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- Prices are subject to change without prior notice
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- Validity : 01st Jan-31st Mar2015



**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 : Fook Aun Chew
- Vice President : Nick Hunsworth
- Vice President : Bobby Lawson
- Vice President : Iain Valentine
- Chairman : John Shanahan
- Hon. Secretary : Mike Wood
- Hon. Treasurer : Alan Morgan
- Constitutional Affairs : Jeff Lane
- Development : Neil Roberts
- Discipline : James Niehorster
- Membership : Maurice O'Brien
- Sports and Recreation : Philip Woolf
- Hockey Officer : Niccola Russo
- Lawn Bowls Officer : Mike Worth
- Rugby Officer : Damian Babis
- Soccer Officer : Neil Jensen
- Squash Officer : Adam Wilson

Management

- General Manager : Mark Pawley
- Director of Operations : Tony Sealy
- Director of Food and Beverage : Dominique Artigolle
- Director of Finance : Ricky Chan
- Executive Chef : Danny Lai
- 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

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The Thoughts of the Chairman

As the month of December draws to a close, at the time of writing, a big “Thank You” is in order to all the Management and Staff of the Club not just for their tremendous efforts throughout the extremely busy festive period but also for all their hard work throughout the whole of 2014. Of particular note last month was the Christmas Fete which had a sell-out crowd in glorious weather and our ever popular Carol Concert with the Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir. The New Year’s Eve Party is, as ever, sold out and I am confident that this will be the usual success that it is. I also trust that, despite the celebrations creeping past midnight, we will have a good crowd for the annual New Year’s Day Youth Rugby Tournament at the Infield. So come down to the Club and enjoy a family sporting day with all the up and coming young rugby players that Hong Kong has to provide.

You will note on the opposite page photographs of the current General Committee along with their portfolios. The Chairmen of the five Standing Sub-committees are also shown along with their areas of responsibility.

I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that the **Club will close at 5:00pm on Sunday 8th February for the Annual Staff Party and re-open at 9:00am on Monday 9th February 2015 (and this includes the car park).**

On a very sad note, we have just heard of the recent passing of **Betty Forsgate**, the wife of the former Football Club President, **Gerry Forsgate**, (who passed away in 2001, the North Stand of the Main Pitch being named after him). Gerry and Betty joined the Football Club in 1947, indeed Betty was a Member until her passing some 67 years after first joining. Our sincere condolences to the Forsgate family.

JOHN J SHANAHAN
Chairman

CLUB CLOSURE FOR ANNUAL STAFF PARTY

**Sunday 8th February
CLOSE AT 5PM
(Car Park will also be closed)**

**Monday 9th February
RE-OPEN AT 9AM**

Obituary

We were saddened to hear the news of the recent passing away of our long time Member, **Mr Craig Sim**. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.



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Rugby



Neil Jensen
Soccer



Adam Wilson
Squash



John Shanahan
Chairman



Mike Wood
Honorary Secretary



Alan Morgan
Honorary Treasurer

PORTFOLIO DETAILS OF STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES

The following portfolio functions have been summarised to show terms of reference previously approved by the General Committee (GC).

POLICY WORKING GROUP – John Shanahan

Function: to formulate policies for the approval of GC, to ensure the effective and proper implementation of the Club's published Mission Statement.

FINANCE – Alan Morgan

Function: to take into account financial considerations emanating from proposals and policies considered by the GC, and to advise and, if appropriate, give recommendations to GC for approval.

CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS – Jeff Lane

Function: to consider ongoing review of Articles and Club Bye-laws either by initiative or upon instruction from GC, and to make appropriate recommendations.

DEVELOPMENT – Neil Roberts

Function: to raise and consider appropriate ongoing and new development initiatives in the short, medium, and long-term for Club facilities with a view to recommending selected proposals to GC for consideration and implementation.

DISCIPLINE – James Niehorster

Function: to process complaints and breaches of the Bye-laws in accordance with standard procedures to be advised (and to ensure Club Staff are briefed on these matters) and to apply appropriate sanctions to those Members found in breach. Finally, to provide information to assist GC in evaluating Membership acceptance/adherence to current Bye-laws etc.

MEMBERSHIP – Maurice O'Brien

Function: to be responsible for admission of new Members and also to monitor existing policies and to advise on issues involving membership, including procedural matters (including Sections) and enforcement of these policies.

SPORTS & RECREATION – Philip Woolf

Function: to facilitate the development of, and Members' participation in, recognised sporting activities and competitive recreational activities, and to work with Management towards the optimum use of the Club's sports facilities.



From the Desk of Mark Pawley

A happy 2015 to you all. Now that we are into January one would assume the diet “kicks in” and the Fitness Centre becomes used that little bit more in order to work off the extra “seasonal” pounds! Well, it seems that the calorie counters will be losing out to the Food and Beverage Department who seemingly have little regard for all those New Year’s resolutions to lose weight and cut out that extra glass of wine, or two.

First up, are the monthly promotions in the Restaurant which starts with the **Great Steak Debate: American Dry-Aged Beef vs Wet-Aged Beef**. On Saturday 24th January and Saturday 31st January we introduce an **All You Can Eat Dai Pai Dong Lunch Buffet** and on Sundays throughout the month (apart from Sunday Brunch, that is), we have the **Australian Seafood Dinner Buffet**. And, don’t forget too, that we are still running our **Social Dinner Menu**’s where you have “Big” platters for sharing and, if you want, an unbeatable drinks package (*read on for further details*).

In the Coffee Shop, we have the **Shabu Shabu Buffet with Wagyu Beef** promotion every Friday and Saturday evening, and we also continue with the **Chinese Hot Pot**

Set Dinner available Monday to Thursday in the week. In the Sportsman’s Bar we have the **Curry Clay Pot** promotion, and you shouldn’t forget the **Wine Carousel** promotion in the Chairman’s Bar.

As noted in last month’s magazine we host the **Napa Valley Silver Oak and Twomey Wine Dinner** on Thursday 15th January where you have a four-course dinner paired with some great looking wines. Looking forward to next month on Thursday 26th February we have an interesting dinner lined up where **Michael Dyer** will talk about saving the East African Rhino and this is followed the day after (Friday 27th February) by the **James Halliday 90 points Australian Wine Dinner**.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

MARK PAWLEY
General Manager

Notice to Members: Increase in Monthly Subscription in 2015

At the Annual General Meeting held on the 6th November 2014 an increase in monthly subscription was approved which will come into effect on 1st January 2015.

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\$1,400 to HK\$1,450.
2. Monthly Subscription for Sports Debenture Associates and Junior Associates (between the age of 21-28) will be increased from HK\$560 to HK\$580.

Please note that the new monthly subscription rate will be reflected in the December 2014 statement.

NAPA VALLEY

SILVER OAK AND TWOMEY WINE DINNER

Silver Oak is single-minded in the pursuit of exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon. For 40 years, Silver Oak has produced delicious and distinctive Cabernets from their Napa Valley and Alexander Valley wineries. Using the same philosophy that has guided Silver Oak since its founding in 1972 by Raymond T. Duncan and Justin Meyer, Silver Oak continues to make exceptional, food-friendly wines that are deliciously drinkable upon release. The family established Twomey Cellars in 1999 to pursue the discovery of varietals in California beyond Cabernet Sauvignon.

The family continues to carry Ray and Justin's vision forward, with Ray's son Tim serving as Executive Vice President managing sales and marketing strategy, and his son David serving as the winery's President and CEO, overseeing production and operations. Winemaker Daniel Baron, developed his passion for Merlot during the early 1980s while working in Pomerol and Saint-Émilion, carries out their vision of producing wines that eloquently express their vineyard and vintage.



SILVER OAK

TWOMEY

Date: Thursday 15th January 2015
Venue: The Restaurant
7.30p.m to 7.50p.m: Pre-Dinner Drinks
8pm to 11p.m: Dinner
Price: \$588 per Member and
\$638 per Member's Guest
Includes a 4-course Set Menu and 5 wines
Limited Seats Available

Come and join us for a four-course pairing of elegant wines from Silver Oak and Twomey to compliment and please your palate!

Reception

Canapés

Twomey Estate Sauvignon Blanc, 2013, California

Menu

1st Course

Crispy duck spring rolls, garlic saffron aioli, confit fennel, orange, cranberry relish

Twomey Pinot Noir Russian River, 2011, California

2nd Course

Slow-cook light smoked Norwegian salmon, roasted beetroot, honey kumquat, lobster cream

Twomey Merlot Napa Valley, 2009, California

3rd Course

Braised Veal Cheek

Celeriac root puree, lentil, artichoke barigoule, red wine sauce
Silver Oak Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009, California

Last Course

Cheese Platter

Baguette, dried fruits, fig chutney

Silver Oak Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009, California

Coffee or Tea

Petit Fours



Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.com or fax 2576 7598

Last day for cancellation: Monday 5th January 2015

* All the above wines will be served in limited quantity

** Cancellations or amendments must be faxed or emailed to the restaurant and must be made before Monday 5th January 2015 otherwise, full payment will be debited to the member's account, unless there are exceptional circumstances



HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

RESTAURANT

THE GREAT STEAK DEBATE: AMERICAN DRY-AGED BEEF vs WET-AGED BEEF

every evening for Dinner (except Sunday)
from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

Whether dry-aged or wet-aged beef is better has actually become quite a debate in certain foodie circles. Dry-ageing has centuries of tradition on its side, while wet-ageing is the new kid on the block.

Which is better?

The biggest difference between the two kinds of meat is in the flavour. Come and try them both, taste and “see” for yourself!

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



RESTAURANT

AUSTRALIAN SUNDAY SEAFOOD DINNER BUFFET

every Sunday for Dinner
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

\$295 per Adult

\$150 per Child under 12 years of age

Come and indulge in a selection of succulent Australian seafood dishes served every Sunday Dinner Buffet. A carving trolley featuring a very slow roasted Leg of Lamb will be also available.

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

Just as impressive, at the dinner buffet enjoy unlimited consumption of chilled juices, soft drinks, beer, selected wines and sparkling wine for just \$70 per person.



RESTAURANT

SOCIAL DINNER MENU

Every evening for Dinner (except Sunday)
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Once again we're putting on the “Big” platters for sharing, and what better place for such a social occasion than the Restaurant's own private room.

Starters are served on big platters with an assortment of appetizers.

The Main Courses include dishes fit for a feast: Sliced Chateaubriand Roasted with Rosemary and Thyme, Sustainable Atlantic Trout, Whole Roasted Suckling Pig and Slow Roasted Leg of Lamb.

For accompaniments, we have Roasted Potatoes with Fried Onions cooked in Duck Fat, Toasted Persian Rice, Pommes Allumettes, and Mixed Green Salad with Fresh Coriander.

Desserts include a choice of Pistachio Baked Alaska or Crepes Suzette prepared at your table.

Minimum attendance is 12 people. Price is set at \$500 per person.

And there is more...our unbeatable **Drinks Package at 20% discount**, which includes **2 free bottles of Veuve Clicquot Champagne** on arrival and 3 hours of free-flowing selected wine, beer and soft drinks.

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

RESTAURANT AND CHAIRMAN'S BAR

SUNDAY BRUNCH


from 11am to 2.30pm

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

DRESS CODE: Club Casual.

No Collarless T-shirts, no Flip Flops or sandals with socks, no short Casual Shorts (Knee length – no beach wear). Ladies are required to dress to a comparable standard.

RESTAURANT



ALL YOU CAN EAT
“Dai Pai Dong”
LUNCH BUFFET

in the Restaurant
Saturday 24th and
Saturday 31st January

from Noon to 2.30pm

\$148 per Adult
\$78 per Child under 12 years of age

Enjoy over 30 local favourites typically found in Hong Kong's well known “Dai Pai Dong” street stalls and cafes. Selections includes: Peking Duck, Congee, Noodles and a variety of healthy double-boiled soups, Braised Beef Brisket/Pork Knuckle Noodles, Curry Fish Balls/Curry Pig Skin/Curry Squid, Pan-seared Eggplant/Beancurd/Chili Stuffed with Fish Paste, Sauteed Clams in Chili and Black Bean Sauce, Chicken Wings/Giblets in a Chinese marinated soy sauce, Chinese style egg waffles and more!

The “All-You-Can-Eat Dai Pai Dong Lunch Buffet” will be available on the last two Saturdays of each month.

The Lunch Buffet will be served from Noon to 2.30pm (2.5 hours)

Just as impressive, at the Dai Pai Dong Lunch Buffet enjoy unlimited consumption of chilled juice, soft drinks, beer, selected wines and sparkling wines for just \$70 per person.

