go to the very impressive performances week in week out by all defenders and both goalkeepers, which saw the team only concede 1 goal in 12 games, and none from open play (let's not talk about the 13th game!).

The squad would like to say a massive thank you to Tony and Danny for their relentless enthusiasm, commitment, will to win, and overall hard work put into this season as they set the high standards every week which have allowed the team to enjoy the success they've had. An additional thank you and well done must go to Anthony and his medical team who have worked hard at ensuring everyone is fit and ready each week, along with dealing with the moans and groans from the softies.

Marcus McMillan

TOP GOAL SCORERS

- 7 Jean
- 7 Antoine
- 6 Kyle
- 5 Marcus
- 4 Scotty
- 4 Sissoko
- 3 Kieran
- 2 Shunsuke
- 1 Freek
- 1 Emmet
- 1 Rich
- 1 Matt
- 1 Martin
- 1 Oli
- 1 OG



HONG KONG FIRST DIVISION

POSITION	TEAM	GAME	WIN	DRAW	LOSS	GOAL GAIN	GOAL LOSS	GOAL DIFF	POINT
1	Hong Kong Football Club	13	13	0	0	47	4	43	39
2	Golik North District	13	10	2	1	31	13	18	32
3	Sham Shui Po	13	7	3	3	33	17	16	24
4	South China	13	7	3	3	31	15	16	24
5	Sha Tin	13	6	2	5	24	19	5	20
6	Wing Yee Property	13	5	3	5	22	27	-5	18
7	Yuen Long	13	4	5	4	26	29	-3	17
8	Citizen	13	5	1	7	24	27	-3	16
9	Central & Western	13	5	1	7	23	28	-5	16
10	Hoi King	13	4	3	6	23	32	-9	15
11	Eastern District	13	3	4	6	19	20	-1	13
12	Metro Gallery	13	2	2	9	19	52	-33	8
13	Wofoo Tai Po	13	2	2	9	20	32	-12	8
14	Wong Tai Sin	13	2	1	10	20	47	-27	7

LEAGUE RESULTS

HKFC	3 : 0	Hoi King H
HKFC	3 : 0	Citizen H
HKFC	5 : 0	Metro Gallery H
HKFC	2 : 0	Sham Shui Po A
HKFC	6 : 0	Wong Tai Sin A
HKFC	1 : 0	South China A
HKFC	1 : 0	Eastern District A
HKFC	2 : 1	Yuen Long H
HKFC	3 : 0	Golik North District A
HKFC	5 : 0	Wing Yee Property H
HKFC	9 : 0	Central & Western A
HKFC	3 : 0	Sha Tin H
HKFC	4 : 3	Wofoo Tai Po A

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MINI RUGBY

2020/21 season sees a new marker for Hong Kong's mini rugby calendar. Recognised alongside the U12 Richard Hawkes Trophy, the U10 Chris Hattam Trophy includes round robin competitions before knock-out games. First played on May 2, 2021, Club U10s managed to land the win – forever engraved as inaugural winners on the silverware.

THE INAUGURAL U10 CHRIS HATTAM TROPHY



One of the bleakest moments of the 2020/21 season was losing our mate, fellow coach, mentor, the wonderful **Chris Hattam**. Chris was a long-standing rugby coach and teacher at KGV in Kowloon, and passed away far, far, too early in December 2020. Chris coached for many seasons and had fingerprints over pretty much everything mini rugby, including U10s as his last full coaching season.

Thanks to Club chair **Denis Brock** for clearing extra Happy Valley pitch space, allowing space for a tournament of one hundred players, involving twelve U10 teams from Valley, Sandy Bay and Club, and 28 top games of mini rugby.

To ensure meaningful and close games, two pools were played. Five teams entered Pool A and competed for the U10 Chris Hattam Trophy itself, including two teams from Valley, one from Sandy Bay and two from Club: HKFC1 (Tigers), coached by **James Wood** and HKFC2

(Lions), coached by **James Mendes**.

Seven teams entered Pool B: three Valley teams, one from Sandy Bay and three from Club: HKFC3 (Jaguars), coached by **Russell Coleman**; HKFC4 (Pumas), coached by **U10 Head Coach Alexander Davey** and HKFC 5 (Cheetahs), coached by **Vinay Sirinivas**.

THE U10 FINAL

HKFC1 started undefeated in their pool. Following a very close semi-final the team made it through to the final against Valley, playing in front of nervous but expectant crowds. While the pool games showcased exciting and expansive attacking play (including skilful off-loads, wider passing, moving the ball into space), the final saw a return to "Route 1 Finals rugby": hard-running, pick-and-go, strong defence. Club players were simply magnificent and showed great character – contesting every tackle and breakdown and simply refusing to allow Valley to score. A late

short-range surge from **Thomas Wood** edged the trophy win.

WELL PLAYED CLUB! CUP WINNERS!

While the win reflected efforts from our 60+ players over the season, well done to all who represented HKFC1 on the final: **Ollie Howarth** and **Paddy Metson** for their speed and attack agility, **Thomas Wood** and **Simon Ferreira Danjoux** for playing "powerhouse" roles, **Gus Grewcock** and **Andre Chan** for solid hit ups and defence, and **Genraku** and **Taraku Kinoshita**, our hugely talented "double trouble" twins, for their aggression, speed around the pitch and unflinching will to win. Well played to them all.

Special mention to **Iola Cairns** for her contributions to HKFC1, one of two remaining U10 girls still playing mixed rugby (the other is her great friend, **Naomi Chan**). Iola's thundering tackles during the final were central to Club defence. Iola capped her final session



with a 50m solo run, which triggered (another) standing ovation!

THE U10 TROPHY PRESENTATION

Our thanks to **Rowan Varty** for handing the inaugural U10 winners their trophy. Rowan is a former student of Chris Hattam who absorbed his rugby spirit and carried on rugby to represent Hong Kong in international colours. Rowan said it well: "He taught us to be the fiercest of teams in the most gentle way."

This wonderful underline to rugby is something we hope all the U10s, from Valley and Sandy Bay and Club winners, losers, coaches, parents absorbed from this special tournament.

THANK YOU TO CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Thank you also to Club volunteers who made this U10 tournament sparkle. Hosting a dozen teams, several dozen coaches, and a hundred players, needs many hands. Pitch monitors, stop and start horn-ers, mathematicians, photographer and the donor of the Chris Hattam Trophy itself. It was a big show and thank you all.

Duncan Grewcock, Alexander Davey
U10 Co-Head Coaches

Rob Guy Ramsay
Team Manager



SPECIAL FOCUS ON U10 PUMAS SQUAD

The Pumas played some excellent rugby during the Chris Hattam Trophy Tournament and merited some special recognition.

Their opening game vs HKFC Cheetahs (drawn 5-5) featured long-range tries from **Luke Holden** and **Tomas La Fontaine**, although weaker tackling was a worry. The next game against Valley was low scoring, thanks to tackling by Tomas, an impressive new joiner this season, who also scored an excellent try. The Pumas strong running contingent included **Jackson Whittaker** making massive yards up the middle. But Valley were more committed in contact and deserved their win. The Pumas heard some stern words from coaches after this game.

The second game against Sandy Bay was a joy. Crunching tackles and clear outs defined the game from **Ethan Tam**, **Milton Kwan**, **Tomas La Fontaine** (again) and **Rajvir Dillon**. This allowed **Paul De Charnace**, **Luke Holden** and **Kai Cochran** plenty of running space. **Tomek Davey** underlined the win with an outstanding long range rumble from forty metres out to score his first try for HKFC. One draw, one loss, and one great win.

In the final game against Valley, the Pumas gave their all. **Luke Holden** ran in more long range tries. **Kai Cochran** weaved a fabulous try through the Valley defence. But the strong running from Valley team kept coming, and even though **Luke Kaminski**, **Tomas La Fontaine** and **Tomek Davey** tackled from all angles in defence, pressure allowed Valley a 3-2 lead. Closing seconds saw peak commitment from the Pumas. **Milton Kwan** swatted away defenders like flies, **Jackson Whittaker** rampaged forward, offloads reached Kai who nearly scored – only to be driven back on the line. The Pumas attacked to the final hooter but, alas, Valley held on for the win.

A huge thanks to all the Pumas coaches and to the fabulous parents who have supported throughout the season and cheered every play like a World Cup final.

U10 Pumas Coach Alexander Davey

MINI RUGBY



THE INAUGURAL U10 CHRIS HATTAM GIRLS CUP TOURNAMENT

Chris was a firm believer in sports for all and would not have wanted the girls to have missed out!

