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HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

General Committee

President	: Dermot Agnew
Vice President	: Fook Aun Chew
Vice President	: Nick Hunsworth
Vice President	: Bobby Lawson
Vice President	: Iain Valentine
Chairman	: John Shanahan
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Development	: Neil Roberts
Discipline	: James Niehorster
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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

Club Magazine

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On the Cover: Player of the match, Elise Dali, at the Netball Championship game. (Photo by Takumi Photography)



John J Shanahan, Chairman

The Thoughts of the Chairman

March is seen as very much a rugby month, and May has turned into very much a soccer and squash month! The **Junior Soccer 7s Tournament** started the action on 23rd – 24th May, followed by the **HKFC Citibank Soccer Sevens** over the weekend from Friday 29th May – Sunday 31st May at the Main Pitch Stadium. This was its usual success with many top level local teams and teams from clubs in the EPL playing in the tournament. The **Meco International Professional Squash Association (PSA) Mens and Ladies International Ranking Event** was also held in the Squash Centre from Monday 25th to Saturday 30th May, along with the **International Squash 3s** over the last weekend of May.

We now move into the quieter months of the year as far as sporting events are concerned as the various league competitions close down for the summer. If you are planning on going away for the summer holidays, I wish you a safe and

pleasant trip. If you are staying in Hong Kong, don't forget our wonderful catering facilities and, if you want to keep your fitness levels up, there are plenty of opportunities through the Club-wide activity programmes that are on hand, through the various summer training programmes that are available and, of course, the Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre along with all our other sports facilities.

I will sign off this month by highlighting that I have sent all Members a letter outlining our Masterplan Redevelopment Project for the 2/FI and our intention to sell Corporate Subscribership's to help finance the projects we have planned. If you are here over the summer, don't forget that we intend to renovate the **Infield Changing Rooms** and surrounding areas during the summer months (if the renovation works are approved then we envisage a start date of mid-June.) Management should be issuing notices about changing facilities and locker availability and access soon.

JOHN J SHANAHAN
Chairman



Air ticket to Australia

(Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane / Adelaide)

Economy class : HKD 5,500^{up}

- Travel Period : 01st May 2015 – 30th Sept 2016
- Ticket validity : 0 – 3 Months
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- Valid on STUDENT age 12-30 Resident of Hong Kong or Macau , with valid HKID or Macau ID / student ID / student visa & officially stamped letter from Educational institution
- Date of birth must be provide for issue ticket
- Valid on EK only . Not valid on EK6200-EK6201 . All sectors must be confirmed
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Angsana Ihuru **HKD 10,890^{up}**

- Beachfront Villa

website : www.angsana.com/es/em-maldives-ihuru

- Package validity : 01st May-31st Oct 2015
- Minimum two adults must be travel together on entire journey
- Roundtrip economy class air ticket between HKG & Male
- (Direct flight for CX / via Kuala Lumpur for MH)
- 4 Nights hotel accommodation with daily breakfast
- Roundtrip speedboat transfers between Male & resort
- "Child promotion" – validity 01st May-31st Aug 2015 / Max. 1 child per villa who share with parents with exist bed
- HKD2,990^{up} per package / FOC for extension night / Same meal plan as parents booked
- Included 0.15% TIC Levy & HK\$100,000 Travel Insurance
- Subject to HK security charge , all applicable taxes and fuel surcharge
- Package is non-refundable , non-endorsable & non-reroutable

Anantara Kihavah **HKD 21,390^{up}**

- 2 nights Beach Pool Villa + 2 nights Over Water Pool Villa

website : kihavah-maldives.anantara.com

- Package validity : 15th May – 23rd Dec 2015
- Minimum two adults must be travel together on entire journey
- Roundtrip economy class air ticket between HKG & Male
- (Direct flight for CX / via Kuala Lumpur for MH)
- 4 Nights hotel accommodation with daily breakfast
- Roundtrip domestic flight + speedboat transfers between Male & resort
- Included 0.15% TIC Levy & HK\$100,000 Travel Insurance
- Subject to HK security charge , all applicable taxes and fuel surcharge
- Package is non-refundable , non-endorsable & non-reroutable

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From the Desk of Mark Pawley

With the weather in May being, at least, changeable, we look forward (we hope) to a fine weather month in June. This being the case we fully expect the Swimming Pool Complex, indeed, the swimming pools to be busy. As such, I would draw your attention to the adjacent page where we have outlined the necessity to know and understand the Pool rules. Also on the page is a note about “poop” in the Pool. Just so you are aware if we have “poop” in either the main pool or the children’s pool(s), we are required to close that pool for a minimum of two hours! So, please do ensure that young children are wearing the necessary and appropriate reusable or disposable swim nappies (both of which can be purchased at the Club Shop).

Quickly moving on to food and beverage, we have the **Chateau Roubine Provence Wine Dinner** in the Restaurant on **Friday 12th June**, which I am sure will be popular. In the Restaurant throughout the month, we have a **Maine Lobster** promotion and we introduce a new initiative for you with the **Wine, Dine and Unwind Set Dinner** promotion. Don’t forget too the **Viva Italia Seafood Dinner Buffet** promotion every Sunday throughout the month. And, the **All You Can Eat Dai Pai Dong Lunch Buffet** returns on **Saturday 20th and 27th June**.

In the Coffee Shop, we have a **Thai and Vietnamese Dinner Buffet promotion** on Friday and Saturday evenings in June, and we reintroduce the **special price promotion for Senior Citizens** on Lunch and Dinner Buffets in the Coffee Shop from **1st June through to the 31st August**.

Last, and by no means least, don’t forget **Father’s Day** on **Sunday 21st June** (see page 7 for more details). Please book early to avoid disappointment.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

MARK PAWLEY

General Manager

For more information on reciprocal clubs, please make enquiry at the Club’s Reception or visit our website at

<http://www.hkfc.com.hk/membership/reciprocal-clubs>

Featured Reciprocal Club this month:



The Tanglin Club

5 Stevens Road, Singapore 257814

Tel: 6622 0555, Fax: 6733 2391

Website: www.tanglinclub.org.sg

The Tanglin Club, founded more than 140 years ago, is today one of the most prominent and prestigious social clubs in Singapore. Surrounded by lush greenery in the middle of the city, it offers the grace and charm of the past, providing a calm respite from the hustle and bustle of urban life. The club also offers accommodation, with 16 well-appointed suites, some with balconies and pool-view, a great choice for members and guests visiting Singapore.

Members are reminded that they can apply for an Introductory Letter from the Membership Services Department and that room bookings should be made by the Members on their own.

Oh Poop!

The Swimming Pool Complex is a great place to be particularly when we have fine weather, but a poop accident will ruin the day for everyone.

So far this year there has been a total of three poop accidents at the Swimming Pool Complex resulting in total shut down of either the Main Pool or the Children's Pool for a minimum of two hours.

If your child is sick or has diarrhoea, please keep him or her out of the pool/s.

If your child is not potty trained please ensure that he or she is wearing reusable or disposable swim nappies when in the pool.

Reusable swim nappies or disposable nappies can be purchased at the Club Shop on the Ground Floor.

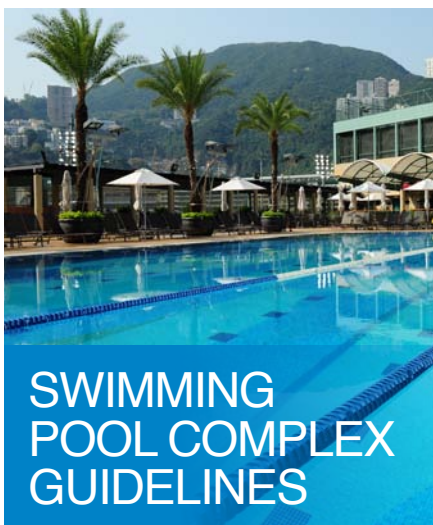
Oh Poop...what a perfect way to end the weekend or holiday fun for everyone. Make sure it's not you!

Pool Safety



Parents: Watch your child/ren closely at all times. The importance of adult supervision cannot be overstated, you are fully responsible for the safety, and welfare of your child/ren.

- Please ensure that everyone is aware of the swimming pool rules.
- Children should know what the outcome will be if rules are broken.
- It is NOT the Lifeguards' responsibility to supervise your child/ren.



The Swimming Pool Complex is a great place to be particularly when we have fine weather! The opening hours are from 7:00am – 9:00pm daily and please remember that you will be required to show your Membership card and sign in upon entering. Obviously swimming pool safety and etiquette are very important to us and we ask that you recognize and follow the Swimming Pool Complex Bye-laws noted on this page.

Swimming Pool Complex Bye-laws:

- Children under 11 years of age must be supervised by an adult at all times and except for events and functions designated by Management, such children must leave the Swimming Pool Complex by 7:30pm.
- Running, chasing, pushing, horseplay, climbing on landscaping features or other inappropriate or offensive conduct is not permitted in the Swimming Pool Complex.
- The throwing of balls or other objects and the use of water propelling devices within the Swimming Pool Complex is not permitted.
- The minimum dress requirement at all times for all persons in the Swimming Pool Complex shall be appropriate swimwear. Babies must wear swimwear nappies/diapers in the Swimming Pool Complex, but leak proof swimwear must be worn by babies using the Pools. Babies' nappies/diapers must not be changed on tables, loungers, or chairs, but in a changing cabana or Swimming Pool Complex toilets where baby change facilities are available.
- Children of 8 years of age and over are not permitted to use the Children's Pool; children less than 11 years of age are not permitted to use the Jacuzzis.
- No Persons suffering from open sores, skin diseases or other ailments of a comparable nature may enter Pool or Jacuzzis.
- All persons must follow the directions of the lifeguards at all times and be familiar with and obey the rules of the Swimming Pool Complex.

château roubine provence wine dinner



friday 12 june

the Restaurant

7.30pm cocktail
8pm dinner

\$585 per member
\$635 per member's guest
includes a 5-course set menu and 5 wines

limited seats available

provence cru classé

Located right in the middle of Provence, between Lorgues and Draguignan, Château Roubine is one of the oldest wine estates of France. Famous ever since the 14th century, the Templiers yielded the property to the Saint James of Jerusalem Order in 1307.