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

LUNCH AT THE CLUB

THE RESTAURANT

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm
Set Lunch with Starter Buffet
 2 Courses: \$175
 3 Courses: \$195

THE COFFEE SHOP

Monday to Thursday
from Noon to 2.30pm
Light Lunch Buffet
 \$138 (Adult); \$75 (Child)

Friday to Sunday
from Noon to 2.30pm
International Lunch Buffet
 \$165 (Adult); \$80 (Child)

THE CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm
Express Set Lunch
 4 Courses: \$115

CHAIRMAN'S BAR**WINE CAROUSEL**

every day from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

From 6.30pm till 10.30pm daily, you can enjoy 2 hours of free-flowing wines specially selected to match the season at a set price of **\$185 per person**. Alternatively you can select any two glasses of wine for only **\$90**.

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

CHAIRMAN'S BAR**FRESH OYSTERS**

every day from noon to 10.30pm

- 6 oysters and 2 glasses of Sparkling for \$165
 - or 12 oysters and 2 glasses of Sparkling for \$275



COFFEE SHOP



SHABU SHABU BUFFET WITH WAGYU BEEF

**Fridays and Saturdays
from 6pm to 9.30pm
throughout the month of January**

Shabu Shabu is prepared by submerging a thin slice of meat or a piece of vegetable in a pot of boiling water or dashi (broth) made with kombu (kelp) and stirring it. Cooked meat and vegetables are usually dipped in ponzu or goma (Sesame seed) sauce before eating, and served with a bowl of steamed white rice.

Once the meat and vegetables have been eaten, leftover broth from the pot is customarily combined with the remaining rice, and the resulting soup is usually eaten last.

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

COFFEE SHOP

WINTER DELIGHTS

**Monday to Sunday
Lunch and Dinner**

Chef Danny has come up with a heart-warming international menu, including baked and stewed dishes that can ward off Hong Kong's chills during the month of January.

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

CHINESE HOT POT SET DINNER

**Monday to Thursday
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm
throughout the month of January**

The Coffee Shop will feature a Hot Pot Set for Two with a selection of fresh meats, seafood and vegetables. A Dessert Buffet will be also available.

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

Great Value for Money *"Take-away Wine"*

Life is too short to drink supermarket wine, so check out the very competitively priced selection this month.

Great Value for Money...

How to order:

- Please fill out the enclosed order form or pick up the form at the G/F Lobby or download it from our website www.hkfc.com.hk
 - Fax it to: 2576 7598 or e-mail to: bar@hkfc.com
 - Please allow 5 working days for the processing of your order
- ** Allocation is limited until stocks last (on a first come first served basis)

SPORTSMAN'S BAR

On the Screen

In Rugby:

The Heineken Cup and Aviva Premiership continues throughout January.

Coming up in February is the Six Nations Championship. The first match in 2015 is on Friday 6th February between Wales and England in Cardiff. The following day, Saturday 7th February, Ireland travel to Rome to begin the defence of their Six Nations title against Italy. Also on the same day, France and Scotland get their Six Nations campaigns underway in Paris.

In Soccer:

The English Premier Leagues takes the spotlight with plenty of important games this month. Be sure to check the notice boards for the updated schedule as the race to the title continues.

In Tennis:

Don't miss out on the Australian Open from 19th January to 1st February.

In Golf:

Three European PGA Tournaments will be played this month. Please check the website for the updated schedule.

CURRY CLAY POT PROMOTION

A delicious selection of curries is being served at the Sportsman's Bar.



IN THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR

NFL SUPER BOWL
AND THE
SUPER BIG
BREAKFAST



Monday 2nd February 2015
in the Sportsman's Bar
Live from 7am
\$110 per person

A full English Breakfast Buffet including:
Eggs, Fried Bread, Sausage, Mushrooms,
Grilled Tomato, Bacon, Baked Beans,
Hash Browns, Toast, Coffee or Tea

Booking Procedures:

- Entrance to the Club at 5.30am is restricted to the Sportsman's Bar only. The rest of the Club will open at normal hours.
- Guests must be accompanied by a Member.
- Children under 12 years old are not permitted.
- Children between 13 and 17 years old must be accompanied by a Member.
- Tickets are non refundable and will be automatically charged to the Member's account.
- For further details and assistance please contact Kenny or Dick at 2830 9531 or fax 2576 7598.
- Should the number of bookings be insufficient, the event may have to be cancelled.



Valentine's Day
Special Celebration

Saturday 14th February

A Valentine Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Champagne Dinner

In the Restaurant

Time: 7pm - 10.30pm

Price: \$798 per person (with unlimited flow of Champagne)
\$728 per person (without Champagne)

Enjoy a lovely Valentine's Day dinner with your significant other at the Restaurant. Indulge in a memorable evening with an irresistible 5-course Valentine's Dinner menu with unlimited flow of Champagne Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label.

For bookings please call the Restaurant at 2830 9562 or email at restaurant@hkfc.com

Last day for Cancellation: **Monday 2nd February**

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

Valentine's Day Set Dinner Menu

Amuse Bouche
Lobster Puffs
Beetroot Macaroon with
Foie Gras Terrine

Hokkaido Hamachi Carpaccio
Avocado, Herb salad,
Passion Fruit Calamansi Snow

**White Asparagus and
Potato Soup**
Pacific Smoked Cod and
Baby Dill

Yuzu Sorbet

**Pan Roasted Australian Lamb
Loin and Jansson's Temptation**
Grapes, Brussel Sprouts,
Confit Tomato, Merlot Sauce

or
**Roasted Sea Bass,
Celery Root Purée**
Fennel, Aioli, Diamond Clams
and Cider Cream

Strawberry Combo Platter
Strawberry Pavlova,
Strawberry Mousse Cake,
Strawberry Dipped in Chocolate,
Strawberry Caviar and Foam

Coffee / Tea
Petits Fours

Special Evening with Family and Friends:
Chinese Hot Pot inclusive of a
Half Lobster per person

In the Coffee Shop

Time: 6pm - 9.30pm

Price: \$288 per Adult
\$140 per Child (age 12 and under)

For those looking for a special evening with family and friends, look no further than our Hot Pot promotion in the Coffee Shop. Choice ingredients include Wagyu beef, Japanese black pork, prawns and scallops with a wide selection of soup bases. Every person ordering the Hot Pot Buffet will receive a complimentary 1/2 Lobster.

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



Never before has conservation in Africa been so critical, and never before have our iconic animals been so threatened with extinction.

Michael Dyer



One man's fight to save East Africa's rhino

Michael Dyer, owner of upmarket safari lodge Borana, joins us to talk about life at the sharp end of rhino protection. Having turned his home and business into East Africa's largest rhino sanctuary, Michael will reveal the journey he's taken to raise funds and awareness, and explain how you can enjoy a truly wild and active safari holiday while contributing to one of Africa's most important conservation projects.



In association with Aardvark Safaris. Funds raised will go to Borana Conservancy.

Event details

Date: Thursday, 26th February 2015

Arrival: Welcome drinks and canapés at 7.30pm

Three Course Dinner inclusive of unlimited pouring of Retief Goosen White and Red wine served at 8pm

Tuna Tartare | Roast Chicken and Vegetables | Caramelized Apple Tart

Venue: The Restaurant, Hong Kong Football Club

Price: HK\$530 per Member, HK\$580 per Members' Guest
 HK\$330 per Child of Member and/or Junior Associate Member
 14-17 years of age,
 HK\$380 per Child of Guest 14-17 years of age

Dress: Smart

RSVP: Please RSVP on or before 29th January 2015

For enquiry and bookings,
 please contact Catering
 Office on 2830 9513 or
 e-mail: catering@hkfc.com



Thank you for your support

Cancellations or amendments must be emailed to the catering office and made before the 16th February, otherwise full payment will be debited to the member's account, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

JAMES HALLIDAY 90 POINTS ++ AUSTRALIAN WINE DINNER

Date: **Friday 27th February 2015**

Time: **7.30pm to 7.50pm:
Pre-Dinner Drinks
8pm to 11pm: Dinner**

Venue: **The Restaurant**

Price: **\$598 per Member and
\$658 per Member's Guest**

Includes a 4-course Set Menu and 5 wines
Limited Seats Available

Respected wine critic and vigneron James Halliday has a career that spans over 40 years, but he is most widely known for his witty and informative writing about wine. James is an unmatched authority on every aspect of the wine industry, from the planting and pruning of vines through to the creation and marketing of the finished product.

Reception

Canapés

Calabria Cool Climate Riesling, 2013, Eden Valley – JH 92pts

Menu

1st Course

Smoked Salmon tartare with mango, avocado salsa and creamy honey mustard dressing

Pierro Chardonnay, 2012, Margaret River – JH 96pts

2nd Course

Risotto with grilled organic portabello mushrooms and chorizo

Paringa Estate Peninsula Pinot Noir, 2012, Mornington Peninsula – JH 94 pts

3rd Course

Mediterranean Leg of lamb with feta cheese stuffing, buttery new potatoes, broad beans and peas

Hollick Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon, 2012 – JH 94 pts

Last Course

Cheese platter

(Manchego, Pecorino Romano, Mimolette)

Baguette, dried fruits, red fruit chutney

Juniper Crossing Shiraz, 2012, Margaret River – JH 94 pts

Coffee or Tea



Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.com or fax 2576 7598

Last day for cancellation: Wednesday 18th February 2015

* All the above wines will be served in limited quantity

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HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB



Jockey Club Sarah Roe School
賽馬會善樂學校



THE HK JAZZ FAMILY FEST 2015

RAISING FUNDS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

16&17 JAN

FROM 8:30PM TILL LATE

**\$550 EARLY BIRD
\$600 AFTER 7 JAN**

**[Price include 2 drinks]*

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS & MUSICIANS

Allen Youngblood
Andrew Collier
Anna Fan
Anthony Fernandes
Antoine Richard
Bianca Wu
Bobby Taylor
Brigitte Mitchell
Dan LaFelle
Ela Alegre
Flora Stranade

Ginger Kwan
Gretchen Yaneza
James Schneider
Jason Cheng
Jennifer Palor
Israel Lucero
Jimmy Pittman
Joao Mascarenhas
Justin Sun
Kayoko Haruta
Kenny Lin

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“But the hour cometh, and now is”

~ John 4:23

“The essence of humanity is thought, and deeds, for others whose fortune is not in equal measure”

~ Julian Harniss

“Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. Sport can awaken hope where there was previously only despair”

~ Nelson Mandela

On the morning of 22nd November, 2014, the 1/F Changing Room at the Hong Kong Football Club was full: blue and red Captain Americas – with shields - were adjusting their enviable abs and huge arm muscles, red underpants securely hitched over blue tights; standing alongside were hirsute transvestite fairies, making sure that their black gossamer skirts were suitably flowing, while several very green and blue monsters sharpened claws next to Fred Flintstones, resplendent in prehistoric mud brown, fixing their red ties round unshaven necks. And that was only in the Male Changing Room!

Judging by their later appearance, the same thing had been happening in the Ladies’ Changing Room, but without the adjectives ‘hirsute’ and ‘transvestite’ to describe the fairies. In the concourse by the courts, it was reminiscent of that bar scene in ‘Star Wars’ where the denizens of a multifarious universe gathered to socialise: brown-robed medieval monks stood chatting to silver-spangled space travellers; starchy nurses to sooty chimney sweeps; cowboys to nuns, pink panthers to red-clad ‘footballers’; technicolour dreamboats to blue-clad avatars, all twitching tails and long, black hair.

Film extras preparing for some fantasy blockbuster? A huge fancy dress party? A bizarre conference of alternative dressers? A collection of kinky politicians?

No, just the day-long Hong Kong Football Club 16th Wing Ding Running Squash Tournament 2014, the annual competition involving many teams from the Hong Kong squash-playing community - The Hong Kong and

Kowloon Cricket Clubs, the Royal Yacht Club, The American Club to name but a few – and the world.

The tournament was about to get under way: fourteen teams of bizarrely-clothed squash players preparing to battle it out in the name of Operation Santa Claus, the major charity money-raiser in Hong Kong’s annual calendar, under the auspices of RTHK and the SCMP.

Sport and, by association, sports clubs all over the world, are foremost in the drive to raise money for worthy charitable causes, but no club more so than the Squash Section at the Hong Kong Football Club.

Why is it that sports people feel so sensitively for those less fortunate for themselves? I guess it’s because they are so aware of the idea that “there but for the grace of God go I”; and a profound gratitude for the strength and good health that enables them to play the sport they love.

Under the year-long cajoling, ceaseless devotion to the cause of providing





funds for those less advantaged, Squash Section member, **Tim Everest** – who himself has been through that Damascene experience in terms of health hinted at in the previous paragraph - has put the Wing Ding Tournament on Hong Kong's fundraising calendar for the last 15 years.