The inaugural Chris Hattam Girls Cup Tournament took place on 12th June and the FC1 White showed signs of becoming the class of the division.

The FC1 girls finished with three wins during regulation play against DB Pirates (6-2), Tigers (7-0), and finally against FC2 Blues (6-1). These matches were far more competitive than the scores would indicate. On a fortunately overcast summer day, the girls were matched up against a resilient DB Pirates going into the finals. Coming off their victory over the Tigers, the Pirates were fired up to win in the final. On an individual level, the FC1 girls put on a very physical tournament, with **Amika Potgieter** putting pressure on the opposition throughout, aided by hard tackling by **Naomi Chan**, as well as **Agnes Liu**, who hit the rucks hard. On attack, the team was led by **Ellen Loo**, who was the best ball carrier of the day, breaking tackles, and making ground. Assisting on attack was **Amber Bourne**, who worked hard to make ground and made good breaks into space. The offensive champion was **Danielle Leung** whose pace and sidestepping made her unstoppable in scoring 5 tries for the day. In support were **Amy Yu**, who

ran the length of the pitch to take the offload and score a try, and **Maleha Jastreboff** on the wing who had some good breaks and worked hard to defend her touch line. All round utility player of the day was **Jessica Cowan**, who demonstrated strength in open play – regularly rucking and ripping the ball. The kick-off star performer was **Edie Greenwood**, a drop-kick restart specialist who put pressure on all of the opposing teams and drove them back to their own try line. With great teamwork and great resolve, FC1 brought the Chris Hattam Girls Cup home to Football Club ending the tournament with a hard-fought victory over the DB Pirates (6-2).

For the presentation of the cup - the guest of honour was HK Women's National 15 Rugby player, **Lindsay Varty**. Lindsay presented all of the players with medals for their team spirit and rugby ethos in honouring Chris Hattam. Lindsay Varty then said a few words to pay tribute to Chris, who had been one of her teachers at King George V and encouraged her to pursue rugby. Also speaking were **Mui Thomas** and **Duncan Grewcock**. Finally, Lindsay Varty presented the inaugural Chris Hattam Girls Cup to FC1 White for the 2021 season. Congratulations girls!

Allen Schoonmaker
Rich Greenwood

SPECIAL WORDS FROM THE HATTAM FAMILY

"Every child needs a time to shine." "If every kid gets 100 touches a session, then we have done our job as coaches." Over the years, these were the phrases that Chris would say to me when we spoke about mini rugby. Since Chris's passing the love and kindness shown to our family from the rugby, hockey and wider HKFC community has been inspirational.

The creation of the Chris Hattam Cup is something that our family will cherish for years to come and this will help us all to hold dear the memories of Chris which are filled with smiles and happiness.



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MINI RUGBY



U12 BOYS **RICHARD HAWKES TROPHY**

In the basking heat of May, the boys of U12 have gone out to Kings Park and Tai Po to apply their trade and work towards the RHT Finals on the 6th, June at HKFC. Not an easy task with the heat of Hong Kong. It has truly been a pleasure to watch these young players put heart and soul into it while playing on the pitch. Each team plays 3 pool game each week in order to gain seeding for the Finals.

FC1 This team has shown true grit and determination throughout the whole season of disruption, and have come together when it has mattered. With coach Jonty leading them with his expertise, the boys have changed the way they think and have now got used to playing the fast 7s game.

FC2 Missing some key players, these guys did very well over the past 2 rounds.

FC3 Another team with new recruits through injuries, they came to Kings Park for the first time. After having games in Tai Po, this was a relief for some to not travel too far and be closer to the action.

FC4 These boys got stuck in round 2 with not being able to send a team to Tai Po. Too many absentees and injuries, as a result of which, the team had to forfeit their games. Not good but they came to training to get energized and ready for Round 3.

HKFC will be hosting the Finals with 16 teams in 2 groups. First game will set which tier they will play in, Cup, Plate, Bowl, or Shield. With FC1, 2 and 3 all being well placed in the 3 rounds so far, anything could happen, and they could all be in the Top Tier.

Let us all wait and see what the 6th June will bring and maybe the Cup will be coming Home...

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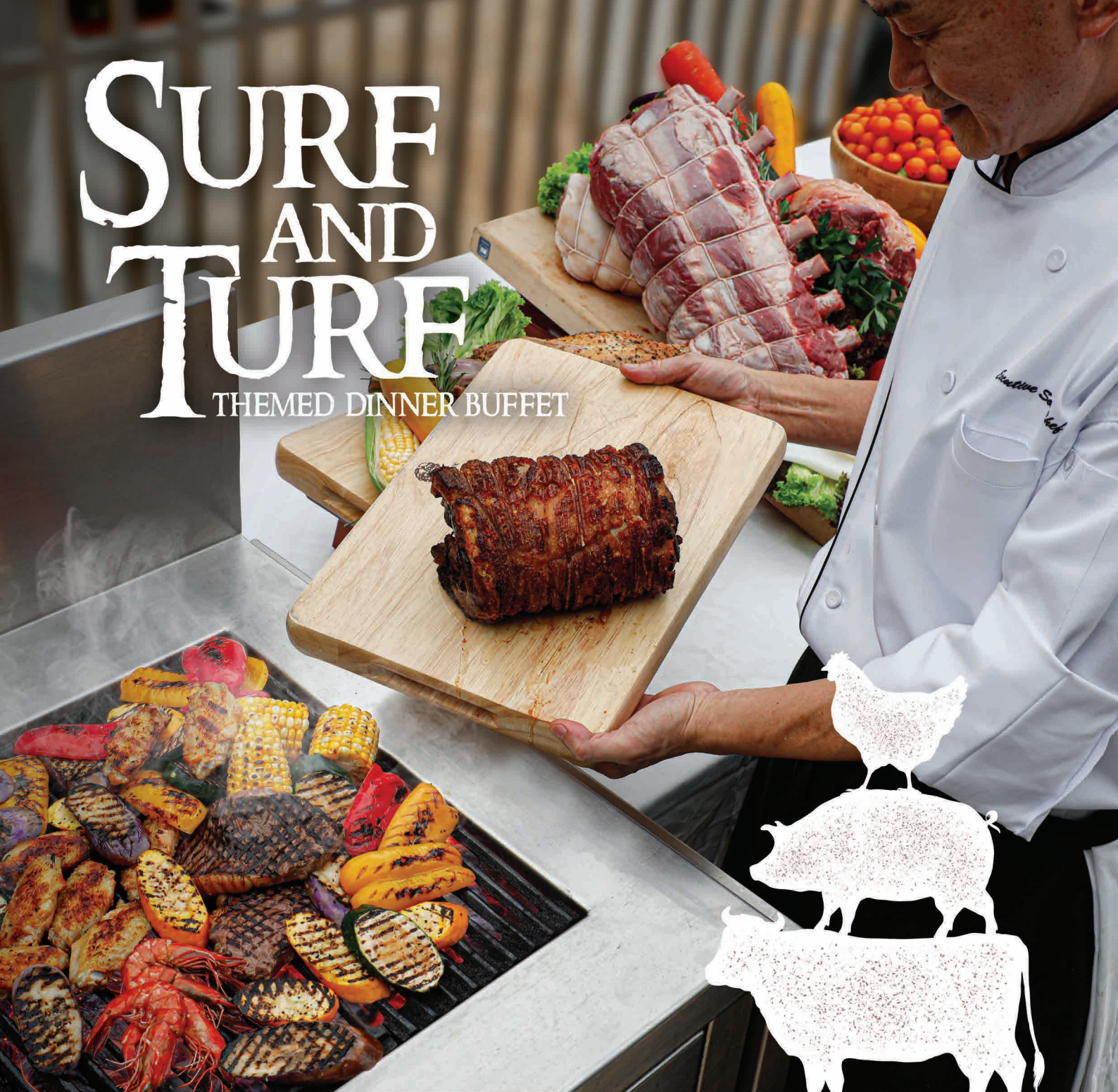