Valérie Rousselle looks after this historical property, one of only 18 estates awarded with the "Cru Classé" title in 1953 by the Ministry of Agriculture.



The **Château Roubine**, is spread all in one piece in the heart of the Var and surrounded by pines and oak trees, offers, thanks to its natural drainage, its ideal east-west exposure and its chalky clay soil, the perfect conditions for the production of top quality wines. The Classique range is a typical Provence wine, light and fruity and its flagship rose blends Cinsault, Cabernet, Syrah, Grenache and the native Tibouren. The grapes are harvested at night to preserve their acidity and then go through a cold maceration to extract the delicate flavours and obtain a floral, crisp and refreshing bouquet with a pale peach colour, the wine being ideal for an aperitif.



menu

assorted canapés

côtes de provence cru classé rosé 2013

1st course

fresh fillets of line caught sea bass

marinated with lime, lemon, ginger, fresh coriander and pink pepper

côtes de provence cru classé white 2013

2nd course

tuna and tomato tartare

with parmesan shavings and truffle oil

côtes de provence cru classé white terre de croix 2010

3rd course

veal prime rib with ratatouille provençale

côtes de provence cru classé red 2012

4th course

roasted duck breast with fig sauce

côtes de provence cru classé red terre de croix 2012

dessert

roasted pear tart with almond pie crust
coffee or tea and petits fours

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

Last day for cancellation: Wednesday 27th May 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 Wednesday 27th May 2015 otherwise, full payment will be debited to the member's account, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

To My Greatest DAD

Sunday 21st June

The Restaurant and Coffee Shop will offer a day of great food and fun for Dads and the whole family.

COFFEE SHOP

"I Love you Dad" International Lunch Buffet*

(Every person ordering the lunch buffet will enjoy a half Lobster Thermidor and unlimited serving of sodas and draught beer)

From 11.30am to 2.30pm

\$248 per Adult

\$148 per Child (age 12 and under)

Father's Day Thai and Vietnamese Dinner Buffet*

(Every person ordering the dinner buffet will enjoy a Thai Prawn Sashimi, Chilled 3.6 Hokkaido Milk Pudding with Gold Leaf and unlimited serving of sodas and draught beer)

From 6pm to 9.30pm

\$268 per Adult

\$168 per Child (age 12 and under)

***Seafood Specialties:** Freshly Shucked Irish Oysters/ Deluxe Sashimi Platter/Baked Alaskan Crab Leg in Asian Spice/Poached Australian Black Mussels in Tom Yum Goong Broth/Vietnamese Sugar Cane Prawns

***All Time Favourites:** Assorted Sushi/Parma Ham and Melon/Seasoned Pei Par Duck/Roasted Prime Rib/Thai Tom Yum Goong Soup/Vietnamese Raw Beef Noodle/Chocolate Fountain/Fresh Jack Fruit Platter/Tropical Fruits Ice Cendol and much more...

***There will also be a free gift for all Dads ordering the Lunch /Dinner Buffet.**

***Very limited A la Carte for Lunch and Dinner**

For reservations please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 or email at coffeeshop@hkfc.com

RESTAURANT

Father's Day Seafood Brunch with All You Can Drink Sparkling and Selected Wines*

From 11am to 2.30pm

\$368 per Adult

\$168 per Child (age 12 and under)

Enjoy a sumptuous Seafood Brunch with all you can drink Sparkling and Selected wines.

Sea Treasure Dinner Buffet with Free Flow of Sparkling and Selected Wines*

From 6.30pm to 9.30pm

\$388 per Adult

\$168 per Child (age 12 and under)

Father's Day is your special chance to make your Dad feel like a KING – bring him to the Restaurant for the Father's Day Sea Treasure Dinner Buffet.

Chef Signature's Cooking Station:

- Lobster Risotto, Parmesan Wheel Roulade, Summer Black Truffle
- Pan-seared Foie Gras, Brioche, Sour Cherry Sauce
- Sautéed Australian Wagyu Beef, Garlic Globe, Teriyaki Soy Sauce
- Whole Tuna Cutting Performance (7pm to 7.30pm)

***There will also be a free gift for all Dads ordering the Lunch /Dinner Buffet.**

***No A la Carte on the day for Lunch and Dinner**

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

Booking is required.



Photo for reference only

RESTAURANT

MAINE LOBSTERS

**Every evening for Dinner (except Sunday)
from 6.30pm to 10.30pm
throughout the month of June**

Maine lobsters are mainly known for their healthy protein, and they contain less calories than skinless chicken breasts. They also contain many beneficial vitamins and minerals that promote healthy bones, nerve cells and increase brain activity. Come and give your health a boost this month right here at the Restaurant.

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

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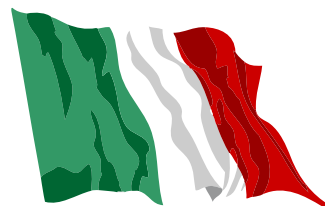
VIVA ITALIA SEAFOOD DINNER BUFFET

**every Sunday night throughout the month of June
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

The journey to Italy begins this month with appetizers like Black Mussels Neapolitan style, Italian Octopus and Seaweed Salad. Those opting for a hot soup can try the Roasted Roma Tomato Bisque. Not-to-be-missed hot items include Veal Saltimbocca and homemade pasta with Puttanesca Sauce and other Italian sauces. Don't forget too, to visit our chef at the 'live' station where you can find Lobster Risotto made with Acquerello rice aged for 9 years, and a selection of seafood sautéed a-la-minute! And, of course, there will be traditional desserts such as Tiramisu, Panna Cotta and Cannoli to complete the perfect evening.

\$295 per Adult
\$150 per Child under 12
years of age

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 and house wine for just \$70 more per person.

RESTAURANT

WINE, DINE AND UNWIND SET DINNER

**every Monday and Saturday evening for Dinner
from 6.30pm to 10.30pm
throughout the month of June**

Enjoy our THREE Course Set Dinner (inclusive of a half bottle of selected wine per person) for only \$368. Only on Mondays and Saturdays.

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

RESTAURANT

ALL YOU CAN EAT "DAI PAI DONG" LUNCH BUFFET

**Saturday 20th and 27th June
from noon to 2.30pm**

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

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

RESTAURANT


in the Restaurant

NO CORKAGE CHARGE

from Sunday to Thursday in June

Bring your favourite wine* for Lunch or Dinner and we'll waive the usual fees
**One bottle for every two guests*

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.

**CHAIRMAN'S BAR****\$10 OYSTER**
every day from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

Irish Rock oysters are now available in the Chairman's Bar daily at only \$10 each.

The cool climatic coastline of Ireland produces oysters with a truly distinctive regional flavour that can easily be recognised by oyster connoisseur. Firm, sweet and slightly salted.

**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

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.

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

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

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)**



COFFEE SHOP

THAI AND VIETNAMESE DINNER BUFFET

Friday and Saturday evenings
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Add some spice to your life every Friday and Saturday evening. The Coffee Shop is now introducing an All You Can Eat Thai and Vietnamese Dinner Buffet.

One Thai tiger prawn (sashimi style) will be offered to every adult ordering the buffet.

Unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks are available for an extra \$70 only per person.

For more information please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 or email at coffeeshop@hkfc.com



Photos for reference only

COFFEE SHOP

PASTRY CORNER: MULTI FRUIT TART

Plums, apricot and raspberry on an apple puree.

Weight: 900grams

Size: 27cm (diameter)

Price : \$120

Please contact the Coffee Shop to place your order at 2830 9569 or at coffeeshop@hkfc.com



Are you 65 years old or above?

GREAT NEWS!

From 1st June to 31st August, as a **SENIOR CITIZEN**, you can enjoy our Lunch and Dinner Buffet at **SPECIAL PRICE**

LUNCH BUFFET

- Monday to Thursday: **HK\$90**

- Friday to Sunday: **HK\$110**

DINNER BUFFET

- Friday to Saturday: **HK\$180**

- Sunday: **HK\$110**

(Terms and conditions apply)

Terms and Conditions

- Offer valid throughout June, July and August 2015
- This offer is not valid on Sunday 21st June
- The Diner(s) must be 65 years old or above
- You might be required to show your ID card to enjoy this offer
- Management have the right of refusal if diners do not comply with the above terms
- Maximum 4 Senior Citizens per table

COFFEE SHOP

SEMI DINNER BUFFET

Monday to Thursday
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Treat yourself to a delectable selection of appetizers, made-to-order main courses and tempting desserts at the Semi-Dinner Buffet.

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

COFFEE SHOP OPENING HOURS

As the Mini Soccer and Mini Rugby training season are coming to an end, starting from July, the Coffee Shop will not serve Breakfast Buffet on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays until the 23rd August.

What is Twopresents?

- It's an invitation service with a charitable twist; a new way of giving
- It's a way to receive something memorable and help others in your community
- It's an easy way for guests to give you, and for you to share with charity

How does it work?

- You send and manage your invites on line
- Guests don't need to buy presents, they have the option to give money online instead, which is pooled and split in two parts.
- One part is yours to spend on something special; the second is given to charity.

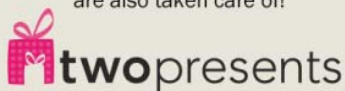
Simple, smart and better!