In that time the tournament has contributed over a staggering \$10,000,000 to the RTHK/SCMP Operation Santa Claus Fund, making this tournament the third largest donor after the huge banks of UBS and Morgan Stanley.

This year (over \$1,200,000) and last year alone (over \$2,000,000), the Wing Ding Tournament contributed nearly \$4,000,000 to the charity's coffers. Not bad considering it is the work of one man's dedication to charity's cause. Undoubtedly, the Wing Ding Tournament is recognized as a "brand for goodness" in the squash world.

"The 16th running of the Wing Ding is a time to appreciate what we have achieved and also a chance to look forward to what more we can do in the future. We cannot change the world overnight, but I believe we are making a difference. One playing field or one

squash court at a time is real progress. If we can change just one child's life for the better, you know it is worth the effort. I certainly believe this," Tim said passionately, when I managed to catch up with him, just before he went on court resplendent in his technicolour glory.

Most squash players know the origins of the eponymous tournament and the legendary **Yuen Kam Wing**, the ever-cheerful, physically challenged staff member who worked at the Hong Kong Squash Centre on Garden Road and who died tragically in 1998. Wing was irrepressibly good-natured and was one of those rare people who never seemed to be anything but cheerful and in love with life.

Many of the present-day players who participate never knew Wing, but his memory remains strong and as potent as ever and continues to act as a magnet for squash players every year.

The amazing thing is that many, many squash players regularly take part in the annual event, travelling from as far away as Australia, Europe and all points south, east, west and north just to be part of a team dressed in the most ridiculous costumes ever conceived,

costumes that constrict and stifle and make you make you itch and sweat, while dashing from court to court thirteen times for three minutes each time. Only squash players would put themselves through such torment and pay for the 'privilege' of doing so.

James, a previous Hong Kong resident of 'some four years' standing, travelled back from UK to take part in the tournament, as well as renew acquaintance with the territory: "I always took part in the tournament when I lived here," he said, "and I'm a great supporter of such a worthy cause, so I make every effort to return and take part in such a great day. I dine out on the stories and experiences for the rest of the year back in the UK."

Kim, a recently qualified lawyer and a life-long Hong Kong resident and Club Member, has taken part in the tournament ever since she could hold a squash racquet - "I've had squash injuries myself, so I've experienced the pain and anguish of not being able to move about easily and being incapacitated, even for a short time, so I count my blessings that I can play and contribute," she smiled, dwarfed by the thick, heavy monster 'onesie' she was about to play in.

SQUASH

The Squash Section has never stinted on giving – of time, of money, of heart - but it is this Wing Ding Tournament that really struck a chord with squash players, in the Football Club, in clubs around Hong Kong and in the world, not only in memory of the legendary Wing himself, but also because the money accrued is for those whose fortunes do not match those who play on the day.

“Although the Wing Ding takes place on a single Saturday in November, preparations for the event and the actual fund raising part, last the whole year. Post event, collecting the pledges takes a lot of time and effort so to raise this sort of amount really takes a year to realize, but if we can help a single child in a

meaningful way, all that effort is fully justified. What will the next target be I wonder?” Tim muses, breathless after his 40 minutes-plus playing.

Long may the tournament continue and long may people like Tim Everest continue to prick our consciences and remind us of the good fortune that we are lucky enough to enjoy; we can't swap places with those less fortunate, but we can help to raise funds to alleviate suffering and poverty.

Got to stop now; it's my turn to play at number 7. I told Bjorn it was way above my capability given my bad knee.

Oh well, here goes... ■

Julian Harniess



Wing Ding Opens the 2014 Christmas Season at the HKFC



The 2014 Christmas season opened with the wonderful spectacle of 140 squash players, crazy outfits, and major charity fundraising of the 16th Wing Ding Charity Squash Tournament. The annual Tournament celebrates the life and memory of Yuen Kam-Wing, a member of the disabled community who worked at the Hong Kong Squash Centre who passed away in 1998. Many in the squash community have warm memories of Wing's positive outlook on life and care for all those around despite a challenging physical disability. In his honour the Wing Ding squash tournament has gone from strength to strength and this year took the tournament to new superlatives.

As usual the squash ranged the spectrum from the entertaining to the inspirational. Fourteen teams entered each with ten players in the grueling running-teams competition - eight hours of non-stop squash with around 20,000 rallies - perhaps we need the Guinness Book of Records down next year? Costumes included the Black Swan of Swan Lake, Pink Panther (unfortunately the oversized heads proved impossible to see through), Captain America and Fred Flintstone.

The Kowloon Cricket Club and the late Island Squash Rackets Club took an early lead with notable high scores at their position by **Paul Errington** (ISRC) at

number 9 and **Henry Ng** (Squash Family Ng) at number 8. But it wasn't long until the big guns started appearing even pretty low down the orders – former HK champion **Rebecca Chiu**, who not so long ago was ranked no. 13 in the World, murdered the competition at number 5 for KCC. The former champions were pretty spread though – soon after HKCC offered up recent Hong Kong Champion **Dick Lau** at number 3, and former Hong Kong number one Faheem Khan dominated the number 2 spot, claiming the individual high score for the entire competition for the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. But this being squash, it was youth which dominated finally with HKFC's own **Ho Fai Chiu** winning the elite round at number 1. Ambidextrous Mick Holmes also appeared a second time at number 1 for LRC right-handed after taking 130 points at number 5 left-handed earlier in the afternoon! In the end, KCC came in to win the team competition eight hours later beating their nearest rivals HKFC by 1547 to 1499 points.

But what the Wing Ding tournament is really about is raising funds and awareness for important causes in the local community. The Wing Ding tournament is one of the largest donors to Operation Santa Claus (OSC), which directly supports charitable projects that effect



positive change for disadvantaged people in Hong Kong and Mainland China. OSC beneficiaries fall under six themes of Children and Youth, Community, Elderly, Environmental, Medical, and Physical and Mental Disabilities. Major beneficiaries for OSC 2014 include Morning Tears Hong Kong who are strengthening psychological care for traumatized children, Sowers Action who have established an orphanage in Yunnan, and RainLily - Hong Kong's only rape crisis centre, amongst many other charitable projects. The record HK\$ 2,121,124.31 raised by the Wing Ding in 2013 was heartwarming...in 2014, fundraising so far has raised circa HK\$ 1.1 million so far and we are still hoping for more donations to come in. (and in total now nudging HK\$ 10 million since 2003) will go a long way towards supporting those in need.

Many thanks are in order – to the HKFC for hosting the event at Asia's (the World's?) best squash facility, to **Sudanna, Philo, Lewis, Jiji, Steve** and **Charlie** for timekeeping, to **Malcolm Kerr, John Lau, Ross Parker** for adjudicating. Many thanks go to the many raffle ticket prize and auction donors without whom it would be impossible to raise so much for the beneficiaries. A big 'thank you' to **Dave Murray** for being the mastermind of the scoring, and of course to the tireless **Tim Everest** who inspires and leads this event from strength to strength, year after year. ■

Julian Tanner

Position	Team	No. of Kits	Points	Amount raised
1	Kowloon Cricket Club	235	1,547	HK\$5,000
2	HK Football Club	275	1,499	HK\$5,000
3	Squash Family Ng	270	1,485	HK\$5,000
4	CWB Allsorts	270	1,479	HK\$5,000
5	HK Cricket Club	230	1,437	HK\$5,000
6	ISRC	260	1,419	HK\$18,500
7	American Club	250	1,396	HK\$5,000
8	Ladies Rec. Club	255	1,380	HK\$5,000
9	Utd Services Rec.Club	235	1,258	HK\$5,000
10	Royal HK Yacht Club	240	1,254	HK\$5,000
11	HKC Swingers	200	1,227	HK\$5,000
12	Team Wing	225	1,209	HK\$5,000
13	Spankers	230	1,204	HK\$5,000
14	Revolution	150	1,186	HK\$5,000

Top Points Scorers		
Faheem Khan	Royal HK Yacht Club	223
Ho Fai Chiu	HK Football Club	214
Lance Allen	American Club	182
Wan Tsz Ho	Kowloon Cricket Club	175
Rebecca Chiu	Kowloon Cricket Club	172
Henry Ng	Squash Family Ng	164
Ajay Hira	Kowloon Cricket Club	163
John Heath	Ladies Rec. Club	159
Paul Errington	ISRC	153
Chan Shing Fung	Kowloon Cricket Club	148



Junior Squash

Junior Squash Handicap Cups

The Squash Section recently held its annual Junior Squash Handicap competitions in November. As you can see from the large number of smiling faces, there was a huge amount of fun and enjoyment for all entrants. The event was run and managed by Club Coach, **Phil Head**. We've posted just a selection of photographs from the event – well done to all who entered! A comprehensive table of winners is posted below. ■



	Winner	Runner Up	Plate Winner	Plate Runner-Up
Grade 1	Nathan Chan	Max Kerr	Matt Chan	Lewis Kerr
Grade 2	Dylan Robinson	Noe Vartanian	Lily Sheary	Caeli Robinson
Grade 3	Jaden Li Head	James Barton	Louis Meir	Oliver Kan
Grade 4	Amelie Bogalho	Anna Micromatis	Rafael Chauche	Alexander Uzzell



It's a Family Affair

Squash is well known to be an active, healthy sport so it's great to see the large number of juniors now learning how to play the game and master their skills as part of the HKFC Junior Squash section.

Two of the most promising junior players at the Club are **James** and **Julia** Horsey who both took up the game at a very young age. Of course, Mum and Dad are **Jenny** and **Fred Horsey** - both well-known and long-time Members who both played for and represented the Club's squash teams.

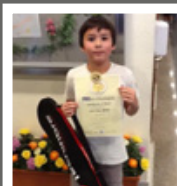
With both parents keen on squash, tennis and badminton, it was no surprise that young James took up badminton at the age of four and by the age of six he turned to squash and started getting private coaching lessons from **Phil Head** and his team at the Club. James showed great promise and before too long he was offered a slot on the Young Athletes Squash Training Scheme which is run by the Hong Kong Government. These days, James' coaching is under the watchful eye of **Chad Sunde**, a member of Phil's coaching team. James now plays in Division 10 of the Men's Leagues at the tender age of 13. Furthermore, James passed the Hong Kong Squash Gold Award Scheme in 2012. The future certainly looks bright for this talented young man.

Julia followed her brother into squash by taking up badminton at the age of five. She started some squash rallying with her parents at the age of eight and she went on to join Phil's weekly squash sessions within a year - and Julia was enrolled into the Hong Kong Young Athletes Squash Training Scheme by the age of ten. Julia is now ranked number five in Hong Kong for her age group (under 11s) and is showing so much promise now that she was invited onto the Regional Training Scheme which involves three training sessions each week.

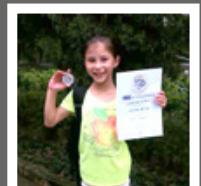
Parents Fred and Jenny are now content to spend their time less energetically, playing tennis, swimming and squashing all together as a family. All of them realise the importance of remaining active and healthy - and a sport like squash ticks all their boxes.

Why don't you enquire about the HKFC's various junior squash activities and get your children involved in this challenging and fun sport? In addition to private coaching lessons and activities provided by Phil Head's team (Blade Limited), the Squash Section also runs a new introductory Junior programme. This is run by a committee of volunteers and led by a coach provided by Blade Ltd. More information can be found on www.hkfcsquash.com or in the latest Sports and Activities Booklet available at the

The Horsey family



James



Julia

Club. The Junior Programme Committee can also be reached at junior@hkfcsquash.com.

Until then, watch this space, and we'll continue to keep you posted on James and Julia's progress - and on the progress and development of the Junior section too. ■



Stephen Tew,
Soccer Section Captain

Captain's Report

Hello,

I hope you all had a great Christmas and wishing you a great year ahead.

For those who had too much Turkey, enjoy the running...

In this month's issue we remember two legends from the Soccer Section, we have reports from the annual game in Phuket to remember **Henrik Lorenz** and details of the **Feeney Jug**.

Our 1st Team, at the time of writing are sitting top of the table in the 2nd Division of the HKFA, which you can read further about in this issue – great work from **Fozzy** and the lads.

Finally **Growler** has a Wanderers dream team.

Tewy



Above:
Mini bus for the Youth Football Home Foundation, financed jointly by HKFC and SCC

Right:
HKFC team that travelled to Phuket for the Henrik Lorenz Memorial Charity game



Henrik Lorenz Memorial Game

HKFC (3) - SCC (2)

The 8th annual visit to the Youth Football Home Foundation in Phuket took place over the weekend of 15-16th November. The principal purposes for the visit are, a memorial service for the founder of the home, **Henrik Lorenz**, a chance to catch up on the development of the children in the home and a football match between the HKFC vets and Singapore Cricket Club (SCC) vets. It has become a permanent fixture in the diaries of the Dynamics and we hope it will become the same for more of the Soccer Section in the years ahead.