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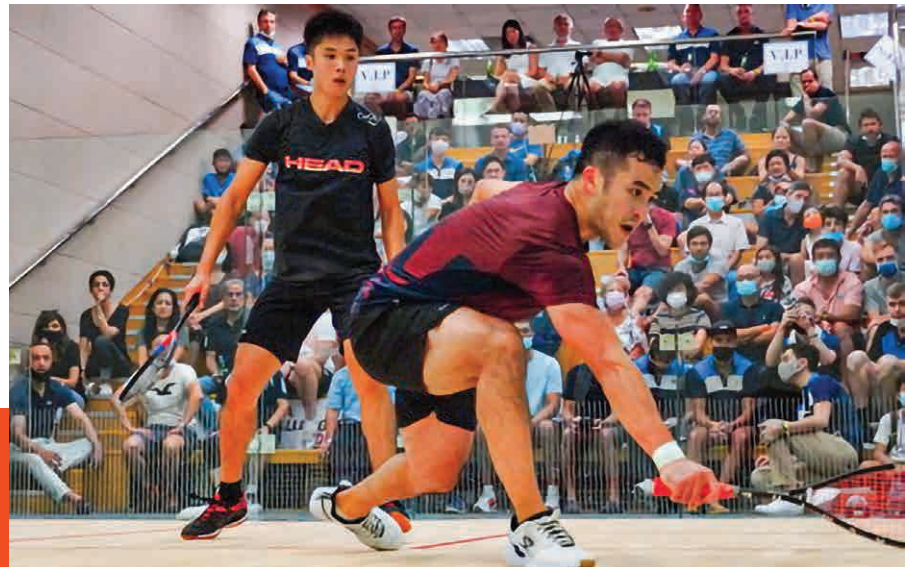
June saw the Section host the 9th incarnation of the annual HKFC PSA event albeit in a slightly different format (for obvious reasons) to previous years. Whilst the Club would normally play host to some of the world's top squash talent with players travelling to our city from across the globe, this year's event had a more local feel with the best squashing talent Hong Kong has to offer once more stepping onto our courts.

Indeed, the Section had strong representation throughout all levels of the tournament. Lead by record 10-time ladies Club champion and former WR 68 **Carmen Lee**, rising junior talents like **Paige Hill**, **Valerie Huang**, **Alyssa Ho**, **Nathan Rosenzweig**, **Anson Wong**, **Hailey Fung**, **Navia Zhang** all featured in the qualifiers – with Anson, Alyssa and Paige becoming celebrated heroes of the qualifiers by making it through to the 1st round of the tournament in the process!

Also representing the Section was our former HKFC PSA Champion and HWR no.12 **Max Lee** who despite not being at the peak of his powers due to injury, was again amongst the favourites to take the trophy in the mens' this year. Rounding out the Club's contributions to the tournament were **Tomato Ho** and **Alex Lau**, both of whom had strong claims of their own to claim the prestigious title this year, having both finished as runner-up in the last HK PSA event a month earlier.

As the action got underway and the rounds progressed, the twists and turns that only tournament squash could throw up began to arrive thick and fast!

Vanessa Chu claimed a thrilling 3-2 win over top seed and HK no.1 **Liu Tsz Ling** in the Quarters, while **Donald Tang** showed his mettle in downing the always dangerous Max Lee. Meanwhile, **Chan Sin Yuk** – Hong Kong's newest squash



star at only 18 years old – flew through the early rounds to set-up a mouthwatering semi-final clash with Club favourite Tomato Ho. Sadly, it wasn't to be for Tomato who was forced to withdraw after picking up a back injury in her Quarter-final victory over **Cheng Nga Ching**.

Not wanting to miss a minute of the action, the fantastic volunteers from our new look HKFC Squash Section media team (the best damn media team in HK!) set about capturing all the action in HD and slow-motion glory (check out hkfc_squash instagram page)!

With a packed house watching on, (masked up, vaccinated, and socially distanced of course!) the players gave us a Finals Day that didn't disappoint. The women's final in particular, which pitted the experienced world no.51 **Tong Tsz Wing** against the youth and raw talent of Chan Sin Yuk, really lived up to its billing. Although Tong Tsz Wing put up a valiant effort coming from 2-0 down to take the game to an exhilarating 5th, but it wasn't to be as Chan Sin Yuk belied her 18 years to show great steeliness and maturity and hold on to claim her first HKFC PSA championship!

Having witnessed a tense women's Final, Yip was in no mood to mess around and exacted his revenge for finishing second best in the 2019 final by dispatching his



Final's opponent **Henry Leung** in quick fashion on the way to another 3-0 victory and his first HKFC PSA trophy! Such was Yip's dominance in this year's event that he didn't drop a single game throughout the entire tournament!

With beer-fueled applause and cheers ringing accompanying, the section's charitable spirit was also out in full force with members raising a remarkable HKD \$13,500 for the PSA Foundation - which supports players and the growth of the sport worldwide.

All in all, it was a truly fantastic week of squash with some stunning displays of athleticism and sportsmanship on show. Once again, a huge thank you to everyone involved that made it possible!



HOCKEY

A SILVER SEASON FOR HKFC HOCKEY

MENS CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2020-2021

This time last year, we highlighted that the season had been the best on record and that the only problem was that the season was ultimately called off before we could carry away the silverware. I also mentioned that we would simply need to do it all again, to achieve the accolades we deserved. This year, all our teams have worked exceptionally hard to bring those rewards.

The Men's A team came a close second in both the Premier League and the Guv Dillon cup. The close margins could be summed up by Khalsa winning the cup final 6:5, but the score could easily have run in Club's favour. A longer season could even have brought a league win for Sharpie's squad.

The C team had their second exceptional season to finally bring home the Div 1 title. With a perfect score of 10 wins out of 10,

Pie-chart's men brought home the first C team Division 1 title in 40 years.

The E team also won division 2 in convincing fashion. After initially gifting the Cricket Club a win in the first match of the season, the team then won 9 from 9 to take the first E team silverware in 33 years and the first Div 2 title in 42 years.

The F's emphatically sealed the Div 3 title with a few games in hand. The F's brought the perfect blend of youthful exuberance and ancient wisdom to their activities on and off the pitch. There was no other team that looked like they were enjoying themselves as much as the F's whether it was in training, playing or taking their fines. This is how we should all be playing sport.

The H's won their division 5 stream but came off second best in the division final. I would also like to highlight how competitive our D team were throughout the season. Despite pushing several



better players up to the Premier league, they managed to finish 4th in Div 1 and at one point were leading the division. Thanks to the wise leadership under **Fred Keegan** and **Felix Studholme-Wilson**, plus bringing in some youthful talent such as **Ollie Watt**, **Amo Ali** and **Kavi Patel**, the D's delivered the double threat in Division 1.

Thank you to the Mens Team Captains and their VCs for their hard work throughout the season. This section and the teams cannot function without your endeavours. A big thank you to Chappie and the coaching panel for helping us to maximise our potential and deliver exceptional performance across the Section. We are very lucky to have such a talented team, inspiring players and driving the ethos and character of the Section, from the Minis to the Elite players.

Christian Keegan



LADIES CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2020-2021

How little did we know last June when we declared the disruptions of the 2019-20 season to be unprecedented? Although 2020-21 proved to be just as chaotic, in the end, we were able to finish a full round of league hockey, work on our teamwork and fitness together off the pitch and build stronger bonds within and across our teams.

Although it was disappointing that the HKHAWs announced that there would be no declared winners of any divisions, that did not stop the HKFC Ladies from coming top of the table and 'winning' the Premier Division (As), Div 1 (Ds), Div 3 (Hs), with the Bs coming top after the Prem

split, the Cs a close second in Div 1, only one point behind, and the Es finishing a fantastic year in 3rd place in Div 2.

The As also clinched the only trophy available for the season, which was the Guv Dillon Cup, and As captain, **Leigh Cumings**, once again took the Golden Stick Award for top goals scored in the league. Congratulations to new family arrivals for **Anthea Murray**, **Dora Chan** (twins), **Elena Hobson**, **Hannah Wright**, **Sophie Forrest**, and **Hannah Duley** – we look forward to seeing all these HKFC future stars on the pitch.

Thank you to all the Ladies' Team Captains who continued to motivate their teams despite weeks at a time off the pitch, your dedication has helped

seal all our top of the table standings. Special thanks to the Ladies' Committee for all your hard work: **Anthea Murray**, **Connie Chan**, and especially **Emma Sturgess**, who was less a Vice Captain, and more a fabulous Co-Captain these last two years. And to Chappie – your passion and vision for this Club are as ever inspiring.

After this season, I am leaving Hong Kong for Finland, where I hope to find a hockey pitch buried somewhere under the snow. The Hockey Section and the Club have been my home and family for 13 years, so leaving is bittersweet. This ice queen is actually shedding a tear writing this goodbye.