- Eco-friendly, no wrapping, no packaging
- Get a present you really want
- An easy way to manage your party
- Guests are spared the hassle of shopping

TOO MANY BIRTHDAY GIFTS?

Send your invitations through Twopresents and have your friends pool funds for your dream Gift & your chosen Charity!

RSVPs, Reminders & Thank You notes are also taken care of!



One for you, One for charity



Visit www.twopresents.com to set up your party

Organising Meetings and Workshops?

The Club can provide you with a range of venues suitable for your needs, as well as a variety of value-for-money packages to choose from.

For information on bookings and packages, please call the Catering Department on 2830 9513 or email: catering@hkfc.com



Children's Pool Party with Buffet

Special beverage package available

Date : Friday 19th June 2015

Time: From 6pm to 9pm (Food served from 6.30pm to 8.45pm)

Price: \$298 per Member (age 18+) / \$328 per Member's Guest (age 18+)
\$148 per Junior (age 13-17) / \$88 per Child (age 3-12)

Reservations are required and the Poolside will only be "open" after 6pm on the day of the event to Members (and their guests) who have booked. The pool will be closed to non-participants from 5pm onwards.

Don't miss the chance to get wet and cool. Book early to avoid disappointment as *seats are limited*.

Please contact Catering Office on 2830 9513 or email: catering@hkfc.com for reservations.

Booking form is also available at the Reception.

The Pool Party may be cancelled due to bad weather or an insufficient number of bookings.

***The Swimming Pool will close at 9pm.**

SPORTSMAN'S BAR



SHAWARMA AND BEER

Available every Friday from 6pm to 10pm, and every Saturday and Sunday from Noon to 2.30pm and 6pm to 10pm.

Sit back and relax at the Sportsman's Bar, and enjoy the weekend promotion "Beer and Shawarma". This tasty Middle-Eastern wrap goes perfectly with a pint of cold draught beer.

OPENING HOURS

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Men's Division 10 — Champions!

As the Hong Kong Squash League season draws to a close, the HKFC teams are faring rather well. Our hats go off to the Men's Division 10 team (convened by **Josh Williams**) who have won their division with aplomb. Here are his reflections and his wise words for the season past...

Recently, the HKFC Division 10 team beat old rivals Hong Kong Cricket Club to become champions! It has been a fantastic turnaround when you consider that at Christmas the team were trailing Head Advance by a significant margin and all thoughts were about making the cut for the play offs. I'd love to take credit for the turnaround, ushering in a new Division 10 golden-age after **Mike Shilton** (previous convener) moved back to the United Kingdom, but unfortunately I don't think that version of events would pass muster.

Some astute buys in the January transfer window by **Fred Teng** and **Rob Jones** certainly helped the Division 10 cause with **Alex Berriman** and **Big Dave Cross** playing crucial roles at numbers two and three - but one of the most gratifying things about the season is the degree to which it has been a whole squad effort. Over the course of the

season there's been lots of rotation and almost everyone has got up to five games (**Nige Steffenson** got a cheeky 3-0 recorded in our final game courtesy of their number five's no-show to bring him up to the magic number!) with hugely important contributions from all quarters - in the end every point was crucial. Another big spur to the turnaround has been our youngsters **Max Kerr** and **James Horsey** (who crops up in this magazine frequently) developing so strongly and shouldering responsibility as stalwart members of the team. I am savouring the remaining time I can still get wins against them, as I'm sure this won't be the case for much longer. And then the other key factor has surely been the Division 10 team spirit that has grown stronger and stronger as the season has progressed - from **Fred** sharing his towel with forgetful conveners, to **Tom Keenan's** multilingual battle cries, to **Dave Cross** commuting from Shenzhen for Monday matchdays, to **Rob Jones** trekking over to HKFC to support the team, to **Jonathan Davidson** soldiering heroically at 3 (and 2!) for the transition stretch of the season we were without a top order, to **Alex** leading celebratory bump and grind sessions in Wan Chai - all of these things and many more have helped spur us on at crucial moments and, ultimately, led us to victory.

The title victory was crowned with a suitably lavish dinner with HKCC and HKYC guys all putting in an appearance - thanks for the champagne, **Fred** - though there really was no need for the third bottle! Unfortunately **Tom** had to cry off to tickle his wife's toes,



and **Big Dave Cross** eventually showed his age, lasting only until midnight, but the inter-club party continued well into Wan Chai and Lan Kwai Fong. Well done to all involved!

Josh Williams

Bangkok Tour

The 25th Chiengmai Cup Jumbo Doubles Tournament took place in Bangkok over the weekend of the 1st-3rd of May, at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, one of the most enjoyable venues to play at and great hosts every year to the HKFC. One of the highlights being the 18 hole golf course right next to the club to sneak in a cheeky round in between squash matches.

It'd been 8 years since I had been on tour, and by the end of it I couldn't fathom why it took so long to get back into it! There was a great crowd, some great sport, and a great trip - thank you to the usual suspects that have kept the tradition going. I highly recommend it regardless of your squash level! Jumbo Doubles is a whole other ball game, twice the size and twice the fun!

This tour the HKFC sent 4 teams: veteran partners **Phil Head/Glenn Hitch**, **Matt Robinson/Keith Frith**, **Adrian Ng/Kenny Foo**, along with a new maverick pair in **Alex Berriman/James Zhang**.

Friday (Day 1) kicked off festivities with early squash matches, a bit of golf, great food, and more squash matches. By the end of the day all 4 teams had survived first round of eliminations with Phil/Glenn and Matt/Keith in the Cup, while Adrian/Kenny and Alex/James found themselves in the Plate. Friday night ended up being unusually early one with the Saturday matches starting as early as 8am.

Saturday (Day 2) started in high spirits, but by the end of a long day of battle there would be only 1 HKFC team left standing. Two factors mainly



Farewell to Simon Barton and his Family

Simon Barton has been a very prominent and very popular member of the Squash Section at HKFC. He's represented the Club in the main Hong Kong squash leagues (Division Three) for many years, as well as within the Masters Division One – and he has heaps of trophies from his involvement with the teams. In addition, he has supported the Junior Squash Section and been an excellent coach to the younger Section members. Two of his children, **Olivia** and **James**, have fared very well in the Junior Championships and both are very keen squash players.

Unfortunately, for us, Simon and his family are relocating to Sydney, Australia for work and life in June. Simon will be a big loss to the Section – especially to the Captain's Bar – and we'll have to get used to not seeing his cheerful smile behind a pint of yellow fizz. Who knows, perhaps our next squash tour might take in a trip to Sydney? Hopefully, we'll meet again, on and off the squash-court.

Simon and his wife, **Emma**, and their children, **Olivia**, **James** and young **Josh** will be sorely missed at the Club. The Squash Section wishes them all the very best of success, good health and good fortune in their new home.



accounted for this – an HKFC vs HKFC cannibalization clash in the quarter-final of the Plate that pitted veterans Adrian/Kenny against youngsters Alex/James. Alex/James were hot off the heels of toppling another veteran pair in the previous round (which featured a former multi-time Singapore National Champion), but were unable to overcome veterans Adrian/Kenny whose many years of experienced partnership on a doubles court had built a truly formidable tandem.

The other factor was the HKFC Slayer/Terminator/Who-Needs-A-Partner-When-You-Can-Single-Handedly-Cover-An-Entire-Doubles-Court beast who is better known to lesser mortals as Elvin Keo, a former Malaysian Junior Champion, who makes playing doubles look like Michael Jordan running amok on a mini-Basketball court. His team would stop a valiant effort by Matt/Keith in the quarters, followed by an eventual victory over Phil/Glenn in the semis. All said, a truly well fought battle by both HKFC teams.

Sunday morning was no lie in, with both the Pacquiao-Mayweather fight and the Plate finals featuring the last standing HKFC team Adrian/Kenny on show. Luckily, after skipping breakfast and scrambling to find a spot to watch the fight, 6 of us ended up crowded round a laptop in the hotel room... In any other circumstances this would not have been acceptable on tour... But it was the fight of the century!

After a disappointing fight, we headed to the RBSC to witness the Plate finals and were at least half-consoled by HKFC's Adrian/Kenny winning the Plate! Well done boys, at least one of the matches had gone the way we had hoped.

RBSC are great hosts and had food and entertainment lined up for us on Sunday at the farewell lunch - the perfect way to end a great weekend. ■

Alex Berriman/James Zhang



Masters Division 2 Play-Off Final

Time waits on no man. As the Squash Section members age (there's no denying it, members), they naturally slow down – the tennis elbow begins, knees and hips start to throb after matches and ample recovery time is needed post-match.

Fear not, though, for the next stage in an ageing player's squash-life is to join a Masters team and to represent the Club in the burgeoning Masters Divisions. This season, the Club had submitted two teams to play in Masters Division One, two teams to play in Masters Division Two, and two more teams to play in Masters Division Three.

For the Masters Division Two teams, both HKFC teams performed strongly, finishing second and third in the league and qualifying for the play-offs. The play-offs themselves went very well for both teams – with our M2A team (captained by **William Fan**) reaching the play-off final to compete against none other than our M2B team (captained by **Guy Norman**). During the regular season, each HKFC team had beaten the other once. With the play-off title and bragging rights on the line, both teams were fired up for the play-off final held on the last night of April.

M2B were missing quite a number of their middle order (especially their mercurial captain, due to a stubborn elbow injury). So M2A had the advantage, on paper, with pretty much their full strength side in the

line-up. The match pitted five players representing each team (ranked one to five in terms of ability), playing each other for the play-off final trophy, with three winners required for glory!