The aim of the Foundation is to provide a home for orphaned and destitute children. The children are educated in local schools and receive daily football coaching from full time qualified coaches at the home.

The home is going from strength to strength, thanks to Henrik's generosity in setting up the Foundation, prior to his untimely death in 2006. Today it has 32 boys and recently, a second dormitory was completed to house 32 girls. As a measure of its success, three of the boys have represented Thailand at football at U18 and U16 level which is more of an achievement than it sounds because Thai youth football is dominated by boys from Bangkok. It is very rare for boys from the provinces to be selected.

As part of the festivities of the trip, it was a great pleasure to be able to present the home with a mini bus (*see photograph*) which was financed jointly by the HKFC and SCC Soccer Sections. In addition, with the generous help of Giga Sports, we took 30 pairs of football boots to the children and we are also sponsoring the children to have extra English lessons at the weekends, which I am sure the kids appreciate!

Left until the end, the match report. Whilst the whole weekend is about goodwill and generosity, there is a great rivalry between HKFC and SCC, and the match is very competitive. We came into the 2014 game with a record of four wins, two defeats and a draw but SCC held the trophy as a result of their 1-0 victory last year. We play 4 x 20 minutes due to the

heat and the ages of the two teams, which is just about manageable.

We had a strong starting line up, with new tour additions, **Bobby Crush** and **The Dev**, in goal. We also had **Jobbo**, flown in especially from Abu Dhabi, **Wilko** from the UK and a couple of guest players provided by **Peter Hamilton** but we didn't have a deep bench, as the game was to highlight. The SCC boys had 24 players and a number of supporters.

We started well and should have been a couple of goals up inside the first quarter but One in a Million was having one of those days. We eventually took the lead at the end of the quarter, when **Wilko** broke away, rounded the keeper and slotted home. It was a tremendous sight to see Wilko wheeling away, his familiar goal celebration being performed by a less familiar, somewhat expanded, physique. By the end of the third quarter, we were cruising, 3-0 up, two headed goals having been scored by Guest 1, and the SCC rarely threatening but as they say, it is a funny old game and we took our collective foot off the pedal.

The kebab salesman insisted on staying on the pitch when all he could do was hop, he was replaced by Smithy who, after 30 seconds of action and one touch was spent, which I understand, is not unusual. With ten



minutes to go, a speculative shot found its way into our net and within a minute it was 3-2, as Guest 1 smashed a clearance against Guest 2 and into the goal. SCC launched an all out assault but we managed to hold on, just, and reclaimed the trophy.

The rest of the weekend is a blur although there were many memorable moments, including an incident with a dog in the night time (almost an intellectual joke) and a memorable response to the question, how do you pull a fat bird....piece of cake, thanks Wilko.

I cannot close without thanking **Hannu**, and his staff at the home for hosting us and **Wing Cheung**, a trustee of the home, for putting up with us. Here's to the 2015 event. ■

Michael Lonergan

1st Team Lay Foundations for Title Push

Pos	Team	Point
1	Hong Kong Football Club	35
2	Metro Gallery Sun Source	32
3	Yau Tsim Mong	27
4	Shatin	26
5	Southern	25
6	Citizen	22
7	Double Flower	17
8	Sun Hei	16
9	Kwai Tsing	15
10	Wanchai	14
11	Tai Chung	13
12	Lucky Mile	12
13	Kwun Tong	7
14	Tuen Mun	7
15	Happy Valley	4

Change is good. This is certainly the case for the FirstTeam who saw many come and go over the summer but are sitting top of the table at the halfway mark.

With **Tony Sealy** stepping down at the end of last season and **Paul Foster** replacing him, Club knew the managerial position was in good hands. However, with the squad being rather thin and some loyal servants moving on, fresh blood was much needed. From with the Section, **Sebastian Fiedler, March Huff and Jamie Devonshire** arrived from Albion and **Rudi Hollaender** and **Jasper Ngai** from Colts. With **Antoine Sahaghian, Emilien Desbriel** and **Thibault Lannoy** there was a sudden influx of French players while **Bong Law** joined from Yokohama FC and **Tommy Halder** returned from university overseas.

Club started the season strong with back-to-back victories against Lucky Mile (5-0) and Southern (1-0). These wins were followed by draws against Yau TsimMong (1-1) and Sun Hei (4-4). Club then returned to winning ways against Kwai Tsing (1-0) but suffered it's first and so far only defeat of the season against Metro Gallery Sun Source (0-2). After beating Shatin (3-1) and Wanchai (4-0), Club really started firing on all cylinders, which resulted in wins against Kwun Tong (7-0), Happy Valley (7-0), Tai Chung (7-1) and Tuen Mun (7-0). After beating Citizen (1-0), Club currently (early December) sit top of the table after 13 games with 32 points and a goal difference of +39. Special mention should go to **Michael Hampshire** who has so far scored 17 goals including 4 consecutive hat tricks. ■

Freek Schipper

Cricket comes second to Roast Beef

The lads assembled on a misty morning at Wong Nai Chung Gap Road with most of the chat about the quality of food at the Cricket Club and the roast beef on the menu after the match.

Winning the toss and that's where the winning ends **Tewy** decided we would bat – the mist was clearing the sun was settling in for the day and it was a batsmens paradise.

We started well 29-0, when our annual umpiring skills come to the fore – **Pipes** was given LBW to a ball that hit him on the hip ½ a yard down the leg side...this was the start of a collapse that saw the skipper come to the wicket with 3 quick wickets lost and our chairman still on 0. This

is where **Kieran** would stay for a rumoured world record with about 45 mins passing and Kieran scoring 0 and finding his way back to the pavilion...

The team were saved by a stellar partnership from **Tewy** and **Tony Hamilton** who steered the team with a 60+ partnership with us managing a lowly 149 all out...Both batsmen retired with **Tewy** running himself out for 45...yes did I mention 45!

Ultimately the HKCC knocked off the runs with a couple of overs to spare to leave us discussing weekly nets and how many rounds of roast beef we could eat.

Until next year and of course those nets.



The Feeney Jug

Every year we remember **Jim Feeney** who tragically passed away some years ago.

Darren "Charlie" Chaplin rode off into the sunset with The Jug having secured 34 points playing off a handicap of 26.

That may surprise any of you who got charged for golf lessons from said cowboy back in the day.

It was another fantastic occasion and Jim would have been proud of the carnage which took place in Fernando's afterwards.

For those that knew Jim please take the time out to "Toast The Ghost".

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Growler's Wanderers' Dream Team

The mighty Wanderers starting originally in the 70's as 'Club A' has a history way before my time of 2004 onwards and many fine men have graced the Wanderers shirt over the years; therefore producing the perfect 11 is surely the impossible task. Since 2004, the team have won 3 Yau Yee League titles, finished runner-up more times than my sister has been a bridesmaid, won the league cup 4 times and created at least 450 additional jobs for Asahi.

So before you read this and disagree (possibly/inevitably) with my selection, I'll say that this is simply MY ultimate Wanderers:

Formation: 3-5-2 because it was the ultimate team in 2006 and I was able to drop myself and bring in a midfielder.

GOALKEEPER

James Seddon – 'The Cat' turned up to help us out on a cold night at Kings Park about 8 years ago with knees that were shot and has been here ever since. Brave often to the point of stupidity suffering serious injury in the process, the man in a 1 to 1 situation more often than not wins. His knees are still shot.

DEFENCE

Mark Bavis – 'Bavo' is not a man to be messed with and is still gracing the first 11. Has managed to lob Dave Shaw more times than Albion have beaten Wanderers.

Danny Beattie – aka 'Bricktop' from the movie Snatch, was signed from the 2nd division as cover but soon became skipper and was player of the year in 2014. Rules the weekly Wanderers bar chit with an iron rod.

Michael Risley – 'Rizzo' was a class above. 5 feet 8 with a huge leap and electric pace, marshaled 'Bavo' and I in a back 3 in 2005/6 when we won the league conceding only 11 goals in 25 games.

MIDFIELD

Phil Dowding – 'Pipes' signed me (blame him?) and is possibly the longest serving and most decorated Wanderer as player and manager. Simply a legend.

Simon Page – Over 200 appearances and an incredible competitor. If you're wondering why there are no longer any large plants around the Sportsman's patio, look no further than this man.

Neil Horton – A two-time player of the year and a vice captain when I was manager. Once grew his hair to prove that he still could. Ended up looking like a cross between Roy Munson and the guy from the Really Wild Show.

Simon Galvin – 'Spuds' earned his nickname on his 1st Bangkok tour. Having been met at Bangkok airport by a local driver, an excited Simon pulls an HKFC shirt out of the kitbag and thrusts it at the driver pointing

it at the badge saying, "Look who we are." The driver looks, sees the logo and says, "Ahhhh, KAPPA..."

Stew McInnes – A member of the Squadron league winning team before coming to his senses and joining the club despite me being the manager. Went on to seal a Wanderers league title with a memorable lob over Dave Shaw (twice in one article) in the winner-takes-all play off against Albion in 2010. The open top bus parade afterward is never to be forgotten.

FORWARDS

Terry Harris – Current manager (still playing) and a former league-winning manager with Mark Healy. Glass hamstrings and dodgy knees, but what a player!

Mark Hulbert – My talismanic captain in the league winning team of 2010 and affectionately nicknamed 'Bear.' Broke my ribs despite being on the same team in a game in 2006.

SUBS

Steven Crane – Peter Robinson – Darren McEntee – Antony Sassi – Mark Grainger (a legend way before Wanderers) – **Bob Sawhney – Billy Dulieu – Steve Everest – Steve Tew** and... **Pete Hurst** (unused)

MANAGER

Neil Jensen – By default... well I didn't make the first XI and am the only manager from my time that didn't make the team. 1 league title, 1 cup and two runner-ups (and the fair play trophy...) in my 3 seasons as gaffer, with Mark Bavis and Darren McEntee as trusty sidekicks. ■

Interview with Derek Yung

1. Derek, you are a keen footballer yourself, how did you get into the game, do you still play and how important is football as part of your current lifestyle?

My love of soccer blossomed when I went to study in the UK in the 1980s. In England, football is more than a sport, it's something which brings whole communities together. I lived in Leeds, a small city not far from Manchester or Liverpool... but in Leeds, there is no question of supporting anyone else but Leeds United! People there are fiercely loyal to the home club and it's infectious.

The physical activity is great for keeping fit and there's such beauty in the teamwork behind a stunning goal or a robust defence, it's a great all round sport. But I also saw how strongly football could bring people together, that's something not so obvious in Hong Kong back in those days.

2. Do you support any specific Team and if so who and why?

I'm a supporter of Manchester United! Here in Hong Kong, I also wear Red - I'm a big supporter of our own HKFC Crusaders! When they took on the UK's Fulham Badgers and the Hong Kong Dragons in the first ever international special football tournament in 2010, I have never seen such entertaining games. The determination and imagination shown by our young players on the pitch is truly inspiring.

3. Prudential has proudly sponsored the HKFC Crusaders special soccer programme for 5 years so far, what was the driving factor behind this support and how does this support fit into your current company CSR policy?

It's a very natural fit for Prudential. One of the long-standing pillars of our CSR policy is promoting healthy active lifestyles across Hong Kong and sports sponsorship is a great way for us to achieve that. The Crusaders really work well as ambassadors for active lifestyles because their achievements in overcoming their disabilities can inspire everyone, healthy or otherwise.

And for the participants, the impact of our sponsorship has been quite profound – for people with physical or mental disabilities,

it's been proven that exercise and team sports can have a very beneficial effect on their well-being, it's almost a step change, and that can inspire all of us into the concept of getting up and getting even a little more active.

4. The HKFC Crusaders have the Prudential logo on all of their training and tournament kit - what kind of company ambassadors are they for you?

Well they're a wonderful team. One that demonstrates the power of determination, energy and teamwork. I'm proud they wear our logo and offer us this opportunity to reach out and promote sporting and active lifestyles in such a powerful way.

5. How do you promote your support of the HKFC Crusaders to your staff within the Prudential?

Obviously we keep all staff and financial consultants abreast of the Crusaders sponsorship through regular bulletins and announcements. Many people wanted to get involved, we formed our own football squad last year and, in conjunction with HKFC we ran a charity fun day at the Club for all staff and financial consultants and their families. That was a very special day, raising money for HKFC's Special Soccer Programme and with everyone enjoying exhibition matches and special performances by the Crusaders!

6. What do you think of active lifestyle as part of your company's CSR strategy?

At Prudential, our CSR policies focus on our areas of expertise – health and financial security – executed through our initiatives on active lifestyles, youth development, education and care for the community.