Christina Matula-Hakli



IN MEMORY OF ALAN RUSSELL POWRIE

I first met Alan on the PHAD's South East Asia tour in 1985. On the Bangkok leg, some of us were told we had to share hotel rooms and the Tour Leader paired me with Slotter, as he was uniformly known. "But don't worry" said the TL, "you will never see him". Alan was notorious on tour for meeting up with clients and business associates and sure enough, our paths rarely crossed. The following year we went to Kenya and, mirabile dictu, Alan did not have any clients in Nairobi so he was made TL. Having lost two tourists in Dubai, owing to visa issues, his crowning moment was presiding over a busload of anxious PHADs surveying our broken down bus somewhere on the road to Mombasa. His imperturbability and sang-froid remain an abiding memory to this day.

Alan was a man never easily fazed. A highly competent accountant, he was made a partner of Deloitte at an early age and had a very successful career at a time when Hong Kong was establishing itself as a major financial centre. Over late night drinks in the Chinnery Bar, he claimed to have been involved in more IPOs in the last 12 months than any other accountant in Hong Kong. I naturally demurred at this preposterous suggestion and bets were exchanged. As I signed the bill in the Mandarin Grill a month or so later, I realised Alan did need to be believed occasionally.

Alan was a great controversialist. He would argue anything with anyone. I remember several PHADs tourists being driven to distracted submission by Alan's relentless onslaughts. But in truth, there was always a twinkle in the eye, a smirk to others listening to the argument and, unusually for a true Scotsman, an ever-present willingness



Alan in his touring days
(back row second from the right)

to buy his defeated opponent a consolatory beer.

Alan and I played hockey together for many years, ending our vintage wine days in the H Team. A solid defensive half or back and a reliable and committed player, I always knew he was there to take the square pass and do something sensible with the ball. Retired in Hong Kong, he enjoyed hiking and was a regular feature in the Sportsman's Bar. Felled by an incurable disease, he left us too young and too soon. But he will always be fondly remembered.

Nick Hunsworth

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LAWN BOWLS

HEADING TOWARDS THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON

The current Premier League season will resume in August.

We have reached the summer break of the current season, with the Section having played 91 Premier League matches together, and our achievements are as follows:

MEN

A	5th	Division One
B	7th	Division One
C	8th	Division Three
D	3rd	Division Six
E	5th	Division Seven
F	9th	Division Eight

WOMEN

A	2nd	Division One
B	6th	Division Two
C	8th	Division Three

BEGINNER'S COURSE 2021



This year's Beginner's Course has attracted 26 Club members to sign up. The course is run by our coach **Sunny Chung** who is also the Assistant Coach of the HK China Lawn Bowls Team. Students are divided into two courses with 4 sessions, either in June or July which includes the demonstration on technical drills, practice and then graduate to a friendly game.



TONY PROVEN TO BE THE BEST AGAIN FOR INDOOR

LBS top bowlers **Tony Cheung** and **Stephen Chan** staged a gripping duel at the Indoor Green in the final of the Club Unisex Indoor Singles on 30th April 2021. It was a nail biting finale with both players putting woods on the jack and both players pushing his opponents out. Tony's coolness and experience eventually saw him finish as Indoor Club champion. Congratulations!

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HKLBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Thursday, 1st July 2021

This year's HKLBA National Championship is scheduled on 1st July 2021 in the Hong Kong Cricket Club. HKFC LBS is represented by **Warren Cheung** in the Men's National Singles Championship and **Eva Yu** in the Women's Novice Singles competition. Warren was the Runner-up of the 2019 Men's National Singles Championship. Both Warren and Eva fought hard to become the finalists, by winning six and eight rounds of their respective competitions.

We wish them the best of luck on the Finals Day!

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NETBALL



MATCH REPORT

The Whirlies were victorious in their grand final match against **Simba** on Monday, coming first in Ladies League Division 2! The season was heavily modified due to COVID, meaning we only had three games before it was time to play semi-finals, and eventually finals. This meant we had intense training sessions where we looked to improve our tactics and coordinate with other members of our team, as we had not played with one another before. At our final, we felt all our hard work paid off.

We had a promising first quarter, however at half time the score was close at 9-11. Whirlies eventually pulled through to win by 6 with a final score of – 24-18. All members of our team worked really hard, and without the commitment from our coaches and players, we would not have been able to perform so well! Once again, we would like to thank our amazing coaches **Karin Looram** and **Melissa Atkins** for all that they did for us! Well done to **Alice Lunt** for winning MVP of the match!



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JUNIOR NETBALL

FROM THE CONVENORS

At the time of writing, we are just approaching the end of what has been a very chaotic and crazy year for netball, but we are so thankful and lucky to have been able to play as much netball as we have. A big thank you to the HKNA who have worked tirelessly to ensure that all junior age groups had plenty of opportunities to be back on court and play games. We would like to thank all our families for their wonderful commitment and support of the programme during this year, and our attendance has been some of the best we've seen.

It is the time of year that we also need to say goodbye to those players who are leaving the programme. Leaving us this season are: **Serene Hayman, Lola Cairns, Sophie Cairns, Ali Johnson, Zoe Johnson, Ella Busteed, Junyi Perrett, Charlotte Dunn, Abigail Dunn, Jasmine Miers, Laura Anglada-Calda, Rachel Sheary, Eleanor Clayton, Elisabeth Wong, Adeline Chew** and **Charlie Peters**. We wish you every success as you move onto your next adventures and we do hope that you continue to play netball.

A big thanks to the wonderful coaches whose commitment is the reason behind the JNA successes - thank you **Rachael Alsop, Kath Ellis, Adele Rooney** and **Maeve Young**. Thank you also to the junior coaches **Aqru Chan** and **Hannah May** who have tirelessly supported the Wednesday training teams.

Sadly we need to say goodbye to two of our long standing coaches who have been with us the last 5 seasons, **Jane Peters** and **Amelia Handford**. We cannot thank you enough Jane for your commitment and for nurturing the HKFC Twisters. They have been a formidable team who have grown in agility, skill and sportsmanship and this is all thanks to Jane's unwavering support and guidance. Amelia has been instrumental in developing our players from our youngest juniors (5 to 7 year olds) right through to our U19s teams. Her versatility and passion for the game were evident throughout her tenure with the HKFC JNA. Amelia, we will miss the entertaining training drills and the sideline laughs.

We wish you all the best over the summer break and look forward to seeing some of you for our summer camps.

Rebecca Thompson and Mary Vlogianitis

GAME REPORTS

U10 SNOWFLAKES

Snowflakes closed their season with two great wins in scorching temperatures! Having come on leaps and bounds from the team that started the season, in both game the girls played coherent, quick netball to take an early and unassailable lead. Great work Snowflakes! And a big thank you to our awesome Coach Adele!

Jo Charter



U12 SNOWSTORM

We've been very lucky to be able to play all the way to the end of May.

The Snowstorm team would love to thank Coach Adele for her support and coaching at every match and especially the ice packs for each player at our last matches in temperatures above 36°C.

The Snowstorm team spirit is alive and strong with every game, and this strong team bonding allows every member of the team to grow and play to the strongest of their abilities!



We wish Junyi a safe trip back to the UK!

Until next season! Well done Snowstorm!

Karen Thorne
Snowstorm Team Manager



U16 STORM

And that's a wrap! Despite this crazy season, the U16 Storm girls have taken the stops-and-starts in their stride and jumped at every opportunity to get together, train and play. Storm dominated the league throughout the season and showed rival teams their versatility

and adaptability to change. Throughout the season we lost a few key players - Ruby to the CIS China campus, Alicia to injury and more recently Jules also to injury (on the footy pitch). Looking forward to getting each of these girls back on court next season. The camaraderie and close-knit nature of this team has proven invaluable for coping with the ongoing challenges of the past year. Thank you coach Kath for nurturing the wonderful spirit and positive vibe of the girls, the glue that is so significant in the success of any team. This season, the Sportsmanship Award went to Katie 'Wildchild' Wildman and the MVP to Elsie Hulme. To all the Storm girls, see you back on court next season.

Kirsty Hulme

END OF SEASON AND AWARDS



SNOWIES



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AIA SOCIETY PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP 2021



Eden Course, HKGC Fanling | Friday 16th April, 2021

After many 2020 postponements due to the pandemic and following its rescheduling from February, the AIA Society Pairs 2021 event finally took place on HKGC's Eden course on Friday 16th April. First organised by Tim Orgill of Impact Golf in February, 2019, this was eagerly awaited by our team. This time an earlier shotgun start at 8.30am.