First up were the number threes, **Paul Ng** (2A) vs **Eli Bitan** (2B). Eli was fired up from the start and quickly settled into his stride. Paul had trouble coping with the barrage of hard shots and dogged determination from Eli and succumbed 1-3. So it was a case of first blood to the M2B team.

At number four, **Lawrence Lee** (2A) had recovered just in time from his elbow injury that had him sidelined for the latter half of the season and found himself up against M2B's **Richard Hood** who had had an excellent season. Lawrence came off the blocks fast and furious and clearly took Richard by surprise. Lawrence quickly won the opening two sets before Richard put up some stout defence in the third. Lawrence was an experienced campaigner and did just enough to stay ahead and claimed a 3-0 win. One point each for both teams and the tie delicately poised.

And so we moved to the match between **TK Yeung** (2A) and **Nick Schultz** (2B). TK had already beaten Nick twice earlier in the season but Nick was determined to claim revenge. TK, though, was just too steady and

thwarted Nick's efforts with a 3-1 win. 2-1 to 2A, one more point needed out of the two remaining matches.

The battle between the number twos was clearly the match of the evening – the convenor for 2A, **William Fan** up against the ultra-fit **Simon Ho** (2B). It was a match-up of contrasting styles, William the skilful master and Simon the determined retriever. The two met once earlier in the season, when William survived from 0-2 down to claim a great comeback 3-2 victory in a gruelling match. This time, William had a better start and won the opening set. But Simon was prepared for the long haul and claimed the next two sets to go up 2-1. Both players fought tooth and nail in the fourth set. It was point-for-point for much of the way but William scraped through to level the match at 2-2. On to the decider and it was pretty much the same with neither player giving an inch. Towards the latter stages of the fifth set, it was clear the superhuman court coverage William imposed on Simon was beginning to take its toll. Simon laboured around the court for the final few points as William continued his array of high lobbs, deft drops and beguiling cross-court shots. Both players gave everything they had and both had played their best match of the season! Sadly, there had to be a result and it was William who prevailed with yet another 3-2 victory over Simon. It was quite fitting for the team captain to bag the winning point for 2A and with it the play-off title for Masters 2.

The number ones match saw **Joseph Kwok** (2A) and **Jono Barton** (2B) facing off in the dead rubber. Joseph had missed much of the season owing to a niggling hamstring injury and sadly had to retire at 2-1 when the problem again flared up. So Jono took the final point of the evening.

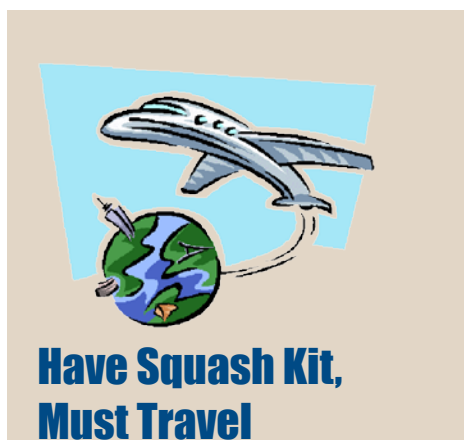
The tie was played in fine spirit by all players – and our congratulations to M2A with the Man-of-The-Match award going to **William Fan**! Hopefully next season, both teams can snatch the league title from the current winners. ■

Kien Ng

It's All About The Kids – Junior Squash Review 2014- 2015

The idea of having a Junior Squash programme run by volunteers, similar to other junior initiatives run by other Sections in the Club, had been mooted for quite some time. This idea became a reality when **Mr. Eden Wong** of **East Park Investment Management Company Limited** agreed to become our sponsor 12 months ago. The HKFC Squash section will forever be grateful to Eden for it was his financial support that provided us with the starting capital to get the programme going. Money was spent on getting the right equipment for beginners, and more importantly to pay for the services of qualified coaches, led by **Matt Robinson** and ably assisted by **Greg Christison**. I am also very happy to announce that East Park has decided to renew their sponsorship for another year.

Unlike field sports where two adults can supervise 20-30 kids in a session, squash coaching is not that “scaleable”. We have the challenge of ensuring that



Have Squash Kit, Must Travel

Well, this is our final entry for the season-long competition of Have Squash Kit, Must Travel – the opportunity for Section members to wear their squash kit on holiday/travel/business in all sorts of exotic locations or weird but wonderful outposts. With dinner for two at a top Hong Kong island restaurant as the top prize, voting will end soon for all entries.

The final submission for the season comes from **Helen Chan**, a strong supporter of the Squash Section and a very popular player within the Ladies Teams. Helen recently took a time-out from her busy exercise schedule to enjoy some rest in Cambodia, where she is pictured in her squash gear at the Floating Village on south-east Asia's largest freshwater lake, Tonle Sap, in March of this year.

Thanks for your entry, Helen. Watch this space for the competition result over the summer months.



kids are supervised properly with an adult in each court, and courts are not congested to the extent that it reduces the overall quality of the training. We also needed professional help, as squash is ultimately an individual sport that

requires the individual player to learn the right technique - getting it right from the beginning is very important. Hiring professional coaches to oversee the entire programme was going to be too expensive so the answer was to unleash the volunteer spirit of our wonderful Squash Section.

I am overwhelmed by the support of our army of volunteers who helped develop and support this entire programme from the outset. A huge thank you goes to all the volunteers that helped make this programme a reality (a total of 25 over the course of the entire season!). Some were parent members while others were single members who were there for the love of the sport and willing to give something back the Section. The Junior Squash Section is deeply indebted to the Saturday morning session co-captained by **Stephane Vartanian** and **Nigel Steffenson**, aided by **Channi Matharu**, **Nick Harrison**, **Guy Norman**, **Jason Gooch** and **Martin Robinson**; the Sunday early-afternoon





session co-captained by **Rob “Baseball” Jones** and **Nick Organ** were regularly assisted by **Malcolm Kerr, Andrew Wood, Philip Ting, Tom Keenan** and **Fook Aun Chew - Jon Pipe** would also turn up to help on occasions; the Sunday late-afternoon session captained by **Andrea Walsh** was regularly assisted by the likes of **Vinod Harjani, Julian Tanner, Elliot Froidevaux, Simon Ho, Simon Barton** and **Thomas Cheung**, to name just a few.

I would also like to finally thank the broader Squash Section members for your support and understanding. This programme has taken court time away from some of you, and you had to change your regular training time to accommodate us. Without your support we will not have a community of 50+ happy junior squash kids running around our courts on weekends.

By the time you read this article, we will have ended our regular Junior Squash programme 2014/2015 season with a Junior Club Championship competition held over two weekends in May. We must reserve a special Thank You to **Phil Head** of Blade Ltd for coordinating with programme Head Coach **Matt Robinson** on this.

The main Junior Squash programme for 2015/2016 will restart in September again, in line with the start of the regular senior squash season. We are also planning some summer programmes, with more announcements on this subject to follow. Due to capacity issues, existing participants of the 2014/2015 programme will be prioritised. ■

Fred Teng

P.S. – It should also be noted that the Junior Squash programme is heavily indebted to Fred Teng for his tireless and selfless work, and his devotion to this programme. Fred and his team have done a remarkable job in helping children of all ages to learn this fantastic game – nurturing a friendly, fun atmosphere which can only improve your children’s welfare and enjoyment.



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From the Horse's Mouth

Stephen 'Horse' Nolan,
Rugby Section Captain

The season has finally wound down, which considering that the Grand Finals were held in March, has taken a long time. The end of season May Ball was a great night. The food was good, the Fosters was cold and the band kept the dance floor busy. As typical, the awards for the season were handed out. Best and Fairest for Fire was **Denise Chan**; for Ice was **Royce Chan**; for Expendables was **Simon Young**; for Sequins was **Richard Greenwood**; for Bulls was **Greg Tse**; for Select was **Lee Curtis**; for Scorpions was **Peter Tattersall** and for Dragons it was **Richard Sharp**. The Brian Huddleston Award for Club Best and Fairest went to **Pierce MacKinley-West**, as voted by the Club squad. The Paul Gibbs Award for Most Improved Player was **Charlie Higson-Smith**, who was recently awarded his first International Cap for Hong Kong against Korea. Finally, the Jack Kelly Award for Club Person of the year went to **Bruce Ruffy** for his tireless work for the mini section. Well done to all the winners, your continued hard work and effort on and off the pitch is humbling.

A very special mention to Ice Coach **David Wigley** who won the Women's Development Coach of the Year Award at the Union Dinner. Well done to Dave and everyone involved in Fire and Ice; what a successful season.

This year's Taipan Day was, again, a great success for the Section, the Club, and Hong Kong Rugby. Well done to **PT McGee** and his team for organising this great day. The Taipan this year was **Barry Stowe**,

CEO of Prudential, Asia Pacific. The Challenger was our very own **David Egerton**, who unfortunately is leaving Hong Kong this summer. On behalf of the Section I'd like to thank Dave for all his hard work and commitment over the last 4 years and good luck to him and his family in their next step.

The international season is in full flow with Hong Kong competing in a revamped Asia Rugby Championship, playing Japan and Korea home and away. At the time of writing this Hong Kong has lost to Korea 33-26 and Japan 41-0. Well done to HKFC players **Jamie Hood**, **Charlie Higson-Smith**, **Niall Rowark**, **Jonny Rees**, **Adam Butterfield**, and **Gavin Hadley** who are all involved in this campaign. The Hong Kong under 20's travelled to Portugal for the Junior World Rugby Trophy, representing HFKC in the squad are **Hugo Chui**, **Finley Field**, **Richard Lewis**, **Callum McFeat-Smith**, **Raef Morrison**, and **Cameron Smith**. Also, part of the coaching team is our own **Dan Falvey**. Games will be held from May 11th to 24th in Lisbon. Hong Kong will face Canada, Tonga, and Namibia in the group games.