We have been serving Hong Kong for 50 years and it's clear to us that active lifestyles are something which can have a big impact on the wellbeing of the people in this city. Many diseases can be avoided through even slight increases in daily activity or exercise – and people's sense of happiness and wellbeing can also be improved through better physical fitness.

When we see the positive results from our sports sponsorships, for example, or our financial literacy campaigns, we know we are on the right track.

7. Some of your staff train with the HKFC junior soccer coaches on a Monday evening, how important is this to those players and how does this benefit the Prudential company wide?

Just anecdotally, we've seen transformations in those staff regularly taking part. They've become more engaged, more active, more energetic. Many of them had never done anything like that before, but their aptitude for it has inspired many others to step forward and join them.

8. How would you like to see you association with the HKFC Crusaders progress in the future?

One of the highlights of the programme for us was the international tournament, when Fulham FC visited, it was great for the players and the fans, and it also put special soccer on the map. So I would like to see the Special Soccer Programme reach out to other football associations in other countries, expand the pool of teams the Crusaders can take on. ■



Mr Derek Yung - Chief Executive Officer
- Prudential Hong Kong Limited



Yan Adams
Men's Captain

Mid-Season Report From the Men's Captain *(as of Friday 5th December 2014)*

First, I must commend and thank the captains for the incredible work they are doing with each of their

teams so far this season. As I noted back in September, there have been a number of changes and newcomers to the Section this year, and so whilst optimistic for the season ahead, this was always going to be a transitional and perhaps challenging period for many of our teams.

So, with that said, and with just a few more games to play before the half-way holiday break which also sees many of the leagues split into upper and lower tiers, how are we doing?

Let's start with the Hs for a change... Following a bumpy start, the team is now settling nicely, passing the ball with confidence and playing some genuinely nice hockey. Given their excellent attendance at training hitherto (other teams take note!), I'm confident they can improve on their current 8th position in Division Five.

What an opening half to the season the Gs have had in Division Three. They share 8th position with none other than our Fs, both on 10 points. Like the Hs, they have at times played hockey well above their station (and well below their average age), and staged an exceptional comeback to run away 4-1 winners against the Fs in their first tête-à-tête.

Likewise, though they have congratulated the Gs as worthy winners in their first encounter, the Fs have already promised that round two won't be so easy... Having been plagued by injuries and unavailability due to travel and family commitments in the first half of the season, they're hoping for a more settled side moving forward

which should be capable of challenging all comers, and see them moving up the ranks.

The Es currently sit in a very respectable 5th place in Division Two, and have shown great team spirit and resolve in achieving this. A positive attitude and work ethic from all (from the young guns to the old gurus) and a solid defence (the team has conceded only 6 goals so far) has provided a great base to improve upon. With a bit more attacking flair and refinement, the team are even setting themselves an outside shot of breaking the top three, which is excellent.

Standing in their way will be the Ds, who are within touching distance of the top spot in 2nd place, just 2 points behind leaders Rhoba A. The introduction of some of the strongest youth players has added some spark to an experienced group with plenty to offer, and the team are in with an excellent chance of winning the league should they keep on training regularly and building momentum.

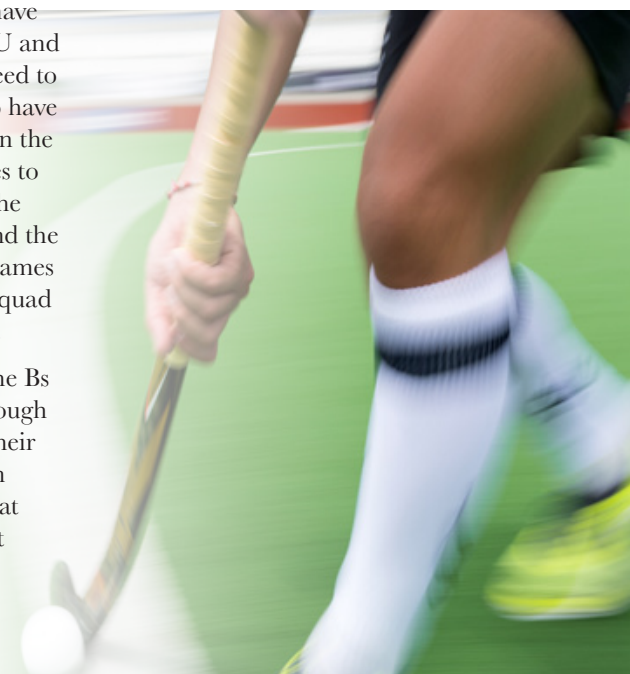
The Cs currently reside in 3rd place in Division One. A few injuries to key players has not hindered the team's momentum, and highlights so far have been 9-0 and 6-0 wins against 144U and KCC B respectively. The Cs will need to get results against the top 2 sides to have any chance of moving any higher in the table after a couple of narrow losses to teams lower down in the league. The team is noticeably starting to gel and the goals have been flowing in recent games so there is lots of optimism in the squad at the half way stage of the season.

Finishing in the Premier League, the Bs have come through an incredibly tough October run of fixtures to secure their first consecutive wins, moving them into 9th position. With a league that is unquestionably stronger than last

season, some new additions and injuries, it has taken slightly longer to click than they had anticipated, but they have shown great resolve on a number of occasions already, and as the team shifts into gear I fully expect a higher finish come season-end.

Lastly, the As prepare for a vital few weeks as they complete their top four battles with Khalsa and SSSC, having been narrowly defeated by leaders Punjab. The Club support for that game was exceptional, and the team will be hoping for more of the same for the rest of the season. The team sit in 4th, having played some outstanding team hockey. At this level though the slightest mistake can prove costly, and they will have to be 100% on top of their game if they are to challenge for the title. Undoubtedly though, they are capable.

All up to speed, I'd like to finish by wishing of all the mens teams a happy Christmas break, but please try to remember when you're having your 4th mince pie of the day, or drinking at your 7th consecutive party of the week, that the season does start fairly early again in January! ■





Rhona Barr, Ladies Captain

Report from the Ladies' Captain

Happy New Year to you all! Hope you've all had a fabulous and relaxing holiday and are raring to get stuck in to the second round of the season. There's all to play for, especially in the Premier, 1st and 2nd divisions. I watched some fantastic hockey in the first half of the season; teams scoring amazing goals, teams digging in to protect their lead and deny the opposition, and some close battles that could have gone either way. The standings after round 1 tell all, with chances for Club teams to win the league in the top 3 divisions.

Premier Division:

A's- 1st; B's -6th

The A's are sitting comfortably at the top of the table and are undefeated so far. The B's, on the other hand, have had a tough first round and have been close numerous times. They have all the potential to the climb the table in the second round.

1st Division:

C's- 2nd ; D's-5th

The C's have had a great first round, with only 1 loss and a brilliant win over one of their main rivals have helped them keep 2nd spot. The D's have put in a solid mid-table performance. They have come close on a few occasions and the only way is up!

2nd Division:

E's- 2nd ; F's-3rd

This is the closest division and definitely one to watch. The E's have pipped the Foxes to 2nd place after a thrilling 2-1 win against them, leaving the Foxes in 3rd. This battle will go down to the wire; the Foxes won't give up!

4th Division:

G's-3rd

The G's have kept up the pace and maintained 3rd place in the table. The teams above them are tough so they've got a challenging battle ahead.

Good luck ladies!

"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up!" (Babe Ruth)

Calling all
Hombres y Mujeres

*Saturday
6th June 2015*

for the
*Hockey Section's
End of Season
Fiesta.*

The theme is HAVANA.

Dress code is formal, so boys dust off your Fedoras and ladies pull out that special dress because we are having a Fiesta.

Red Roses and Mojitos all round, all night. There will be lots of Latin Music, so be prepared to Dance.

Details to follow from your team's social secretaries.

ZOAT in Hong Kong

Last month, from 7th - 9th November, marked the 42nd edition of the ZOAT hockey tournament, which took place at the Hong Kong Football Club this year. ZOAT stands for "South East Asia Tournament" and is an annual tournament for Dutch hockey players in the Asia Pacific region.

As the name suggests, the event travels through the business capitals of Asia - Hong Kong, Bangkok, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore - but has, in the recent years, also attracted participants from Brunei, Shanghai, Myanmar and Ho Chi Minh City.

Hong Kong is a unique location in the rotation of ZOAT cities because it is the only location with three water-based Astroturf pitches, including the





dedicated Hockey Stadium at the Hong Kong Football Club. From the first match onwards, it was clear that the battle for the trophies would be a tough one with a very high level of play and many top players on the field, including two-time Olympic gold medalist Bram Lomans, old international Koen Pijpers and HKFC A players Alexander van der Heijden, Ferko Spits and Remco van Haandel.

In the end, both the ladies' and the men's final were played between Singapore and Hong Kong,

which is traditionally the regional derby. Unfortunately for HK, the Singaporeans emerged as the strongest teams and took both trophies home.

Equally exhilarating was the All-Star match between a team made up of the top ZOAT hockey players and a selection of players from the Hong Kong Premier League, including players from HKFC, Khalsa, Elite and Shaheen – all hand picked by the president of the HKHA. Under loud cheers from the supporters' stand, this match between the ZOAT All Stars and the Premier Dragons ended in a

2-0 victory for the ZOAT players.

Despite the disappointment of losing the finals, the ZOAT organizing committee was left with a feeling of accomplishment: with 23 teams and nearly 500 players and supporters, ZOAT 2014 was the biggest tournament in the 42 years of ZOAT history. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all of our sponsors and volunteers, and of course to the HKFC and especially **Simon Chapman** who were instrumental in making the tournament run like clockwork! ■





Jesse van Maanen in action (U12)



Kids Fun Zone



Loughlin Davidson in action (U12)



U8 derby match



U10 Champions



U10 Prize Giving

HKFC Mini and Junior Hockey Festival – The Biggest and the Best!

A record number of Junior Hockey players made their way to HKFC on Saturday 29th November with over 80 teams and almost 600 hockey players competing in their respective age groups at U8, U 10 and U12.

We were pleased to welcome old friends and opponents, but also delighted to see new teams from different parts of Hong Kong becoming part of the tournament.

The games were played in a good spirit with plenty of encouragement for the players from the large numbers of supporters.

The “Fun Zone” on the training triangle ensured there was enjoyment for all between the games – the Bake Sale and Tombola organized by the Ladies proved a ‘hit’.

There was great support from many people in the Hockey Section and our thanks to them for helping with the organization and running of the tournament, ably stage-managed as ever

by **Simon “Chappie” Chapman.**

Honours in the different divisions were shared between teams including Harrow School, Valley, and SKHKE, and it was great to see the hard work that our Club teams have been putting into their training rewarded with Cup wins in the top divisions of all three age groups.

Special mention to our Club players who took individual honours:

Dylan Hughes
U12 – Division 1, Boys MVP

Eilidh McCoig
U12 – Division 2, Girls MVP

Sarah Chu
U10 – Division 2, Girls MVP

Amelie van Maanen
U10 – Division 1, Girls Fair Play Award

Harrison Banks
U8 – Division 1, Boys MVP

Siena Poulton
U8 – Division 1, Girls Fair Play Award

Sophie Bater (GSIS/HKFC)
U12 – Division 1, Girls MVP

Anna Aiello (GSIS/HKFC)
U12 – Division 1, Girls Fair Play Award

Charlie Pike (GSIS/HKFC)
U10 – Division 2, Boys Fair Play Award

Yan Adams (Men’s A)
“Guess the number of sweets in the jar”

A great showing from the HKFC Hockey community to create a great day of hockey for so many youngsters. ■

Ladies' Rugby

The 2014/15 season is proving to be a pivotal year for ladies rugby at HKFC. After significant recruitment and coaching efforts during the summer, and strong support from the rest of the Rugby Section, the ladies have been able to create a new development team, Fire, to play in the 10s league, and to complement Ice, the ladies 15s team. The teams have got off to a good start in the first half of the season, and it is encouraging to see so many players who are new at the Club settling in so quickly.

Ice

The Ice Ladies' rugby team has had a particularly strong start to the 2014/15 season, and is currently battling for top of the National League 1 division after 7 wins from 8 matches and with a game in hand. The team's only loss was a very closely fought game against HK Scottish, against whom the title race, and a chance at promotion to the Women's Premiership division, is likely to be fought over the rest of the season.

The Ice team has also improved immeasurably over the season so far. Benefitting from some very fast new players in the backs, and increased strength, cohesion and confidence in the forwards, the team is beginning to play a much more flowing and rational style of rugby than Ice has seen in a

while. Competition for positions as new players seek to make their place on the team more permanent and as promising players start to move up from the Fire team are also having a big impact on players' aggression, skill development and commitment. The top try scorers for the year so far include Captain **Aileen Ryan**, **Emma Shields** – our uber speedy full back, **Nikki Pang** – who has found a new lease of life in her rugby playing career having moved from fly half to outside centre, the indomitable **Royce Chan**, and our fleet of new wingers including **Jane Cheung** and **Natalia Lech**.