It was a slightly modified concept this year, allowing for social distancing and one team only per Society. It's basically a Pairs Better Ball event across three competitions - Individual Pairs Gross, Individual Pairs Net and Team Pairs Total Stableford (aggregate of Best Two Pairs).

HKFC were represented by 3 Pairs. **Jonny Brock** and **Oli Guest**, **Phil Head** and **Marco Jorge**, and **Andrew Wood** and **Matt Burke**.

Jonny and Oli started very well and were looking good for a top finish in the

Individual Pairs Gross competition, until they both took 7's on back-to-back Par 5's. Jonny had won this competition with another partner in the inaugural year, but lightning didn't strike twice. Oli enjoyed his first outing in this tournament and played well. They finished 4th out of 48 Pairs, 4 points behind the winners.

Debutants Phil and Marco had not even met before, but it just shows that natural talent is the key ingredient, as they managed to ham and egg very well, ending up with the Runners-Up spot in the Individual Pairs Gross competition. They finished 2nd out of 48 Pairs, just 1 point behind the winners. Phil also took the booty for his near Hole-in-One on the 5th hole!

Andrew and Matt had a Runners-Up spot in the Individual Pairs Gross competition in 2019 and were trying to make it one better. Starting off on the 4th hole, the hardest on the course, they were always behind the 8-ball. Trying to make up for lost ground, they finished



very well, but couldn't quite finish in the prizes this time. They finished 12th out of 48 Pairs, 3 points behind the winners.

HKFC GS had 79 points and tied 7th out of 16 Societies, 5 points behind the joint winners, HK Seniors GS and Little Sai Wan GS.

All in all, a splendid showing by our golfers who all played to a high standard and represented the Club well on a really fun day out. Many thanks to Tim Orgill, HKGC and all the sponsors (particularly Gweilo beer 😊). We all look forward to the next edition.

Andrew Wood
Captain, Golf Society

OVERALL TEAM STABLEFORD SCORES

Andrew/Matt	40
Phil/Marco	39
Jonny/Oli	36



East Course, Kau Sai Chau GC
Thursday 29th April, 2021

After a night of solid rain, everyone was praying there would be no more rain during the round. Golf has become a very precious sport during the COVID time in Hong Kong, and lots of members are waiting in line to get their opportunity to play. We had 80 members who registered for the 24 available slots for this event so apologies to those who were not selected.

We were very fortunate that despite the wet night and some light rain in the early morning, there was pleasant sunshine during the day! The first to tee off were Chris Burley, Stephen Knight, Eric Desgouttes and David Cross. They told me they would not participate in the competition as they are going head to head with scramble format! Eric paired

with David versus Stephen and Chris. Eric led the way with excellent iron play which carried his team through the front 9. He also won the nearest to the pin on hole 3. Eric's team won by 3 holes against Chris's team.

In my group, I played with David Lindsay, Lam Wai Ming and Rich Maton. Rich was very stable for the whole round with absolute discipline and on accurate short game. When the fairway is narrow like on holes 6 and 16, he used his 3 wood to keep the ball in play and then try to get up and down to secure a par. This turned out to be a cunning plan as he shot his lowest round of 90 on KSC East Course and won first place with 34 stableford points! Congratulations to Rich! Meanwhile Lam Wai Ming surprised

me by demonstrating that despite his "seniority" (77), he can still hit a very solid drive and long irons! He even won the nearest to the pin on hole 13! I am reliably informed he is also still a demon on the squash courts!

Happy Golfing

Ted Li



NEAREST TO THE PIN

Hole 3	Eric Desgouttes
Hole 5	Fredrik Atting
Hole 8	Dori Dainton
Hole 13	Lam Wai Ming
Hole 15	Rich Maton

NEAREST TO THE PIN IN 2

Hole 12	Glenn Smith
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LONGEST DRIVE

Male	Rich Maton
Lady	Helen Hayward



WINNER

1st place	Rich Maton	34 points
2nd place	Ted Li	32 points
3rd place	Donald Roberts	31 points
Best Gross	Helen Hayward	90



Lee Parker and Steve Glover

LEE PARKER AND COMMITTEE FAREWELL JUNK

In honour of longstanding Director of Golf at Macau Golf & Country Club **Lee Parker** and longstanding Golf Society committee members **Ivan Yuen** and **Mary Soo**, the GS arranged an evening junk trip from Aberdeen to Lamma Island, for a magnificent seafood dinner at the famous Hilton restaurant.



Ivan Yuen, Heather Deayton
and Peggy Chan

Lee Parker has been teaching golf in HK since 1975, beginning at Deepwater Bay from 1975 to 1982, then Head professional at Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club from 1982 to 2001, followed by various golfing projects, notably the Golf school of Whitehead, HKPGA Director of training and culminating as Director of Golf at Macau Golf & Country Club. Lee now looks forward to his retirement in Austria.

Ivan Yuen and Mary Soo have both been



Amelia Cuvelier, Mary Soo
and Holly Suttie

serving on the Golf Society committee for the past 10 years, with Ivan having been Secretary and Mary an Official officer in charge of various roles throughout her tenure.

We wish Lee, Ivan and Mary all the very best for the future and the Golf Society thank you all for your service to the golfing community at the HKFC and in HK in general.

Phil Head
Chairman, Golf Society

SWIMMING AND TRIATHLON

THE D'AG DASH

The HKFC had an amazing showing at the 1st D'AG Dash, held on Saturday 5th June, 2021. The D'AG Dash is a brand new multiple distance open water swim race from Hobbie Cat Beach to Cape D'Aguilar on Hong Kong Island. The 4-in-1 racing event includes Hong Kong's first ever 10km swim race, as well as 5km, 1.8km and 900m to suit different abilities. The HKFC was well represented with over 24 Competitors from the Club. Highlights were the 1st overall wins by **Matthieu MLV** in the M 5KM distance and **Robyn Charter** in the F 1.8KM distance.



DISTANCE	GROUP	PLACE	SWIMMER
5km	Male overall	1st	Matthieu MLV
	Male 50-59	2nd	Nicolas Gontard
		8th	Adrian McCarroll
	Female 50-59	1st	Jessica McCarroll
	Male 40-49	3rd	Lachlan Wolfers
		8th	Rupert Puels
		9th	Richard Hall
		12th	Simon Weller
		13th	Mayank Vaid
	Female 40-49	1st	Catherine Sen
		2nd	Sally Gentle
		3rd	Begum Demiral
	Female 30-39	2nd	Leanne Claxton
1.8km	Female overall	1st	Robyn Charter
	Male 50-59	3rd	Patrick IP
	Male 40-49	1st	Marcus Chu
	Female 40-49	5th	Caitriona Jennings
	Male 30-39	7th	Michael Chang
	Female 30-39	1st	Tara Barot
		5th	Michelle Lam

HKASA

The HKASA is back in full swing and the HKFC is better than ever. We had 2 meets over the past month. On Sunday 9th May **Lachlan Wolfers**, **Catherine Sen** and **Alex Fong** all competed at the Long Course Masters Swimming Competition (Part 2), held at Sun Yat Sen. Catherine and Alex swept their events with golds in every race!



On Sunday 20th June, 2021, the HKASA held the Long Course Masters Swimming Competition (Part 3). We had a number of spectacular races. The biggest highlight was Robyn Charter's new HK record in the Woman's 25 – 29 50 backstroke. **Lachlan Wolfers** and **Matthieu MLV** also took home golds in their respective events.

SWIMMER	GROUP	EVENT	PLACE
Lachlan Wolfers	Male 45-49	200m Individual Medley	2nd
		100m Backstroke	1st
		50m Freestyle	2nd
Alex Fong	Male 40-44	100m Backstroke	1st
Catherine Sen	Female 40-44	200m Individual Medley	1st
		50m Freestyle	1st

SWIMMER	GROUP	EVENT	PLACE
Patrick Ip	Male 50-54	100m Freestyle	6th
		50m Backstroke	2nd
Lachlan Wolfers	Male 45-49	100m Freestyle	4th
		50m Freestyle	1st
		50m Backstroke	7th
Matthieu MLV	Male 30-34	400m Freestyle	1st
Tara Barot	Female 30-34	100m Freestyle	2nd
		50m Freestyle	2nd
		50m Backstroke	4th
Matt Belecanech	Male 25-29	400m Freestyle	2nd
Robyn Charter	Female 25-29	100m Freestyle	2nd
		New HK Record 50m Backstroke	1st

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

ROBYN CHARTER

This month we would like to highlight one of the HKFC Swimming and Triathlon VIPs **Robyn Charter**. Robyn is a former South African National level swimmer who competed at the highest levels of the sport. Born and raised on a farm in South Africa, she was constantly surrounded by water. She had always taken part in swim meets throughout primary school; however it was only in year 10 (2010) when she started competing on a National level where she quickly rose to the top! From 2010-2012, she placed top 3 at South African nationals and placed 4th in the 50 back at the South African Olympic trials in 2012. While competing at the national level for swimming, Robyn also represented her province in the SA National Water Polo Championship from 2008-2012.