At the time of writing this season's AGM is about to happen and soon a new Committee will be in place. I will not be part of the new committee so I wanted to thank everyone for your help in this past season. Special thanks to this season's Section Chairman **David 'Animal' Slater** and the Section's Director of Rugby **Kevin West** for all their help and all they do for the Section. Looking to next season we need to start planning

now: coaches and managers for all the teams will be needed, help with recruitment, social events and tours will need organizing. If you want to help please make yourself available.

We have had a great season, a reinvented Fire and Ice had an amazing season and Bulls and Dragons continue to have success. Next season I have no doubt there will be more silverware. I believe that the best asset of the Section is the people and when we are working together at every level we will continue to produce new talent, win leagues and Grand Finals, build friendships and have fun. As a member of this Rugby Section, I can't ask for any more.

Is mise le meas. ■

Horse





Taipan's Match Report

The 51st Taipan Day took place on Saturday 18th April, 2015. The fixture was originally played from 1951 to 1997 between the best players of Hong Kong versus the Combined Services, and ceased at the hand over. It was resurrected by **Alex Duperouzel** for the 125th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Football Club in 2011. What was originally planned to be a one-off game celebrating our anniversary has gone from strength to strength, and has now grown into one of the top events in the Hong Kong rugby calendar. It is a true celebration of the spirit of rugby.

The Taipan this year was **Barry Stowe**, CEO of Prudential, Asia Pacific. The Challenger was our very own **David Egerton** who in his career represented Loughborough University, Bath, the Barbarians, England, and the British and Irish Lions.

In keeping with tradition, the Taipan side was Captained by the Sections First XV Captain, **James Richards**; the Challenger's team was captained by Valley's **Matt Rosslee**. It was an incredibly even match, a free flowing and entertaining game of rugby, pure Barbarian style. The teams were a mix of players from different Hong Kong clubs. Both sides took chances wherever they could, and they exchanged tries for most of the game. With minutes left on the clock, the score was tied at 32 points. Never in the modern era of Taipan rugby has a game been so close. The Challengers side threw caution to the wind and after several phases scored a wonderfully constructed try in the far corner with no time left on the clock for a 37 - 32 win. While it may be clichéd, it was true on the day - rugby was indeed the winner.

In the earlier fixture a British and Irish University side defeated the 'Rest of the World' in a competitive game. Like the main event, the sides were a mix of players from all different clubs in Hong Kong. It was a great showcase of community rugby.

"I can think of no better way to close the club season in Hong Kong than with the Taipan day. Barry Stowe was an excellent Taipan who fulfilled his role and duties admirably throughout a well-organised day. Both games were very competitive and of real quality and the players enjoyed the occasion immensely. Barry and his guests certainly had a good rugby education and I know will enjoy future involvement in the game. For me, it was a pleasure to meet Barry. He is a very accomplished gentleman. It was an honour also to keep the challenger flag flying" said the Challenger. ■

More photos from Taipan's Match



Rugby Section honours Centurions at the AGM

At its AGM on 15th May 2015, the Rugby Section recognized its Centurions who have played 100 or more matches for the Section in league/cup competitions.

In the 65 seasons since 1950/51, 66 players have achieved this feat, starting with **Roy "Killer" Kilvert**

and including current Club President **Dermot Agnew**.

Pictured at the AGM were 16 of these Centurions who were presented with their Centurion blazer badges and ties, from left to right in the back row, including joining years:

Damian Babis 1998,
Ian Petersen 1980,
Richard Scarth 1999,
Chris Howarth 1975,
John Molloy 1982,
Bill Mason 1986,
Craig Wootten 1987,
Kim Frisinger 1988,
Keith Gauntlett 1991,
Chris Harker 1993;

and in the front row:

Colin Wong 2000,
Desmond Ko 1995,
James Cook 2001,
Gary Lam 1998,
Tom Cameron 1999 and
Nigel Hobler 2002.

Let all these Centurions be an inspiration to the Section's younger players to keep playing until they too can join the ranks of these Centurions. ■



Annual Tour to Kuala Lumpur

Tour Summary

The 2015 Mini Rugby's annual tour to Kuala Lumpur is a highlight on the Youth Rugby calendar. Hosted by KL Saracens (formerly Bintang RFC), it is one of the biggest Youth Rugby tournaments in Asia.

As usual, a large contingent from the Club went with over 115 players from U7-13s plus an additional 160 family members. The usual highlight is of course the Rugby, but the post game warm-down/recovery session at the hotel pool where other non-rugby guests were too wary to sun themselves with such a mass of HKFC was also a lot of fun!

Along with HKFC, other HK Clubs included Valley Fort, Flying Kukris and DB Pirates. This was another successful tour with many trophies collected including the Cup in several age groups. In most cases, there was very little difference between our teams and the opposition.

The usual strong turnout for this tour means that next year's tour promises to be as good, if not stronger.

A big thank you to the Players, Parents, Support Crews and Coaches for continuing to support this annual event.

James Manager – Tour Organiser

Under 7s

You haven't lived until you've seen a six-year-old girl in a Club shirt strike real fear into the heart of a strapping six-foot-two rugby coach! But such were the outstanding performances of our own **Lizzie Stanton** at the KL Saracens Rugby 10's, that opposing coaches from all over Asia were left scratching their heads in bewilderment as, time and again, she'd find the tiniest gap and just fly through it ... boom, Score! Need support? No problem. **Sandy Riddick**, **Anthony Cimrus**, **Aidan Wong** and **Ruairi Molyneaux** were always right there behind her, ready for the next phase ... boom, Score!!



Under 7s

The real revelation on the weekend was not just in how the Club U7's played, but in how they conducted themselves – fighting through twelve games over two days in blistering 30+ degree heat and ultimately finishing in silver-medal place out of sixteen. For sure, some individual displays were a delight to watch ... **Hugo Teng**, absolutely unstoppable in attack alongside **Lizzie** and the guys, was invariably back in time to make the crucial tag in defence as well, ensuring that our rock-solid line of **Josh Baker**, **Roy Marsh**, **Saidhb Martin** and the war-painted **Cooper Angove** had some extra speed to go with their determination in defence. And speaking of war-paint, who'll forget the sight of wee **Brigid Warde**, face smeared in Club colours and a big grin, dodging flailing arms on every side as she bolted past them with best mate **Claire Robertson**, or one or both of the **Barton** boys, **Leo** and **Jack**, right there in support. Meanwhile, any lone runners on the opposition soon found themselves very well acquainted with **Zachary Hull** and **Gabriel Li** – the two boys often covering nearly half the pitch between them to meet and greet visitors from the other half.

This was the story of a squad of young players coming together for the first time and it made for a uniquely memorable weekend for everyone involved.

The Cup SF vs. Centaurs was an absolute nail-biter, but Club came through with seconds left to take a Final spot vs. Valley Fort. Valley, an excellent team, claimed a deserved victory in the end but one can only reflect that this was just the first chapter in a local rivalry that we hope to enjoy watching evolve over many years to come! Congrats to our

neighbours, but congrats too to this group of Club kids, many of whom were on their first tour ever. They played out of their skins and showed the best possible spirit throughout – improving with every game and doing proud their coaches, their parents, their Club and most of all themselves. For those of us on the sidelines, the real pleasure was in watching these youngsters genuinely enjoy the thrill of playing competitive sports, all the while gelling as a tight group of best mates over just a couple of days. And as for having fun ... well, you think you've been to a crazy pool party or two? Let's just say you haven't been on tour with the Club U7's!

And Three Cheers for the Coaches!

Nick Angove

Under 8s

The U8s had two teams but with only 16 kids they had to help each other out with replacements, so everyone got plenty of game time.

Team one was unbeaten on day one with 3 wins and a draw and played some very good straight running rugby finishing the day with a exciting 2-2 draw with a very strong Tanglin side. Into day two and lost game one but then beat Valley in the next game (hurrah) to set up a bowl final with Singapore Cricket club which they

lost but played well against a very well drilled team.

Team 2 had a tough day one pool but went on in day 2 to win the saucer comp, beating SCC2 in the final and again played some great rugby with plenty of close games in very hot conditions

All the boys (and girls) were happy with two medals and a trophy...

Simon Cooke

Under 9s

The HKFC U9s were returning to KL as the reigning champions and the boys desperately wanted to retain their title, but with the introduction of scrums and lineouts which we don't play in Hong Kong, we were going to have our work cut out.

We had entered two teams but our original tour party of 24 boys had been cut to just 17 with late drop outs, and with 10 per side we needed to swap players from one team to the other, so it was going to take a true squad effort.

The Saturday started early with HKFC B up first against Singapore Cricket Club. The boys caught us all by surprise with their organisation and attitude. The line out was a thing of beauty and with the backs running in tries from



Under 9s



all over the park, they racked up an opening score of 27-0. What a start!

Next up HKFC A were playing the hosts KL Saracens. Again the boys played tough, skillful, efficient rugby, running in 4 tries for a 24-0 victory.

Wins over Cobras and Tanglin B followed and a magnificent display of controlled aggression, well timed passing and electrifying running saw HKFC A put away Valley Fort 15-0. The only loss was in the game between HKFC B and Tanglin A, but we ended the day with 5 wins from 6, both teams through to the Cup competition, and a dash through the lightening to the waiting coaches and the promise of the hotel pool.

That evening at the club presentations, all of our forwards were awarded Play of the Day for their magnificent line out control, **Mitch Baker** picked up Player of the Day for his unbreachable defence at full back, and to much hilarity **Daniel Bennie** picked up Goon of the Day for dropping the ball as he ran behind the touch line to dot down in the 7 point box; the only



Under 8s



Under 9s

mistake he made all day. Skulled ice cream floats, beer and curry all round.