Fire

After a slightly tougher start to the season, Fire are working hard to build up their individual skills, game play and confidence. With many players brand new to the sport this season there has been much to learn, and new coach **Gloria Cheung** has been working hard to bring the players together and up to speed. The hard work on all sides is starting to pay off; tackling has already improved considerably, phase play is developing in the team's attack, and set pieces are becoming more structured and effective. Leading try scorers include Captain **Francesca Man** and **Apple Lau**, and several Fire players have moved up to play for Ice during the season so far. ■

Mini Rugby

U6's

The Sandy Bay Festival welcomed a whopping 88 U6 players from HKFC spread out over 8 teams: two Lizards, two Cheetahs, two Pumas and two Tigers. The day was glorious and many of the players and their support crew (aka Mums and Dads) had to whip out the factor 50 as the sun pelted down. All teams have made some brilliant progress since their first festival at the beginning of November. Many teams even managed running the ball over the correct try line. We saw amazing sportsmanship from players and supporters alike.

U7's

The second festival of the season was another great success for the HKFC. Many thanks to HKU/Sandy Bay for their organisation. We fielded 10 teams for this tournament, which we believe is a new record for the U7's. The games were all played in a fantastic spirit, with our boys and girls working hard in every game. The players once again tried to pass the ball whenever possible and consistently demonstrated an excellent team ethic. Well done to all.

U8's

It was a beautiful afternoon down at the Stanley Ho Stadium and the U8s were back to their full 8 team complement, allowing everyone a bit more game time and resulting in considerably less brain ache for the coaches in managing the replacements bench! We had 2 Tiger teams, 2 Panther teams, a Lions team, a Leopards team, a mixed Lions/Leopards team and our girls team on show. We continue to be pleased with the progress the boys and girls are making – we are seeing patches of play in attack with real continuity, including good support of the ball carrier and even some genuine passing before

Fire group photo



the tackle! The defensive patterns are improving as well – we had very wide pitches to contend with at Sandy Bay and to counter the strong runners in the opposing teams our defensive lines really had to move across the pitch as a unit. This is a tough skill to learn and we still have a bit more practice to do but overall positive steps and a very encouraging performance across the board. Most importantly everyone seemed to be having fun in the sunshine and went home at the end of the afternoon hot and tired but with a well deserved medal to show for their efforts.

U11's

First up Club team played Sandy Bay 1's, exacting sweet revenge for the pain we'd suffered at their hands in the previous DeA tournament. A very strong effort across the board, the highlight being a sweet intercept try to Alfie Walker. In the second game we tried new combinations against Valley 1's and went down 3-0. A lack of ball security resulted in too much turned over possession gifting opportunities to the talented VF outfit. The final game saw Club face DBP1's, who have had the wood on us for a few seasons. This game we showed that we're getting closer to parity. After going through the hands, Leighton Harris scored a lovely try with a very strong run and fend. Unfortunately the Club boys couldn't hold on - discipline slipped and we let DB return the favour, followed in the dying seconds of the match by an excellent DB winger's try. Overall, a pleasing day against the best teams in the division, showing that we're building nicely.

U12's

The Sandy Bay festival showed some very tangible improvements over the first tournament as the players' training transfers into their on-field performances.

FC1 exploded out of the blocks as they took on a very talented Tanglin team (touring from Singapore). We dominated forward play (rucks, mauls and scrums) and backline play, defending the midfield



admirably whilst moving the ball quickly and effectively and stretching Tanglin's defence when we went on the attack, ending with a 2-0 win. In the second game against VF the team conceded a try on the last play to end with a 1-1 draw, before running out of steam in the final eventually losing 3-1 to Centaurs (also up from Singapore) although the game was much closer than the score would suggest. **Lockie Peters** continues to excel in stealing breakdown ball like Richie McCaw (but in a legal way), whilst hard tackling and running from **Oliver Nicolle** in the midfield complemented excellent distribution from **Dylan McCann** at flyhalf. A special mention goes out for **Ronan Reynolds** in his final game for the Club after being a stalwart of the first team for many years - Ronan put in his usual display of intense forward play which will be sorely missed by his team mates. We wish him well in Australia.

FC2 won two of their three games but missed out on the possibility of a ranking due to try difference. Nevertheless, it should not be long before this team wins some silverware. Strong running by **Will Rees** at fly half and **Malte Fernstroem** on the wing, aggressive running by **Jude Harding** and strong defensive play by **Clement Beylier** (who will surely be more talented than his father) kept the backline competitive, whilst **Kevin Yu** worked tirelessly in the pack as usual.

FC3 played three games - they recorded

a draw (3-3), a narrow loss (5-4), and a win. It was unfortunate that they hit their stride in the final game which they won by 7-0 against HKU. FC3 have a distinctive air of English forward power about them as typified by both props (**Connor Booth** and **Thomas Hodges**) whose fathers coach the team. FC3's backline is very swift but also has a strong defensive capability - **Edoardo Salmeri** and **Connor Young** typified this as did **Ramsay Davis**.

FC4 continue to face combined teams which are made up of the best from their respective home clubs. Despite this, FC4 remain very competitive beating SKS 2-1, but losing 1-0 to DBP. FC4 are also blessed with a powerful pack with **Tom Armistead**, **Luke Gilmore** and **Logan York** leading the charge, ably assisted by **Chris Lai**. **Hugo Rickward** provided a lot of discipline around the breakdown and **Benson Tang** continues to take down opponents who tower over him.

After the main Richard Hawkes tournament, HKU invited HKFC and SKS to compete for the Lloyds Cup at Sandy Bay. Although a friendly mini competition, the teams naturally revert to being competitive. Anyway, it was played in a positive manner with HKFC coming out on top - the Cup will be available for viewing on request.

Thanks also goes to SKS who invited a combined FC1/FC2 team to have a run out against Tanglin and Centaurs on the Saturday. ■



Inaugural HKFC and RBSC Lawn Bowls Interport

The Inaugural Hong Kong Football Club and Royal Bangkok Sports Club Lawn Bowls Interport was finally played over 21st and 22nd November 2014 following an earlier postponement due to the political crisis in Bangkok last year.

A modest group of 11 players and 1 supporter finally made the trip and were received a most enjoyable two days of action. The first day we played mixed triples with players from both clubs mixed together. This enabled us to get a feel of their grass which was in very good condition and much faster than we expected. On the second day the green was even faster, around 12 seconds. We had a good challenge on our hands. 4 rinks of triples played 18 ends with 2 of the rinks very competitive and the other 2 less so. In the end only the **Willis** family's rink, skipped by **Andrew**, managed to make a 17-17 tie with the others led by **Frankie**, **Johnny** and **Roger** all coming second.

Following the main match we transferred

from the Polo Club to the main Royal Bangkok Sports Club for a reception with the usual exchange of trophies, gifts and thanks especially their Convener **Ken Ho**. **Andrew**, **Iris** and **Roger** were familiar with the level of hospitality and made the point that when RBSC come to defend their title next year we will need to match it!

The one activity we definitely won was the post reception dancing to a live band in the 'Air Bar' with everyone "shaking a leg" at one stage or another. When we go back in 2016 we sincerely hope we will muster a larger contingent to fly the flag. ■

Roger Nissim

RIGHT:
Group photo of the two clubs at the dinner reception



Ken Ho, Convener of RBSC and Johnny Tsang, Convener of HKFC



Tanglin Club Visit

On 21st November, 12 players and a few spouses from Tanglin Club of Singapore visited the Club. A friendly game was scheduled for their visit that evening. The evening began with a light dinner at

6:30pm, followed by exchange of souvenirs and group photo. The game started at 7:15pm and ended around 10pm. Four rinks were used to host 12 players for a 16-end triple game. Our guests were kind enough

to let us win all 4 rinks. As hosts, we had home green advantage. In addition, our visitors mainly play on outdoor grass and our indoor green proved to be too fast for them. Despite this, two rinks had close scores and our players were only able to win in the later stages. The atmosphere was very friendly. Tanglin Club will celebrate their 150th anniversary next year and they have invited our Club to send some players there to join their celebration games. ■

*Koon Cheng,
Green Secretary*

LEFT:
Singapore's Tanglin Club visited the Club on 21st November



Counter Attack in the Annual battle for the Eve Duncan Apple Trophy

The first battle in 2014 for the Eve Duncan Apple Trophy, staged "up the hill" at Hong Kong Cricket Club in July, ended in a draw and Club withdrew to plan their tactics to ensure the Trophy returned to Sports Road.

The counter attack took place at Club on the 29th of November. It was a gloomy day with a few light showers, yet it was good weather for bowling especially as we looked forward to playing again on our outdoor green which had just open after several weeks' maintenance.

As before, the line-up was arranged as mixed fours on all six rinks. Drinks and refreshments were served throughout, and battle cries were replaced by cheers and laughter. The beer was refilled again

and again. Surprisingly, Cricket Club's heaviest drinkers, skips Glyn and Graeme, won their games but, luckily, Club managed to win on the other four rinks. Commander Glyn had to admit defeat and gracefully handed the Apple back to Commander Bernard with some well chosen words. Bernard responded, declaring that the battle had been a very enjoyable and exciting game, full of laughter and cheers, proving that friendship always came first. No one seemed to care whether winning or losing. Bernard thanked all the bowlers from both clubs for their great support and everyone looked forward to seeing each other again in the next battle for the Eve Duncan Apple Trophy in 2015. ■

Bernard Young



Glyn Davies, Convenor of HKCC and Bernard Young, HKFC Lawn Bowls' Chairman





Chairwoman's Report

Karin Looram, Netball DSA Chairwoman

Happy New Year!

Wow, where did last year go?

The HKFC Netball DSA finished off 2014 with a bang by achieving some amazing results in both the Junior and Senior section.

Several of our Senior teams are still holding strong with 1st place in their divisions, with many others in the top places so far.

January sees us going into the second half of the season, kicking off on Monday 5th January.

The Netball DSA had their Christmas Social on 4th December. It was supposed to be a fun relaxing night of Quiz trivia, however as expected, whenever sports teams are challenged, it wasn't long before the competitive spirit came out and battle lines were drawn.

Team "Jingle Balls" held the lead all the way until the end when they were pipped at the post by the "21 Days until Quizmas" team.

While there was some allegations of cheating via Google against team "21 Days until Quizmas" these were unfounded and the win was put down to the amazing ability of this team to recall names and faces! Congrats also to teams "Noble Furs" and "Entertainers Nutty Crackers".

Don't forget the Tri-Nations to be held at Kowloon Park from the 29th January through to the 1st February. Some of you will be participating in the Coaching and Umpiring courses being held during the tournament, and others will just be coming down to watch some International Netball.



JUNIORS

The Juniors played their finals games on 6th December in the Junior Netball League. The players definitely got a taste of what playing netball was like when I was young in New Zealand, because they were playing outdoors in the howling wind with a temperature of about 5 degrees!



And the DSA is so proud to say that after all the hard work from players and coaches, we had 3 teams take 1st place and one team take 2nd in their respective divisions.

Credit to all our Juniors and JNL players for their commitment, positivity and the hard work they have shown us over the past term in the Junior Programme.

HKFC Constellations	1st	(13's Div 1)
HKFC Shooting Stars	1st	(13's Div 4)
HKFC Comets	1st	(19's Div 4)
HKFC Supernovas	2nd	(19's Div 4)

Well done to our HKFC players who represented Hong Kong in Thailand in December.

Players were **Aliya Tupper**, **Imogen Shute**, **Georgie Cairns** and her sister, **Ella Cairns**

Ten Pin Bowling

who was also captain. The Hong Kong Team A took first place at the International Youth Netball Championship 2014. The final score 24:20 against the Thailand team Nakhon Sawan.

Hong Kong Team B came 4th after a tight game against Thailand Ang Thong, finishing at 14:16. Congratulations girls! ■



Henry Luy,
BIG Chairman

BIG was very busy during the months of November and December with three Interclub League matches. First, we had an away game at the Kowloon Cricket Club on 13th November, our 2nd interclub league match this season, and also the first time in two years since KCC rejoined the league. We lost 8-14 with 3,448 vs 3,546 total pins. Nonetheless, it was an enjoyable evening with old friends.

Our next game was at Kowloon Tong Club (KTC) on 20th November. It was the first time in 7 years that KTC had ladies to join the game to play against our team. Amongst the men, **George** and **Raymond** teamed up so well that they won all their games. Congratulations also goes to **Bill** for having a 219 scratch game. BIG won 16-6 with 3,671 vs 3,455 total pins.