Robyn is an unbelievable athlete all around. In addition to competing for the



Swimming and Triathlon Society, Robyn also plays netball for the HKFC and is either cycling or running when not on the court or in the pool. Since joining the Swimming and Triathlon society in 2019, Robyn has been a top performer and currently holds 2 HK Masters records. She grabbed her first record in the 200 IM and just recently broke the 50M backstroke record. In addition to swimming, she is also a fierce triathlon competitor and has placed 2nd in 2 international events prior to Covid - World Discovery Triathlon age Group Category and Laguna Phuket Triathlon Olympic Distance Solo Category.

ROBYN'S FAVOURITES

What are your favourite events?

"100m free and 50m backstroke"

Favourite place to swim in HK?

"Swim to Stanley Prison"

Post race treat?

"Oatly chocolate milk"

Most exciting race?

"50m back Finals at Olympic Trials. The stands were packed and there was such excitement in the air"

Favourite HKFC meal?

"Salmon and quinoa dish (it's currently a special so hopefully the shoutout will keep it on the menu permanently)"



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HKFC TENNIS SOCIETY

CHARITY CUP 2021

The Tennis Society Charity Cup is one of our favourite socials of the year and we were delighted to be able to hold the event on Saturday 8th May. We had a blast whilst still maintaining social distancing protocols on and off the courts.

Our chosen charity partner for this year's event was Sai Kung Stray Friends Foundation, a group of volunteers who rescue dogs and provide them with medical care and rehabilitation. The foundation homes 100+ dogs in Sai Kung whilst working to find forever-families for each of them.

The Tennis Society managed to raise HK\$11,000 through sign-ups to the event. This was presented to the Chairman of the foundation, Narelle Pamuk, in the form of a cheque as we kicked off that afternoon. Another \$2,000+ was raised on the day through donation boxes.



As usual, the tennis was great fun, especially with the incorporation of some extremely comic and unusual rules. Being the stronger player didn't necessarily call for an automatic win! It was a great way for all Tennis Society members to collaborate, mingle and enjoy themselves, whilst getting a good run around.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Charity Cup happen this year!



HKFC LADIES A

What a great season we've had and what an honour it was for me to be captain of this awesome Ladies A team so soon after joining the Society after our previous captain, Myrna Jivraj, had to depart these shores for Singapore. As a team, we've had great fun, worked hard and played some excellent tennis in the process.

The Winter League was the start of something really great, second place in group two and heading to the final play-off. Unfortunately a sudden closing of tennis courts across Hong Kong because of COVID-19 scuppered our chances of victory!

The Summer League was more challenging; starting in mid-April and running through to June, we were now in Group 1



and ended up in a credible 6th place. On more than one occasion, we ended up playing young future stars who made the game look easy, but we know it isn't! Our team spirit and positive energy is incredible. The friendships built on the tennis court have grown off the court too and at the end of the day, that's what it's all about!

I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all again on the court as we prepare for next season's Winter League.

"GO HKFC LADIES A"

Grace Swallow
Ladies A Captain



On the 14th May and 18th June, groups of 16 and 14 players respectively hit the HKFC tennis courts for a ladies morning match play social. These fun and competitive socials are run by the ATA coaching team every 4-6 weeks; giving members the opportunity to put into practice what they have been learning in the ladies mornings or team coaching sessions. These weekly coaching sessions focus on a different theme each week, and are aimed at players

from improver to intermediate level who wish to develop their social and competitive doubles game.

These sessions act as a valuable step on the Club's tennis pathway, with a number of players in attendance working towards joining the ladies morning league teams. If you are interested in joining the ladies morning programme, please contact hkfc@atatennisaces.com for further details.

TENNIS



FRENCH OPEN SOCIAL 2021

The French Open social was held on 29th May with 36 players competing in an 'open' or 'social' category. Perfect weather allowed for non stop action and plenty of exciting tennis. A noisy poulet (aka rubber chicken) added to the fun with an opportunity for players to win bonus points. Matches were played over 20 minute rounds, with a change in partner each round. Winners were crowned in both categories, along with a best dressed player for the event. The Swallow family cleaned up, with Phillip, Ryan and Grace taking the prizes for social, open and best dressed categories respectively. Runners up were Adrian Leung (open), Richard Wildman and Gary Guo (social). Jason Wildman (also best dressed) and Samantha Ho took home the much sought after Poulet for the most bonus points won. Prizes were kindly donated by the Seafood Society HK and ATA.

The Wimbledon social is coming up on the 10th July and we look forward to some more exciting tennis.



MINI TENNIS

RED, ORANGE AND GREEN BALL MASTERS SERIES



On 15th May, 16 players aged 8 and under, and 16 players aged 9 and under hit the courts to battle out in the first in the series of mini red and orange ball competitions. The mini tennis events run by the ATA coaching team are run on smaller sized tennis courts with larger, low compression balls and serve as a great way for our juniors to get introduced to and experience match play.

The mini green ball competition for under 12 year olds was held on the 5th June with another 16 players battling it out.

All events comprised of a compass draw format, guaranteeing all players 4 matches each, and results

in a ranking of players 1-16. Each event saw some great matches, lots of improvement in the point play and importantly lots of smiles all round.

MINI RED BALL

Winner **Sebastian Mertens**
Runner up **Alex Ye**

MINI ORANGE BALL

Winner **Andrea Riccio**
Runner up **Charlie Li**

MINI GREEN BALL

Winner **Cameron Prattley**
Runner up **Connor McGinley**



BOWLING INTEREST GROUP



64TH FESTIVAL OF SPORT TENPIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS INTERCLUB CHALLENGE CUP

On 6th June, BIG was invited by the Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress to participate in the 64th Festival of Sport - Tenpin Bowling Championships – Interclub Challenge Cup held at the South China Athletic Association.

Emy Clarke, Adrian Li and Charles Li, scoring 1442 total pinfall, won 2nd place in the competition. Congratulations to the team!

9-PIN NO TAP FUN GAME

On 8th July, the BIG team was joined by a number of club members in the 9-pin No Tap Fun Game. It was an enjoyable evening with plenty of laughter and strikes! **Emy Clarke**, scoring 3 games of 209, 241 and 264, won the competition with an impressive 714 total pinfall. With 30 handicap points given to ladies, she won by over 100 points. Emy is no doubt our most valuable and consistent BIG player. **Charles Li**, scoring a high game of 251 and 642 total pinfall, was 1st runner up. **Sam Pijpers**, our new joiner, was 2nd runner up with a total pinfall of 614. Congratulations to the winners!



The high game of 277 belonged to Sam Pijpers who achieved 9 strikes in a roll. Everyone was holding their breath for a 300 perfect score which was missed by a narrow margin. It was definitely the highlight of the evening. Well done Sam, and wish you better luck next time.



UPCOMING EVENTS

As the social distancing measures have relaxed, Hong Kong Interclub Tenpin Bowling (HKITCB) has organised an interclub summer league starting on 7th July – a great warm up for the formal HKITCB League which will commence in October. Everyone is eager to get back into the routine. All Club Members of all levels are welcome to join us for the training sessions held every Thursday at 7pm. See you at the bowling alley on Thursday evenings!



BADMINTON

SPORTS PREFERRED MEMBERS REPORT

Friday 21st May, 2021 | Fire Services Department Badminton Team



Our challenge series calendar has been packed in May engaging two strong badminton teams, Olym Badminton Club and Fire Services Department. Both events were held successfully involving a total of over 60 players. The Society team out-performed themselves and won the overall games against both teams.