The next morning dawned way too early but with the sharp end of the competition in store we headed off to the ground fueled by coffee and Danish pastries.

Now that both teams were into the Cup Quarter Finals the Pitch Officials took a tougher line and we were no longer allowed to swap our players between teams. Tanglin B very kindly offered to help and provided a few ringers to make up the numbers, but it wasn't enough to prevent a fighting 10-0 loss against a very strong KL Tigers A team. So the Bs moved into the Bowl semi-final.

The As meanwhile picked up where they had left off the previous evening, recording an emphatic 20-0 win against Dragons to keep their clean sheet in defence.

Next up was the bowl semi-final where our Bs met the same Dragons team looking for revenge. A tough game swung both ways but in the end the Dragons just scraped home 12-5.

The Cup semi-final was brutal as 20 eight year olds went at each other hammer and tongs, with hit after crunching hit. Our forwards were magnificent with **Max, Seb, Luke, Luca** and **Daniel**, supported by **Declan** as sub, making the hard yards, thumping the Tigers back on the gain line, and completely controlling the

lineout where **Seb's** throwing, **Luca's** catching and the binding and driving of the others was a thing to behold. The unstinting work of the forwards created the space for **Mitch** and **Daniel** to run in two superb long distance tries, before our line was finally breached for the first and only time the whole weekend, with the game ending 10-5. We were in the Cup final and within touching distance of our goal.

By this time the heat and humidity were really starting to take their toll and the priority was conserving the boys' energy.

The lack of energy finally told on our B team boys though as they went down bravely 20-0 to a strong Dragons A team in the final of the Shield. A special mention must go to **Chris, Declan, William, James, Paul-Antoine, Charlie** and **Luke** who fought so bravely all weekend and supported the A team so well with substitutions and touchline support.

So to the final of the Cup. With the heat exhaustion came an inability to get onto the front foot and as our boys were incessantly pinged for a series of infringements around the ruck, they were beaten back by a fighting Tanglin performance. For penalty after penalty and wave upon wave of Tanglin attacks we defended our line with everything we could throw at them. Last ditch tackles by **Mitch, Matthew, Jackson, Bennie** and **Lucas** and an obdurate refusal to let Tanglin through by our

relentless forwards, just saw us through to the final whistle in one of the great defensive displays of the season. So it was 0-0 at full time and the destination of the Cup would be decided in a 6-a-side golden try format in extra time.

With the pitch now wide open we needed a combination of strength, passing ability and speed. **Luke** and **Seb** to win us the ball, **Matthew** for his distribution from the base of the ruck and lineout, **Jackson** to call the shots and spread the ball wide, **Mitch** to provide fast running support and last line of defence from full back, and of course **Bennie** to apply the coup de grace.

Tanglin recovered their own kick off and once again drove for our line but after a couple of last ditch tackles their winger was bundled into touch 5 metres out and it was our throw. Tanglin were beaten by a last gasp **Daniel Bennie** try last year and they knew what was coming. They tried to sneak their hooker into their defensive line but the ref was having none of it and brought him back to the line out. We hadn't practiced for two man lineouts however and **Matthew** was forced to stand in the line with **Jackson** adopting the scrum half role. **Seb** threw to **Luke** at the front, who patted it off the top in the direction of **Jackson**. **Jackson** with an amazing bit of skill picked it off his boot straps and slung out a long, quick, pass to **Daniel** who turned on the afterburners and took off on a wide arc in the direction of their line. The Tanglin winger somehow managed to close him down close to touch on half way but with a graceful flick of his hips **Daniel** made to run at him, stood him up, and then arced back around the outside leaving him grasping at air as he scorched down the touchline. Led by **Max**, our entire squad was roaring onto the pitch in joy before **Daniel** had even touched down. Scenes of delirium followed before the lads remembered their opponents and sportingly stifled their celebrations to commiserate and give them three cheers. Tanglin in turn showed how to be graceful losers, biting back their disappointment to congratulate our boys on what must have been a very hard loss, before clapping them off the pitch.

In the continuing mood of good sportsmanship our entire squad clapped Tanglin up the steps to receive their runners up medals, before following them up for **Jackson** to lift the Cup. Tanglin then clapped our boys back down and we were invited to Singapore for a weekend's fun at the start of next season. With Tanglin lending us players so that we could field the two teams, and with a great sporting rivalry developing between the clubs at this age group, this is a rugby story that promises to run.

Thanks KL Saracens and Tanglin for a great weekend. See you next year.

Niall Bennie and Andrew Cawte

Under 10s

The Squad went to KL quietly confident that they could go better than last year's Shield Final. The bulk of the squad are now seasoned tourists.

A squad of 19 players with 2 special guests from the U9/10s Girls team (as no Girls team was entered). We had a good mix of players with most coming from our Club squad, with representatives from our Dragons and Scorpions squads.

After a quiet Friday evening preparing for Saturday, we started well winning our first 2 games. Our 3rd and last game of the day against Centaurs (From Singapore and the expected top rank team) where we lost 3-2. The players were pretty annoyed and vowed to take

it to Tanglin in the Cup semi final the following morning.

Back at the hotel, the boys and girls hit the pool, soft drinks and ice cream hard in the late afternoon and continued into the night singing karaoke (making up for the music failure) after the team speeches. After some decisive words from the Coaching team, they reluctantly headed up to their rooms.

In preparing for the semi-final against Tanglin (our nemesis from last year), the team was focused and determined. In a tight game, where we started slowly and let one try in, the team ticker kicked in and showed great spirit with their backs to the wall. They regrouped their defence and ground down the Tanglin attack to eventually take possession and attack our line. If only there was 1 more minute or a bit of luck, we could have scored, but Tanglin's determination showed (as well as their year-round training) to hold the team out and we lost 1-0 and the Tanglin head coach **Paul Durrant** (an ex HKFC rugby member) remarked that HKFC was their toughest competition. We accepted the result graciously and thanked Tanglin and the Referee for a very good game. Naturally the Boys and Girls took it hard and it showed when we took on the Dragons (Singapore) in the Plate semi-final. Still hurting from the Tanglin game, they tried to get the spark going in the team, but found it wanting for another 1-0 loss.



This took us to the Shield final where we took on our cross town rival Valley Fort. Valley had a similar tour losing just to their opponents and were very keen to come away with a trophy as we were. In this game, we again started slowly, but then something clicked. Everyone played their role to perfection in a perfect team effort. The forwards owned the breakdown and the ball was moving very well to big centres and fast wings. The display was very impressive and showed how well they glued together as a team showing very good skills and commitment. The win 4-2 capped a great weekend of fun and learning, the hallmarks of these yearly tours.

Thanks to the commitment and support of the parent crew, who pitched in all areas and especially the Coaches who were tireless in working and preparing the kids. Special mention to **Charlie Peters** and **Tarryn Stanhope** who played very well and showed girls rugby at HKFC is in great hands.

James Manders

Under 11s

Saturday: Lost the first two games against strong SCC and Saracen sides. Despite playing only 8 players against Saracen's full side the boys never gave up and were strong in defence. Very tough physical games. The lads bounced back in the last game of the day and we had a great win against Valley B.

Sunday: Won first game and lost second game against equally matched Malaysian sides. That set us up against Valley B in the final. Narrowly lost to



Under 10s



Under 12s



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“Advice to the U12s coaches and players: get prepared to step up when you attend as U13s in 2016!”

Valley B by one try that was scored in the final minutes of the game. Boys were fantastic in defence.

Justin Ferrier

Under 12s

After the first day's pool games, HKFC U12 sat at the top of the table of 16 teams - we finished with the largest aggregate (+77 points) after scoring 9 tries with no points against us. Despite dominating the Cup quarter final we were unable to convert that dominance into points (including a disallowed try) and lost on coin tosses against Tanglin. We finished the weekend with 17 tries to nil - a slightly unusual position for a team who didn't win the Cup (with the only battle we lost being the coin toss) and took home the Bowl, beating Kuala Lumpur Saracens. Our boys walked away from Kuala Lumpur having grown a lot both in their rugby capabilities and in their self belief - a worthwhile and hugely enjoyable trip.

Ping Lam

Under 13s

On Saturday the U13 team decided to try all the points options; draw = 2 points, win = 4 points, bonus point for scoring 4 tries and losing bonus point for losing by less than 7 points!!!

The losing bonus point allowed the U13 team to hold on to second place in their pool and remain in the Cup Competition.

On Sunday the team turned up with a different mentality and beat two pool winners to reach the Cup Final against Marlborough College Malaysia (a boarding school located in Iskandar right next to Singapore).

MCM won their pool and reached the final by winning all their games in an impressive manner.

The final was an absolute cracker, 10 minutes each way, a single try in the corner early on was enough to give MCM the narrowest victory.

Great credit to the HKFC U13's for their will to compete and play with great team spirit, individual determination and fair play.

Advice to the U12s coaches and players; get prepared to step up when you attend as U13s in 2016!

Mike Groves ■

Bowling friends from Japan and New Zealand

In early May, Section Vice-chairman **Johnny Tsang** arranged two friendly games for overseas visitors from New Zealand and Japan: Russel Forsyth, from New Zealand, (brother of Ali Forsyth), and three bowlers from Japan, Jun Koyama, Mitsuru Funato and Tomoyuki Tamachi.

Many of our Section bowlers participated in the games as well, including **Yee Ming Wong, Wanis Sze, Priscilla Lam, Yumi Wong, W Y Lau, Clarrisa Wong, Frankie Siu, Herbert Kwok, Esmond Lee and Warren Cheung**. Great exchanges took place, we were glad to meet new friends and learn more about bowling in Japan and New Zealand. Thank you for hosting the event and for the support from our Section and overseas friends.