On 4th December we had a home game against the Hong Kong Cricket Club, who are currently leading the league. **Tracy** played consistently throughout the game with a scratch total of 469 with an average of 156. Well done to all, unfortunately we lost 9-13 with 3,626 vs 3,696 total pins.

At the time of writing, Christmas is approaching, and we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! ■



RIGHT (from top to bottom):
BIG Team with Kowloon Cricket Club Team on 13th November

BIG Team with Kowloon Tong Club Team on 20th November

BIG team with Hong Kong Cricket Club Team on 4th December

19th Hole

HKFC Golf Society Gary Player Foundation Fundraising Dinner Wednesday 5th November

And finally.....a message of thanks and good will to our Society from the Gary Player Foundation.....

“ Dear Ian,

What a great article and photos in your Club magazine.....thank you again for your kind hospitality and to your members for their most generous donation to our Foundation!

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

The Donation is truly appreciated and will help to change the lives of many young children.

Our best to you.

Regards,

*Debbie Longenecker
Director of Administration
Gary Player Group ”*

The Golf Society Committee wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our Golf Society members and their families.

Go to our website www.hkfcgolf.com for details of our 2015 schedule of events and matches.

Ian Petersen
Chairman



Christmas Gathering at Deep Water Bay Thursday 18th December

27 warmly clad golfers braved the rather chilly climes of the Hong Kong Golf Club's Deep Water Bay's short but testing golf course to compete for this year's four club challenge.

The rules were simple, stroke play with adjusted course handicap with only four clubs of your choice, one of these being a putter.

We all dressed in Santa hats of numerous colours to help us to get into the Christmas spirit and to keep our ears warm as we set off in search of glory on the greens.

A notable start was made by guest player **Justin Walkey** with three birdies and a par in the first four holes.

However, **Chris Burley** stole the show with an amazing hole in one on the Par 3, 174 yard 7th Hole. Fantastic effort.

Final standings after 18 holes were as follows.

3rd place was a tie between **Prakash Nagani** and **Joseph Wong** both with nett scores of 62. However Joseph shot a gross 78 against Prakash's 84 to take 3rd place.

2nd place went to **Jonathan Li** with a 73 to give a nett score of 60.

This year's four club challenge champion was **Phil Head** with a gross score of 61 and nett score of 58.

Many thanks to the Hong Kong Golf Club's Deep Water Bay restaurant for putting on a fantastic set lunch.



Well done everyone for competing in a thoroughly enjoyable event.

In the spirit of Christmas, the Golf Society gave every participant a present of a HK\$100 Christmas gift voucher, redeemable at the Golf Corner Shop in Leighton Road.

Hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please check the Golf Society website for details of next year's packed events and match schedule.

Look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Happy golfing. ■

Phil Head, Event Organiser

2014 Christmas Cup at Lotus Hill

29th and 30th November

What a fantastic turnout for this year's Christmas Cup, 28 players battled it out in a 1 Day Stableford competition to try and take home the coveted trophy.

Two time winner **Jonathan Li** was looking to make it a hatrick while new Golf Society members **David Muir** and **Krzysztof Kostienko** (KK) were keen to make their marks by winning their first outings.

The weather forecast looked miserable for the weekend but, as soon as we stepped onto the ferry at Tsim Sha Tsui, the sun started to shine and the golf gods blessed us with a few warm and sunny days on the golf course.

After a very quick check in and putt to gauge the speed of the greens, we were off. The first 4 ball consisted of **David Muir**, **Brian MacDougall**, **Anatole Le** and myself, and it was clear by David's colossal first drive that he was going to make this short 18 hole course look decidedly shorter, with the thought of David reaching the 18th in one seeming distinctly possible.

David continued to prove his driving prowess by easily sailing over the centrally located trees on the stroke index 1 par 4 and setting himself up with a short wedge



in to secure his first birdie of the day. With David and myself both playing off lower handicaps, we were always going to struggle to win the stableford tournament, so we battled it out for the best gross and were head to head at the 18th until my nemesis overshot the 18th green with his first shot!!! Game over! Well done David for shooting the day's best gross of 77 and 38 points. Brian and Anatole in the meantime were steadily accumulating points, amassing 39 and 41 points respectively which put Anatole in contention for the Christmas Cup Trophy.

A well earned beer in hand we watched the rest of the groups as they reached the 18th green. As the score cards were collected and collated, 41 points looked the score to beat. By the time the last score card was collected, three players, **Anatole Le**, **Kevin Tse** and **Joseph Wong**, all on 41 points, so a count-back was required! Joseph stumbled first after the last 9 holes and the winner was decided on the 18, with Kevin scoring a birdie to beat Anatole's par score.

As we all started to head up to our hotel rooms for a quick shower before dinner, **Mary Soo** was spotted at the bar counting her score card which she had omitted to hand in.....46 points was seen circled in red, so after a comprehensive re-count, I

confirmed that Mary had the winning score and was the new Christmas Cup Champion.

After a sumptuous dinner, I took a band of merry men into town to a nightclub that I had heard about. We weren't disappointed as live singers took to the stage to entertain us. KK and Kevin then took over the dance floor to show their own moves and a good night was had by all.

Sunday morning came all too soon for the band of merry men but we were not to be perturbed by the 6 am wake-up call as we had a team event to play for.

Thanks to the help of KK and Kevin, we had devised a team format for the Sunday match consisting of seven evenly matched teams of four players based on the gross scores from the previous day. The scoring system used was team cumulative stableford points. The social players were given rather generous handicaps to bring everyone into the game.

Although the scores were not as good as the previous day, this format worked well with most of the cumulative team scores being very close.

The Society provided three bottles of Veuve Champagne for the top three teams. In 3rd place were **Linda Doyle**, **Kevin Patel**, **Aggie**

Hay and Anatole Le with 119 points, in 2nd place came YP Soo, Chas Doyle, Dorothy Lam and Lucia Lee with 128 points and the champions were Mark Chow, Kevin Tse, Shauna Davis and Mary Soo with 132 points.

After a brief lunch and prize giving we waved good bye to the lovely staff at Lotus Hill.

Throughout the weekend there were numerous longest drives and nearest pins for both days in summary below.

Christmas Cup Champion

Mary Soo
(46 points)

Runner Up Kevin Tse
(41 points)

3rd Place Anatole Le
(41 points)

Best Gross David Muir (77)

Fun Prizes Saturday

Longest Drive Men Michael Yang

Longest Drive Women Mary Soo

**Nearest Pins Phil Head
Kevin Tse
Joseph Wong
Mary Soo**

Fun Prizes Sunday

Longest Drive Men David Muir

Longest Drive Women Aggie Hay

**Nearest Pins Brian Macdougall
David Muir
Anatole Le
Joseph Wong
Mary Soo
Dorothy Lam**



■ by Phil Head, Event Organiser

Christmas Macau Golf Outing Tuesday 9th December

The golf gods blessed us again with a stunning day for golf. With the sun shining and the temperatures in the low 20's it was perfect golfing weather.

14 players teed off at a rather sociable time (midday) with everyone's goal to win best stabelford and gross scores.

Our lone guest **Barry Cox** (Pistol Pete) was to steal the show as he demonstrated from the first hole as he sunk his first of many 15 foot putts. Tee to green Pistol Pete was just as effective hitting nearly every fairway and green in regulation and racking up an impressive 19 points on the front 9. It was his putting that stole the show by holing out no less than five 10-15 foot putts!!! Pistol Pete was on fire and carded a score of 80 for 39 stabelford points.

Credit must also go to **Jonathan Li** and **Anatole Le** for both scoring 37 points and coming a close 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Best gross went to yours truly sneaking in with a 79 much to Pistol Petes annoyance...

Great company, great golf and a great game of cards followed on the ferry ride home.

Thanks **Diana** for beating us all soundly at Poker.

Final scores as follows:

Stabelford Points Winner

Barry Cox (Pistol Pete) (39)

2nd

Jonathan Li (37)

3rd

Anatole Le (37)

Best Gross

Phil Head (79)

Longest Drive Men

Terry Wright

Longest Drive Women

Diana Li

Nearest Pin Hole 4

Patrick Watts

Nearest Pin Hole 6

Terry Wright

Nearest Pin Hole 11

Jonathan Li

Nearest Pin Hole 14

Phil Head

Nearest Pin Hole 17

Terry Wright



KK (left) congratulating Barry Cox on a great round at the Christmas Macau outing



Reunification Cup

Lotus Hill Golf Resort, 1st & 2nd November, 2014

We went into this event, a four-way competition against the American Club, the Chinese Recreation Club and the Country Club that is arguably the highlight of the HKFC golfing calendar, determined to prevail this year after a creditable but disappointing 2nd place last year. With by far the lowest handicaps of the 4 teams, we were mindful however that a net stableford competition does not necessarily favour low handicappers.

On the Saturday, we had a couple of standout scores from **Phil Head** and **JP Cuvelier** but everyone performed creditably and the format allowed us to drop our only weak score.

And so at the end of day one we had established a small lead over CRC.

Saturday night began with dinner and wine in the clubhouse. For some, this was not enough and an expeditionary squad set off for the local Panyu discotheque, returning by all accounts in the small hours!

JP's reward for his stellar 39 points on Saturday was a 6.42am tee time on Sunday. Sleep deprivation combined with teeing off in the pitch black was clearly intended to level the playing field, handicapping those who had over-performed on Saturday. JP didn't let this bother him however and joint top scored again on Sunday (with the Captain

for once justifying his presence on the team to share this accolade).

Sadly, that is where the good news ends. Unfortunately, on Sunday, with all 4 teams scoring fewer than on Saturday, we weren't able to repeat our Saturday performance. With no great scores, and rather too many in the high 20s, we were pipped into 2nd place by a slender 5 points (510 – 505).

We consoled ourselves with the fact that we had played the best golf of the weekend. On a gross basis (before handicaps) we would have won the event by over 150 points!! HKFC's quality was also evident in our disproportionate share of nearest pin and longest drive prizes, with Phil Head also collecting the prize for Best Gross. Ultimately, however, we had to congratulate CRC on a successful defence of their crown.

It would be tempting to blame the lower points tally on Sunday on the late night excursion but actually most of those present scored more on Sunday than they had on day one. Maybe next year the discotheque will be compulsory!!

Thanks to the other team members **Nick Allen, Eric Desgouttes, Jonny Brock, Chad Sunde, Andrew Wood, Dallas Reid** and debutant **Anatole Le** and for their solid efforts and good company. ■

Duncan Spooner, Captain

Kau Sai Chau North Course Tuesday 18th November 2014

With the glorious November weather in full bloom it was no wonder we had a fantastic turn out for this event. 5 full flights of 4 contended for the best, 2nd and 3rd stableford points as well as best gross score, longest drives and nearest pin competitions.

Dallas Reid, Jonny Brock, Jonathan Li and **Phil Head** teed off first and set a blistering pace with some low scoring and high stableford points on the front 9. It was a head to head match going into the 18th between **Jonathan** and **Phil** when **Jonathan** ran into trouble, enabling **Phil** to enter the clubhouse as leader. This proved enough to enable him to win with a stableford score of 37 points as well as best gross score of 76 off the Blue tees.

2nd place went to **Jonathan Li** with 35 points and there was a 3 way tie for 3rd place between **Dallas Reid, Chas Doyle** and **David Fergus**, with **Dave** pipping **Chas** after 2 count backs. The longest drives on Hole 9 went to **Jonny Brock** and **Beatrice Lin**. Nearest Pins were **Terry Wright** on Holes 3 and 7, **James Riordan** on Hole 11 and **Mike McSweeney** on Hole 14. ■



Chinese Recreation Club Open 2014

First held in 1948, the Chinese Recreation Club Open Hard-court Tennis Championship is one of Hong Kong's major tennis tournaments. Every year it attracts the territories' leading tennis players. This year's event kicked off on the 25th October with the finals being played on the 30th November.

A number of Hong Kong Football Club Tennis Society members were participating in this year's CRC Open. Men's A+ team members **Joe Vasantara** and **Nathan Booth** played five rounds of qualifying matches to make the main draw, before losing in the first round. Injury clouds over both players did not help on the day, losing in three sets against two college players. **Angus Chan** from the Men's B team played in the men's qualifying doubles. **Sammy Chan** from our women's A+ team also competed in the mixed doubles.

TS New Treasurer and Ladies Captain

The TS committee would like announce that our Treasurer, **Trevor Fitzsimmons** and Ladies Captain, **Celina Leung** have tendered their resignations due to a heavy workload. Trevor and Celina's time and contribution are much appreciated by the Committee, as they were both long standing members of the Committee. We look forward to seeing them on the courts and at future TS events. Trevor's position has been replaced by **Gus Henderson**, whom we welcome on board, and **Katherine Heyler** has been kind enough to take up the Ladies Captain's role as well as the role of the Membership Secretary.