Friday 7th May, 2021 | Olym Badminton Club

CHALLENGES ON JULY



Friday 2nd July 2021 | Goodwill Badminton Club



Sunday 4th July 2021 | Southern Union Badminton Club



Friday 9th July 2021 | Sinsports Badminton Club

TOURNAMENT REPORT

HKFC AND TORQ SPORTS INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2021

The tournament was held over 2 weekends with a tremendous number of participants this year. Junior players were ecstatic about the opportunity to compete again. Our junior academy players won the U14 boys' singles second-runner (Curtis Cheah), U14 girls' singles first runner-up (Coraline Lo) and U14 girls' doubles championship (Coraline Lo).

1 Our junior squad contestants **Moses Leung** (top right) and **Ella Chan** (bottom) fighting their battles in the tournament.

2 Our junior academy mascots – (left to right) **Curtis Cheah** and **Ethan Choy**.

3 VIP (right to left) with our national badminton Paralympian **Mr. Daniel Chan**, current national team player and HKFC Junior Associate Member (JAM) **Saloni Mehta** as well as team coach **John Leung**.

4 Society team coach **John Leung** and Junior Associate Member (JAM) **Leroy Cheung** helping out in the junior event.



JUNIOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS COMPETITION REPORTS



1 Our junior academy player **Kenneth Chau** won the Boy's Singles Champion title in the Amy Yung Island District Council Member (Discovery Bay) badminton competition.

2 **Coraline Lo**, our Junior Associate Member (JAM), accomplished 2 achievements in May and June 2021 including HKFC Junior Badminton Tournament 2021 (champion in U14 doubles and first runner-up in singles) as well as All Hong Kong Schools JingYing Badminton Tournament singles event in 6th position.

3 Congratulations to **Happy Cheng**, our junior academy player who won her last championship in the singles event of the All Hong Kong Schools Jing Ying Badminton Tournament.

4 **Coraline Lo**, our Junior Associate Member (JAM) finished her Bank of China Hong Kong Annual ladies' singles elementary as a quarter finalist.

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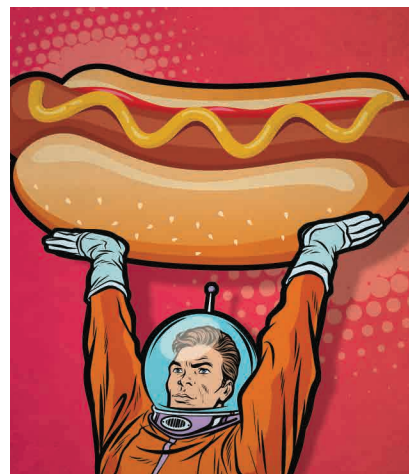


In the Coffee Shop

Surf and Turf Buffet Dinner

Snow Crab Legs, Black Mussels, Atlantic Prawns, Sashimi, Japanese Agemono station serving seafood tempura and oysters with herbs and garlic butter from the surf and the turf BBQ station with beef sirloin, Tom Yum Kung chicken wings, and many more.

Available on Fridays and Saturdays throughout August.



In the Sportsman's Bar

FROM SUNDAY, 1ST AUGUST

The Hot Dog Hero

Check out our super sausage menus now!

We dare you to join the **1st Hog Dog Eating Contest** in Sportsman's Bar on Thursday, 26th August 2021.

Special Grand Prize by Brooklyn Beer for the Winner!



In the Chairman's Bar

FROM SUNDAY, 1ST AUGUST

Edinburgh Festival Fringe

In honour of the world's largest Arts Festival, starting with Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, followed by every "unjuried" performance on the Royal Mile and beyond.

Enjoy these Scottish dishes, recommended by Chef Yan's colleague Gary Robinson, the Executive Chef of The Balmoral, throughout the month of August.



In the Restaurant

FROM TUESDAY, 3RD AUGUST

Offer an Olive Branch

Since ancient times, both olives and olive oil were essential in Roman nutrition and food preparation.

In mythology, Pallas Athene struck the Acropolis with her spear and out sprung the olive tree.



In the Family Lounge

FROM MONDAY, 2ND AUGUST

Break Free from the tyranny of Gluten!!

Family Lounge has a selection of Gluten Free choices throughout the month of August.

WINE EVENTS

In the Happy Valley Suite

THURSDAY, 12TH AUGUST

Sniffing Masterclass

Sniff some fantastic sniffers of fine French Cognacs and Whiskys

In the Restaurant

FRIDAY, 20TH AUGUST

Catena Zapata Wine Dinner

In the Lockhart Room

SATURDAY, 28TH AUGUST

SUNDAY, 29TH AUGUST

Half, Magnum and Rare Wine Fair



In the Coffee Shop

Monthly Special: **Hurrah for Herbivores!**

Drinks Promotion: **Yakult Base Fruit Drinks**

Takeaway: **Tex Mex Items**

In the Sportsman's Bar

Daily Specials

Drinks Promotion: **Easy Tiki Cocktails**

In the Chairman's Bar

Set Tea: **The Tea Tesseract**

Cocktail: **Single Malt Whisky Flights**



In the Captain's Bar

Cold Soba and Somen

Summer Blond and Pink Beers

In the Kiosk

Home-made products by Chef Massimo

PREVIEW IN SEPTEMBER



Celebrating the Club's 135th Anniversary

A list of offerings from Coffee Shop, Restaurant and Sportsman's Bar, all available in September only.

WINE EVENTS

In the Restaurant

FRIDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER

Learning about Organic Wines while playing "Wine Bingo" Wine Dinner

TUESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER

"These wineries were established around the same year as HKFC in 1886, when the HKFC was" Wine Dinner

In the Happy Valley Suites

THURSDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER

Ste Michelle Wine Estate Masterclass

In the Lockhart Room

SATURDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER

Bin-end Sales Wine Fair

In the Coffee Shop

Monthly Special: **All items at HK\$135**

Drinks Promotion: **Cold Brew Tea**

In the Restaurant

Retro Italian Dishes

In the Sportsman's Bar

Split-Roasts Station

In the Chairman's Bar

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In the Captain's Bar

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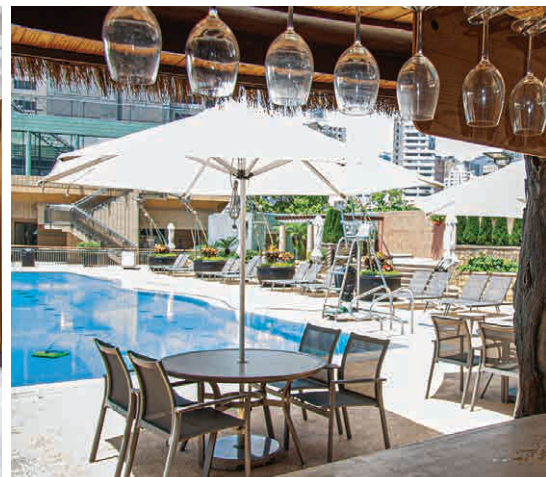
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- Weddings: **special room rental charges** for the wedding ceremony venue.




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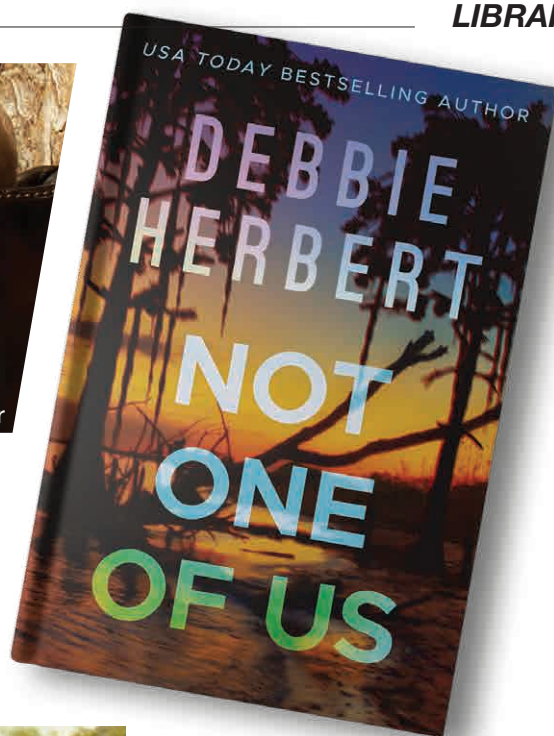
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The Father



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Minari

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The Courier NEW IN AUGUST
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Minari
Steven Yeun, Yeri Han

The Little Things
Denzel Washington, Rami Malek

The Marksman
Katheryn Winnick, Liam Neeson

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Sam Heughan, Ruby Rose

Trigger Point NEW IN AUGUST
Barry Pepper, Colm Feore

Assault On Station 33 NEW IN AUGUST
Sean Patrick Flanery, Michael Jai White

Hollow Point
Luke Goss, Dilan Jay



Supernova

NEW BLU-RAYS

The Father
Anthony Hopkins, Olivia Colman

Supernova
Colin Firth, Stanley Tucci

Godzilla VS. Kong NEW IN AUGUST
Alexander Skarsgård, Millie Bobby Brown

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Godzilla VS. Kong

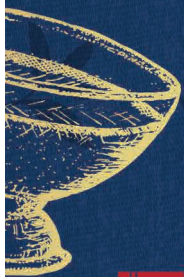


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The Club 1st XI in 1935-36 with 19-year-old Ken Forrow as goalkeeper.