National Games Final Day Sunday 28th June

The Final Day is scheduled for Sunday 28th June 2015.

The Section is represented in the following events:

Mixed Pairs Final -
Winnie Au and S K Ng

Women's National Pairs Final –
Celena Kwok/Vivian Yip vs Rita Shek/Wanis Sze

We wish them all the best of luck. Please come and support your fellow Section members at this important event.



Hong Kong Squad 2015-16

According to the squad list of the Hong Kong Squad for the year 2015/2016 released earlier by HKLBA, two of our men bowlers and seven lady bowlers have attained a position in the squad. They were **CT Wong, Terry Kung, Dorothy Yu, Phyllis Wong, Emmie Wong, Camilla Leung, Vivian Yip, Shirley Ma and Celena Kwok**. This is a record for our Section that nine bowlers have attained a position in the Hong Kong Squad in the same year. We congratulate them on their outstanding performance for making the squad, and we wish them all an enjoyable and successful year ahead.



Women's National Pairs Finalist -
Vivian Yip and Celena Kwok



Women's National Pairs Finalist -
Rita Shek and Wanis Sze

■ *By Bernard Young*



Stephen Tew,
Soccer Section Captain

Captain's Report

Hello Everyone,

Another season ends...it doesn't seem five minutes since I wrote my first column!

Firstly, huge congratulations to Albion on winning the Yau Yee League – more of that later...with a championship report kindly provided by **Colin Spanos**.

The men's FA league will have drawn to a close with Lucky Mile finishing in the top 6, which is a fantastic achievement.

A big thank you to **Paul Foster**, **Terry Harris** and **Mark Bavis** who are stepping down from their coaching positions at the end of the season.

The ladies season continues into June with HKFC entering the end of season play offs.

Junior soccer updates with some outstanding achievements from our teams:

- U13 season report winners of HKJFL Cup and Lunar Cup
- U14 winners of the Henderson League
- U15 winners of the Junior League Cup

Final team news is an excellent interview with **Nigel Merritt** who brings up to speed with our team HKFC Crusaders.

Lastly the **AGM** is penciled in to take place on the **Wednesday 24th June** – team reps will provide further details.

Thanks. ■

Tewy



The Albion Review of the Season

By Colin Spanos

After a strong pre-season and several new additions Albion began the 2014/2015 Yau Yee League Division 1 with cautious optimism in challenging for the title. Albion came out victorious in the first three games of the season which were all won 2-0 with all goals coming in the second half of matches. There was a debut goal from the enigmatic and unfit Frenchman **Antonin 'Bradley Cooper' Monnoyeur** and notable performances from a formidable back three and goalkeeper, **Blake 'Hands' Harding**. The 3-4-3 formation employed by manager **Tony 'Hammy' Hamilton-Bram** seemed to be working and several different players were contributing with goals.

Albion were however brought crashing down to earth and lost 2-0 to KCC Dragons when sucker punched twice after dominating much of the game. We then knew that we weren't going to have everything our own way and were in for a fight to win the league.

The lesser teams were subsequently dispatched in the first half of the season with relative ease. An 8-1 drubbing of Boca Seniors with **Jamie 'Jabba' Milne** weighing in with the crucial 4th and 5th goals and a comprehensive 4-0 win against a physical Squadron side demonstrated this. A competitive 1-1 derby draw with Wanderers and narrow losses to USRC and the Swiss pegged Albion back slightly but we were well placed at the end of November to mount a serious assault on the title.

The second half of the season exploded into life with a 9-0 demolition of Spartans. **Rob 'Ole Gunnar' Gasper** came off the bench to score twice and **Tim 'Baby Face' Phillips** notched with a spectacular volley which were the highlights. It also seemed that **John 'Rabona' Casey** had decided to trade in yellow cards for goals. This proved to be true as in the next game Casey

spooned a 20 yard volley into his own net to put Albion 1-0 down in the first 5 minutes against French Kiss. However, superior fitness and determination as was to be the case in so many other games prevailed for another Albion win.

The reverse fixture against KCC Dragons proved to be the performance of the season. After being berated by Hamilton-Bram in the pre-match team talk 'How can you call yourself a striker if you don't score any goals?' **Richard 'Marksman' Maton** delivered an irrepressible performance. The battering ram produced two superb solo goals, including an overhead kick and a powerful run and strike. Maton was eagerly supported by the curious case of **Jan 'Hulk' Souleyman** who also bagged two goals of his own. Albion eventually ran out 4-1 winners to avenge the early season defeat and confidence soared.

The defence, with **Tom 'the Master' McGillicuddy** at the helm, was working as a well-oiled machine frustrating strikers and keeping a plethora of clean sheets. **Captain Casey** was bossing the midfield and his forays into the opposition half were being rewarded with some of the most spectacular goals to ever grace the HKFC pitch. There was even a rare appearance from the talismanic **Craig Tuckerman**. Further victories saw Albion say 'au revoir' to Wanderers' title ambitions with a comprehensive 2-0 victory with goals from the French pairing of **Edouard 'NY' Caumon** and **Fouad 'The Artist' Ben Allal**.

Albion came into the last three games of the season knowing that two wins would see them crowned champions of the Yau Yee League. The game against the Swiss saw Albion go 1-0 down within 10 minutes with a dubious goal. However, **Tunde 'Tekkers' Olokigbe**, a superb signing, delivered a master class in finishing to destroy the Swiss with 4 goals. Albion eventually ran out 7-3 winners in an entertaining game.

The penultimate match against Corinthians was a nervy affair with Albion edging it 2-1. Gasper again came off the bench to secure victory

and Harding made a tremendous save at the death to ensure Albion, barring a mathematical miracle, would be crowned champions. The final game against USRC resulted in a 1-0 victory with another clean sheet from the imperious defence now dubbed the 'Axis of Evil'. A man of the match performance from **Colin 'Rainman' Spanos** and a Souleyman lob in front of his adoring Wanderers' fans capped a championship-winning season.

This was a well-deserved title for the Albion given that they scored the most goals in the division (68 goals scored) and conceded the least (a miserly 15 goals in 22 games). The team went unbeaten for the entire second half of the season and credit should go to manager **Tony Hamilton-Bram** for his tactics and ensuring everyone was at training. There was also tireless work all season from the under appreciated wingbacks **Mike 'Mor Sports' Morton** and **Tom 'Gun' Taw**.

We look forward to a tough season next year to try and remain champions but we are content for now with the echo of 'Albione Campione' reverberating around HKFC.

A full list of the magnificent title winning squad is as follows:

Management Team:

Tony 'Hammy' Hamilton-Bram,
Scott 'Ole' Semple

Goalkeeper:

Blake 'Hands' Harding,
Mark 'Devs' Devonshire

Defenders 'The Axis of Evil':

Tom 'The Power' Pugh,
Colin 'Rainman' Spanos, Ned 'Fat Boy Slim' Millington Buck III,
Tom 'The Master' McGillicuddy

Wing Backs

Mike 'Mor Sports' Morton,
Tom 'Gun' Taw, Jamie 'Jabba' Milne,
Paul 'Fitzy' Fitzgerald,
Ashley 'Deadly' Dyer, Mark Hultum

Midfielders

John 'Captain' Casey, Tim 'Baby Face' Phillips, Pak 'Pakman' Wai Wan,
Jordan 'Top Sport' is Tennis' Rhodes, Craig 'Talismanic' Tuckerman, Sakai 'Elusive' Masayuki

Attackers

Richard 'Marksman' Maton,
Edouard 'NY' Caumon, Jan 'Hulk' Souleyman, Antonin 'Bradley Cooper' Monnoyeur, Tunde 'Tekkers' Olokigbe,
Rob 'Ole Gunnar' Gasper,
Tony Hamilton-Bram ■



Tom 'The Power' Pugh (far left) and John 'Captain' Casey (left) lifting the trophy.

Below left:
Team celebrates after victory

Below right:
Post celebration sustenance for Jamie 'Jabba' Milne



Junior Soccer Reports

U13 Year in Review

Early on in the season, both our first and second teams (HKFC1 and HKFC2) stepped right into action in the Hong Kong Junior Football League (HKJFL). As expected, without much training and rustiness from the summer break, our teams did not start off well in the first few matches. However, as we progressed with the HKJFL fixtures, the results started to improve after we commenced our regular practice sessions.

In the words of one of our HKFC2 team coaches:

"It was a difficult start to the season for HKFC2 as the boys transitioned to a 11 a-side full pitch game for the first time. But after lots of hard work and dedication, they managed to turn things around and had a great second half of the season, going on a run of 5 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses to end the season. The improvement over the season has been remarkable and bodes well for the next one."

Overall, both teams have done well and achieved some notable results for the 2014/15 season:

HKFC1

- **Winner, HKJFL U13 Cup**
- **Runners-up, 2015 Nike Cup U14**
- **Winner, 2015 Lunar New Year Cup**

HKFC2

- **Winner, HKJFL U13 Plate Consolation**

ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO PRACTICE!!

Under the guidance of **Tony Hamilton** and **Mick Lonergan**, HKFC1 either won or competed in the cup final in every competition they entered.

It's been a long road but Tony and Mick in the past few years have recognized that the U13 squad had quality, and were determined to follow the club code of teaching good fundamental football skills often to the detriment of results in the short term.