Veterans' League Tennis Competition 2015

This January, the TS has entered a team into the 100+ men's veteran's league, as the title suggests the

combined age of the doubles team has to be over 100 with the youngest over 45. Unsurprisingly, we have a surfeit of eligible candidates, 12 to be precise, ensuring a headache for the captain when it comes to team selection.

The team is made up of players from the B's, C's and D's squads ranging from a sprightly 45 to the decrepit 64. Last year, the team won 3 matches and lost 3 to finish mid table. Team captain, **Tony Shield** is optimistic that the team can make the play-offs this year, after recruiting strongly in the off season. Good luck to Tony and the Veterans.

Celebrating Our Best Ever Season

For the first time in the Club's history, four teams made the playoffs of the Winter League, which is just drawing to a close. The Men's B, C and D teams all made it into the playoffs along with the Ladies' B team.

Men's B Team Winter League Captain's Report 2014 – 6 wins out of 7

After languishing at the bottom of the B division for several seasons, the strategic addition of some key sports Members has made all the difference in our last two seasons. We finished joint

second in our group in the summer league and made it one better finishing top of our group in the winter league. It was also the first time we didn't have to borrow any players from other teams! Unfortunately we were drawn away to Recreio for the semi-final on hard courts, so we were already at a disadvantage. Nonetheless, the lads played their socks off. Three of the matches went to tie-breaks, but two of them went the wrong way resulting in a 3-6 defeat on the night. Recreio went on to win the final, so there's some small consolation in losing to the eventual champions. But we'll be back even better and more determined for next season. Thanks to all the players for their hard work and commitment throughout the season.

Men's C Team Winter League Captain's report 2014 – 9 wins out of 9

The Men's C Team managed to complete their league season undefeated, winning all nine fixtures in a tough division. So, like the Men's B and D teams, the playoffs beckon. Playing on a Wednesday means most matches have to be played away, but most of the hard hitting squad prefer the hard courts rather than our home courts' slower surface. There is some optimism in the ranks that we can win the playoffs but as the B's and D's can testify it's not going to be easy.



Men's C Team





Men's D Team

Men's D team winter league Captain's report – 6 wins out of 7

We were quietly confident going into our first match against HFCC however; we ended up losing to 2-7. "Never say die" as my Vice Captain, **Job Tang** always say and so we looked on...and once we found our core players, namely, Job Tang, **Shane Wallis, Martin Haigh, Jason Ng, Eric Fan, Des Ko, Anthony Muh** and our teenage stars, **Richard Cao, Ethan Tsea, Lucius Hatherly** and **Olivier Muh** we never looked back. We won the next 6 matches with the last match against Kowloon which we won 5-4 when Job and Ethan rallied patiently and poached volleys.

So, into the playoffs and we were drawn against USRC away on their hard courts which for our A pair (Martin and Jason) did not go down well. Job and Ethan kick-started us off by winning their first match however, both A and B pair (JQ and Richard) started off nervously and lost their first match. By this time all 3 of our HKFC supporters (Tony Shield and Ethan's parents arrived) to give us much needed support as the USRC supporters were growing in numbers! Richard and I then fought back in our second match to make it 3-2. We then watched Job and Ethan play two great matches where the rallies were long and agonizing and it was really nerve-racking to watch. Unfortunately, after a hard fought match we lost 3-6 but we went down fighting! Big thanks to everyone who played this season!

Ladies B team winter league Captain's report – 6 wins out of 7

After a few seasons being "so close to the crowning glory", the ladies B team finally did it!!! The team finished the season in first place with a few lopsided wins and only one loss. In the past, the ladies were just content playing in the B league, but not anymore. Energized after the summer break, the ladies set their goal on capturing first place. With a few player changes and some practices before the league started, the ladies were ready to fight hard for that elusive first place. Two straight 9-0 wins in the first two matches boosted the player's confidence and kept the momentum going for the next few matches until they ran into THKJC with a tough 3-6 loss. The race to the finish was a tight one, with three teams vying for first place. The winner was only decided

after the final match which we sealed with a 9-0 win against HKU. Thanks to all who played and supported the team.

TS Doubles League 2015

The TS Doubles Ladder is running once again on Tuesdays from January to March 2015. This is a great opportunity for some practice before the commencement of the HKTA Summer Tennis League and to run off the Christmas Turkey. Courts will be pre-booked on allotted times in the evenings after work, with a draw being sent to participants every week. The doubles league is more geared towards players of Ladies A+/Men's B-C level. Please watch for the email from the TS email account and register your interest.

ATA/HKFC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January - December 2015

HKFC PARENT CHILD CHALLENGE
BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE, ELITE
Saturday 17th January 11- 5pm

AUSTRALIAN OPEN SOCIAL
Saturday 31st January - 2pm - 6pm (New Format)

CUP OF THE NATIONS 2015
Open and Closed (New Format)
Friday 6th February 1-6pm

HKFC CLUB CHAMPS - ADULTS and JUNIORS
Begin Sat 28th February 2015
28th Feb, 1st Mar, 7th,8th 14,15th, 21st,22nd
Finals BBQ /Trophy Presentation 22nd March

START OF SEASON BBQ
Friday 17th April 8-11pm

CHARITY CUP
Saturday 25th April 1-6pm

HKFC Invitational Challenge
Saturday 16th May - 1pm - 7.40pm
(followed by BBQ/ Trophy Presentation)

FRENCH OPEN SOCIAL
Saturday 30th May 2-6pm (New Format)

WIMBLEDON SOCIAL
Saturday 4th July - 2pm - 6pm (New Format)

US OPEN SOCIAL
Saturday 12th September 2-6pm



Group photo of the four participating clubs at the Regional Badminton Tournament 2014



Ladies Doubles between HKFC and the U-Team of HKU. From left: Emily Chow, Peggy Lee, Julia So and Suet Ying Lam



The winner goes to the Badminton Team of HKU

2014 Regional Badminton Tournament

On 16th November, the Badminton Society hosted the 2014 Regional Badminton Tournament. This year we invited three clubs. Two of them were from Hong Kong – the Law Society and the Badminton Team of The University of Hong Kong (HKU). The third team was the Hou Kong Sports Club from Macau who also joined us in the same tournament last year.

The four teams played each other on a round robin basis with 5 games in each tie. The five games comprised of two Mens Doubles, Women Singles, Women Doubles, and Mens Singles. Our home team was formed by picking the best available players. However, our guests teams were too strong and we did not take any victory for any of the three ties. The overall winner went to the HKU's Badminton Team with the Law Society coming second followed by Hou Kong Sports Club of Macau and then the Club.

The result demonstrated that the U-Team are not just good at their academic work but also at achieving good performances in sports. They only lost three games out of a total of fifteen games.

To our home team, it is worth mentioning that our junior elite player **Emily Chow** won two games out of the three she played. Very well done for her personal efforts. ■

Visit from Penang Sports Club

On a pleasant Sunday morning the 23rd November, we were happy to receive a team of veteran badminton players from Penang Sports Club of Malaysia. Penang is the hometown of many top-ranked badminton players in the world, which includes Dato Lee Chong Wai, World No. 1 in Men's Singles and also

Datu Eddy Choong, the four times Champion of All England Open Badminton Championships in 1953, 1954, 1956 and 1957, who visited us in 2011.

The Malaysian delegates comprised mostly of senior players in their 40's to 70's. To line up our senior players, we sent out **Ryan Wong, T K Lam, Daniel Cheung, Colman Lam, Benjamin Chan, Derick Li, Danny Leung, Steve Lo, Kenneth Ton, Tommy Liu, Wah Sai Lim,** and **Paul Tso**. Our two young lady players Karina Li and Amanda Lo also joined the match. A total of 12 games of 31 points each were played. At the end of the games, we found that age was not a determining factor for victory. It was such an enjoyable morning session, that a tentative schedule is proposed for us to go to Penang during the durian season next year. ■



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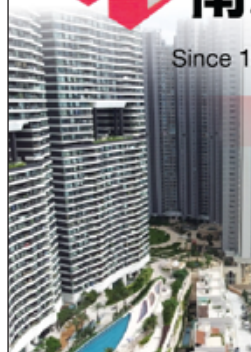
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Phuket Triathlon

I managed to complete the Phuket triathlon despite all kinds of problems along the way. Starting with **Deb Hanley** and I missing the flight on Friday night due to Occupy Central, so we had to buy another ticket to fly on Saturday morning! The race started well and I was feeling comfortable during the swim, but at the turning point I got kicked in the face and swallowed tons of water. After that I struggled with my breathing as my lungs and stomach were filled with water, but I managed to finish the swim. However it took so long they wanted to pull me out of the race, so I spent 5 minutes pleading with the race director that I was doing it for charity. Eventually he let me continue. At the start of the bike course I managed to make a wrong turn and ended up doing an extra 2.5km. About 5km into the ride I caught the wet grassy verge and

fell off my bike! Luckily no major damage to me or the bike but I lost half of my drinks and then I started suffering leg cramps. I got through the ride ok and when I started the run it was about 36 degrees and I was severely dehydrated. My legs were cramping throughout the run, but with a combination of running and walking I eventually completed the course in just under six hours (about one hour slower than last year). With so many problems along the way I would seriously have considered pulling out, if it wasn't for all the fantastic, generous support from so many sponsors. Knowing how much I was raising for the charity really helped me to keep going – over HK\$52,000 for the **Christina Noble Children's Foundation** in the end!

■ *Greg Brutus*



New World International Triathlon

On 30 November **David** (Run), **Richard** (Bike) and **Craig** (Swim) took part in the NWIT in TST.

The weather on the morning was cool and overcast.

The swim leg was made up of 2 laps (approx. 1200m total) in a very choppy Victoria Harbour.



I disappointingly came out the water second to hand over to Richard for the bike leg. The bike course was 7.5 laps (approx. 35km total) along Salisbury Road which gets blocked off for this event. There were a few 180 degree turns on the course which meant the cyclists constantly needed to slow down and then rebuild their speed. Richard did an amazing job of not losing count of his laps... correction, after having lost count of his laps, still coming into the transition at the right time and most importantly coming in at first place to hand over to David for the all important run leg (approx. 7.5km). With everything to play for David didn't disappoint and came steaming over the finish line to take victory for our team.

■ *Craig Nortje*

Book and Movie Library

At the Club

New DVDs

And So It Goes
Behaving Badly
Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom - Planet Bong
Dawn of the Planet of the Apes
Dolphin Tale 2
Don't Blink
Down and Dangerous
Dwegons and Leprechauns
Field of Lost Shoes
Fireman Sam - Ocean Rescue
Guardians of the Galaxy
Guess Who's Coming to Christmas
Gutshot Straight
How to Train Your Dragon 2
I am Ali
Justified - Season 5
Lewis - Season 8
Magic in the Moonlight
Mule - Tide Christmas
Mystery Road
Our Zoo Disc 1 & 2
Peaky Blinders - Series 2
Rick and Morty
Scott and Bailey - Season 4
Stonehearth Asylum
Sweet Alibis

Teenage Mutant - Ninja Turtles
The Celts
The Code - The Complete Season
The Congress
The Curse of Oak Island - Season 1
The Expendables
The Following Season 2 Disc 3 & 4
The Golden Dream
The House of Magic
The Hundred - Foot Journey
The Maze Runner
The Passing Bells
The Skeleton Twins
The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher
This is Where I Leave You
Tickety Toc - Christmas Present Time
Tom and Jerry - Santa's Little Helpers
Tree Fu Tom - Tom's Big Spell -
7 Magical Stories
True Blood Season 7
Under Wraps
When the Game Stands Tall
Who Do You Think You Are?
Yo Gabba Gabba! Live! Holiday Show
and more...

New Books

A Cold and Broken Hallelujah by Tyler Dilts
A Jack Reacher Novel by Lee Child
An Italian Wife by Ann Hood
Autumn Killing by Mons Kallentoft
Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty
Catching the Giant Wave by Thea Stilton
Diary of a Wimpy Kid - The Long Haul by Jeff Kinney
Dumb Witness by Agatha Christie
Festive Death by J.D. Robb
Fives and Twenty Fives by Michael Pitre
Gray Mountain by John Grisham
Great Answers to Tough Interview Questions
by Martin John Yate
Here is the Baby by Polly Kanevsky
Horton and the Kwuggerbug and More by Dr Seuss
Hotel Florida by Amanda Vaill
I Miss Mummy by Cathy Glass
Listen to the Moon by Michael Morpurgo
Stone Mattress by Margaret Atwood
The Children Act by Ian McEwan
The Forgotten Daughter by Renita D. Silva
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