In defence farther upfield was, however, where he made himself a household name. Local Chinese fans would recognise him on the street, resulting in a chorus of: "Faw-lo! Faw-lo! Faw-lo!"



STAYING ALIVE

In March 1946 there was no Hong Kong Football Club. All that was left of it was a plot of land with a ruin that once was a clubhouse, and an ex-potato patch infested with chips of granite that used to be a football pitch / bowling green – all of it coveted by the British Military Administration which was writing up a requisition order. That the HKFC survived after World War II had a lot to do with one man, a wiry piece of work hardened by 29 years of personal and global tragedy. When it came to survival, Ken Forrow was a past-master.

Life made no secret from the start that it was going to be hard; his mother was sixteen when she brought him into the world in London in the midst of the Great War. By the age of fifteen Kenneth William Forrow had lost a father, gained a stepfather called H.C. Pratt who was posted to Hong Kong as a prison warden, and was earning his keep as a newspaper 'assistant' with the Hong-

kong Telegraph in Wyndham Street. Staying alive was not the only skill young Ken developed. He learned as a boy on the soccer pitch that defensiveness was the secret to longevity. By season 1934-35, aged 18, he was a clerk in the GPO and a regular in the HKFC 2nd XI when not filling in as goalkeeper for the seniors. Long limbs and lightning reflexes made up for the shadow he failed to cast. In October 1935 he performed the grown-up task of giving away his sister at St Andrew's Church. The best man was George Hill, vice-captain (1935-36) then captain (1936-37) of the HKFC 1st XI, responsibilities which Forrow himself took on over the next two seasons.

A MAN IN CLUB BOOTS

On Saturday, 7th March 1936 he again proved himself a man, this time wearing Club boots. He was assigned the task of marking Lee Wai-tong, South China's superstar striker. Lee, eleven years Forrow's senior, would in five months be leading China's first national soccer squad at the Berlin Olympics. South China were regular 1st Division champs; Club were mid-ladder and playing away.

For an entire 'exhilarating' match Forrow starved Lee of the ball. Club won 5-0. At the age of 21, 'K.W. Forrow' appeared in 1938 directories as an 'examiner' with the Government Audit Office. That year he lost more family – his sister to smallpox and his stepfather to heart failure. Again his mother married, this time to Arthur Bailey, a quartermaster sergeant in the Royal Army Service Corps. At the call for able-bodied expatriates to sign up with the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Forrow chose to be a cadet pilot with the Volunteer Air Arm, such as it was: "Three obsolete torpedo-bombers and two amphibians," he would recall. The Japanese made short work of them when they invaded on Monday, 8 December 1941.

Pte. Forrow made it to Kai Tak Airfield in time to help with its demolition. Days later the would-be airman found himself attached to a Volunteer infantry unit, manning a Vickers machine-gun 'tied on top of a carrier and totally exposed to fire' as it patrolled the road around Tai Tam Reservoir. When he saw the Japanese 'rolling Mills bombs down the hillside' it was time to make himself scarce. Roped in to a 'relief force' and dispatched on the gun-carrier to rescue civilians from the Repulse Bay Hotel, he could only cringe as it 'drove up to (the) front door,' again 'in full sight of the enemy.' This time he got away via a tunnel to the beach, became trapped on a hillside next to a cemetery, and spent Christmas Eve passed out from exhaustion among companions he did not recognise in the dark to be skeletons. Next day he was captured and put into Shamshui PoW camp, as was Arthur Bailey. Hard times continued for his mother, too. She was interned in Stanley.



One of three Vickers Vildebeeste torpedo-bombers which Forrow was being trained to fly – and which with a pair of Supermarine Walrus amphibians totalled Hong Kong's pre-war air defences – engaging Volunteers in 'low-flying air attack' training in 1939.

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THE CLUB HISTORY

LOOKING FOR MORE

Shipped to Japan in January 1943 as a slave labourer, in April 1945 he was transferred to the dockyard at Hiroshima – target four months later for the atom bomb dropped by the Enola Gay. Forrow survived it all, and came up looking for more. After six months rehabilitation in Australia he landed back in Hong Kong as a Government accountant, and headed straight for Happy Valley to check out the HKFC. The only bright spot on the landscape was the face of Smiler, son of the Club's pre-war 'Number 1 Boy.' The Japanese had used the Club House as a stable, the pitch and green as a place to chip blocks of granite into a memorial to themselves. Forrow had to pull a team together, smartly, to rebuild the Club and forestall requisition of the grounds for their own recreational purposes by the British Army. He sought out Arthur Morse, HSBC chief and Hong Kong Football Association president. Morse rolled up his sleeves, took control of the politics that ensued, and was elected HKFC President at the first post-war AGM on 22th July 1946 attended by 29 members at the Gloucester Hotel.

By then Ken Forrow, as Club Secretary, had been working for weeks in the summer heat on the HKFC grounds side-by-side with Smiler and a 'gang of female coolies.' The pitch had been cleared of granite chips, picked up one-by-one and deposited in rows of holes six feet deep. It had been resurfaced with turf purloined from the abandoned CCC and Police cricket grounds next door, 'levelled and wired off.' The Club House was 'in a reasonable state of repair,' and relaying of the bowling green had begun. Forrow, as Soccer Captain, also had the task of finding ten other players



The victorious 1948 Hong Kong interport side in front of the HKFC Club House. Forrow is in the centre. Back row, third from right, is the legendary Lee Wai-tong in the role of coach.

so the Club could enter an XI in the rehabilitated League for season 1946-47. He recruited half a dozen pre-war teammates as a nucleus, but by the time the Club pitch was ready for training on 1 August it was clear that fielding a competitive side was a pipe dream.

IMMEASURABLE DEBT

On 26 September 1946, the Club grounds were re-opened by President Morse. By year's end over 60 new members had been signed up and the bar profits had turned 'healthy.' Club Soccer was back and Club with it, but glory on the field was history. In 1946-47 the 'A' XI was twelfth of twelve teams in 1st Division, the junior XI sat at the bottom of an eighteen-team ladder in 2nd Division. On the last weekend of August 1947, bowling returned to the HKFC green; Ken Forrow was Club's only winning skip of five rinks versus 'Taikoo and the Prison Officers' Club.' At soccer, too, he stood alone as a Clubman. In the interport played against Shanghai in February 1948 'before a huge crowd on the Club ground in perfect conditions,' he outclassed opposition 'spearhead' Roboostoff. Hong Kong won 5-1. Aged 35, he stepped up to again be Club 1st XI skipper for 1951-52, prompting a

respectful lament. "(Club Soccer) requires new faces badly," groaned Chairman Jack Skinner. "We cannot rely forever on old stalwarts!"

Forrow was himself elected Club Chairman in 1955. An all-concrete four-stand stadium had just been built, complete with floodlighting, the HKFC was deeply in debt to HSBC and the first repayment of the Government's \$550,000 loan had been missed. Life remained a trial for K.W. Forrow, no matter what shoes he was wearing. Yet he made sure that the Club kept on surviving. He was Chairman for five terms, his last ending in 1961. He is remembered by staff working under him in the Treasury at the time as a 'hard taskmaster' who kept his patience on a short leash. Who could blame him? Any man who had looked at death, who had brushed with death, as often as Ken Forrow deserved to be cut a little slack. He retired to England in 1972, leaving behind a Football Club he had served through his entire adult life, and which by then was in control of its debts – all of its debts, save the incalculable one it still owes him.

By Denis Way



(Sir) Arthur Morse, urbane Club President and HSBC chief, hosting a Club function in the early 1950s. Forrow sits two to his left.



1959 2nd Division Lawn Bowls champions. Forrow is at far left, middle row.

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