ABOVE:
2015 HKJFL U13 Cup Final. From L to R:
Ajay Pursram, Simon Morris, Hamish Tong, Calvin Wong, Gwion Sexton, Matteo Avitabile, Luke Marcon, Jason Kam, Sean Healy, Sam Pijpers, Josh Mantle, Mathew Isaac, Conrad Szymanski, Edward Hudson, Mark Russell

LEFT:
2015 Nike Cup Final. From L to R:
Spike Mantle, Jason Kam, Mathew Isaac, Josh Mantle, Hamish Tong, Ajay Pursram, WT Cheah, Simon Morris, Gwion Sexton

Well short term no longer, all that practice and patience paid off big time this year with the U13s playing football that on occasion was far better than the teams who had normally beat them in past seasons.

Not only did the boys go on this year to win the HKJFL title, they also won the Lunar New Year tournament with their only loss coming at the Nike 5-a-side competition where they lost on penalties in the final to Sun Pegasus after leading 1-0 throughout the game.

Lastly, it is always a pleasure and we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the parents and volunteer coaches who have tirelessly and unfailingly supported the players in ensuring another successful and enjoyable season. A big shout for the boys and we look forward to another wonderful season ahead. ■

By WT Cheah, Y8 Head Coach



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HKFC wins inaugural U14 Junior League Cup

Saturday 2nd May 2015

HKFC were matched up with their arch rivals the Discovery Bay Dragons for the inaugural U14 Hong Kong Junior League Cup Final held at the Club.

Slightly anxious start to the morning when due to a combination of reasons (vacation, illness and injury), HKFC found themselves missing 3 key players. **Elliot Topping**, **Alex Ekberg** and **Lucca Steinert**, leaving HKFC with only a squad of just 12 players. Luckily, they grabbed the only two 1st teamers available on the day who made the squad up to 14. It must be noted that the HKFC Junior League Cup team is primarily composed of 2nd team players, albeit a fair number of them have, throughout the season, been picked to represent the Club at Henderson League level, a testament to head coach **Phil Cook**'s policy to encourage fluid movement between the squads where warranted.

The match started off at a frantic pace with Dragons getting the upper hand in the first 10 minutes and created a number of chances, only to be denied by

the courageous antics of the HKFC goalkeeper, **Alessandro Systemans**, who made numerous diving saves at the feet of the DB forwards. A wake-up call had been given to the home team who duly responded and started to compete, becoming more competitive in midfield, **Giovanni Di Clemente** and **Jamie Bruno** of note, and managing a few decent runs down the wing led by **Gabriel Ng** and **Jimmy Standing**. Despite the home team finally starting to play the level of football befitting a Cup final, DB put up a defensive wall and closed down any play by HKFC through the middle of the field making it difficult for lone striker **Jordan Wright** to penetrate. If this was a boxing match, the scorecard would have read 120 - 105 in favour of the DB in the first half.

HKFC came out in the second half with a renewed vigour and focused their offensive along the wings, with admirable runs being created by left back, **Joshua Wright**, and right-wing **Lazlo Yurich**. HKFC created numerous chances, but off target, and the Dragons defence stood resolute. Dragons themselves focused their play mainly through the middle of the field, but found HKFC centre back **John O'Brian** to be a colossus at the back going about his assigned task with competence and unwavering confidence. He was supported admirably by his centre back team mate **Michael**

Shepherdson and lone defensive midfielder - **Zaheu Jacata**.

The match was shaping up to be a classic cup final - free flowing football, end to end excitement and chances on both sides. Both teams were up for the challenge and wanted desperately to take bragging rights and be crowned champions. This was a football boxing match, not in the guise of a Mayweather vs Pacquiao 'hand-bags at 10 paces' dance show, more of a Tommy Hearn's vs Marvin Hagler slug-fest, both teams trading punches, taking the blows, but no one willing to go down for the count.

After 60 minutes and the whistle for full-time, game was poised evenly at 0-0. It was up for grabs. This game was not going to be won by tactics, it was going to be won by the team who wanted it more. 10 minutes of extra time beckoned, then the dreaded lottery of penalties.

This exhilarating U14 match needed a knockout punch, and it duly got one in the 5th minute of extra time. **Lazlo Yurich**, who had now switched to left wing to try his luck, took the ball on the touchline and danced inside, past 2 Dragons players and ran towards the goal. From around 25 yards, he unleashed the knockout punch, a sublimely hit ball that rocketed into the net giving the Dragon's keeper no chance. The last 5 minutes were frantic with Dragons piling on the pressure to grab that much needed equalizer, but the HKFC lads kept their focus and saw out the remaining time.

What a final! Highly competitive and played in great spirits - a credit to both teams. It would have been unfair for a final like this to be settled by penalties and **Lazlo**'s amazing strike saw to it that it was settled in the correct manner.

Too difficult to name a man of match, everyone gave 100% and more. They did not let their Club down, but more importantly, they did not let themselves nor each other down. A true team performance.

Congratulation lads, well down. So richly deserved. ■

HKFC U15: Henderson League Champions

Congratulations to the Football Club's U15 team, which topped the Henderson League this season. Coached by **Marlon Ricardo van der Sander**, with training overseen by **Anto Grabo** and management support from **Thomas Tarala**, the U15 team finished the season with an impressive record of 16-1-1.

At the trials for the team in August 2014, many skilled players left disappointed, as the bar was so high to join the team. After all, this was a team which had proved their worth last season by becoming the league champions as the U14 squad. Their aim was to repeat the feat in this season's elite competition.

Four returning players – **Erik Wihlbörn**, **Robert Wong**, **Isaac Au** and **Jonny Simpson** – represent Hong Kong on the national team, providing a strong core around which to build the Football Club's team. Four new signings – **Ryan Ung** (also a member of the national team), **Clayton Gibb**, **Thomas Robinson** and **Max Donovan** – were added to the squad and proved their worth in the course of a fabulous season for each of them.

Other key players from last season – **Tim Breuer**, **Ernest Kwok**, **Dan Healy**, **Oliver Muh**, **Tom Lipton**, **Damien Law**, **Monty Higgins**, **Elias Chamariq**, **Ary Kunzru**, **Andy Cho**, **Wilhelm Lindfors** and **Charlie Stewart** – were already champions in their own right and knew what it would take to be crowned champions again. Players such as **Tyler Chen** and **Philip Chenaux-Repond** were added to give the team greater depth.

In the team's first league match, we realised our scoring potential; the 23-1 result was the highest I have ever encountered as a player or coach. However our first game of the Henderson League season was a loss

to arch-rivals South China. We were dominant, but as we all know, the best teams do not always win.

We had to win our next game to quickly regain our confidence. We did win... and we kept on winning. In fact, we didn't lose another league match all season. We even played one match in a holiday period when we could only manage to field 8 players, and we still won! We trained hard with a weekly strength session (working on core muscles and legs) and relentless sprints to ensure that the players were strong enough to last the full 80 minutes of a match. We were allowed seven subs on the squad, and I tried to use them all in each game to allow for plenty of playing time and experience, which would come in handy later in the season. I had the two best strikers and two best goalkeepers in the league, and we had depth on the bench, a critical combination in our quest to be repeat champions.

Then came the match against the leader of the competition, Kitchee. The two teams drew; Kitchee had more ball possession, but we were fitter and had the legs to pressure them in one-on-one duels.

After that, we continued our winning streak. We racked up an impressive goal tally, with not only our forwards (Erik and Thomas) scoring goals but defenders, midfielders and subs regularly on the scorecard as well.

Our season was interrupted by the Manchester United Premier Cup, three days of intense football action over the Easter weekend to determine Hong Kong's representative to a regional tournament in China. In the finals, we again tied Kitchee in regular time... but we lost to them on penalties. This was disappointing to our players, but importantly the experience enabled the coaches to get to know the players better; in effect, it was the turning point of the season. Our games, as solid as they had already been, changed for the better after that – with more belief, more cohesion and more game.

The team's last match of the season – and the deciding match of the league – was against Kitchee. If we were to become champions we had to beat them; they needed only a draw. Our team was playing without its two usual strikers, who together had banged in half of all the goals scored during the season. The team played a tight defensive game, not allowing the opponent much space behind our defence or on the flanks. Our well-groomed subs easily stepped in to do their part, and after we scored the only goal of the game, the team kept Kitchee easily at bay. We won and were the champions!

It was an impressive achievement by a talented squad of players – and a well-deserved outcome, given the boys' effort, dedication, and spirit throughout the season. ■



An interview with Nigel R Merritt

Head Coach and Programme Director of the HKFC Crusaders:



Q: How long have you been associated with the HKFC Crusaders now?

A: It must be at least 10 years since watching a training session had such a profound effect on me that I decided to use my skill sets and qualifications to help develop the programme.

Q: In previous editions of the Club magazines you have told us that the HKFC Crusaders programme grows from strength to strength - is that still the case?

A: Yes it is. We have had another 4 or 5 players join us this season and now have over 60+ registered players although, not all players attend the sessions every week. On average we probably get around 35 / 40 players regularly each session.

Q: How do the HKFC Crusaders integrate into the Club?

A: They are part of the Soccer Section and represent the Section and the Club whenever they play and tour.

Q: What are the demographics of the HKFC Crusaders?

A: An interesting question! Male and female. The youngest being about 8 and the oldest in their 40's. Varying abilities with some of the players thinking they are premiership material (including the dives, gestures and protestations to the referee)!! And players from too many countries and regions to list out!! Players are also Club and non Club Members.

Q: Are there any particular highlights in the HKFC Crusaders calendar?

A: Oh definitely! Playing in Operation Santa in December each year. Playing at the HKFC International 7's tournament. The End of Season Party where it's hard to get everyone to go home and the annual tour to Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Q: Talking about the Cambodian tour - will the HKFC Crusaders go again this year?

A: Yes they will, but not as part of the Junior Soccer Tour in June. We have decided this year to take the HKFC Crusaders to PP in November when it's cooler and slightly less humid and they can play in a stand alone (maybe day long) tournament against other players with intellectual disabilities (the term in Cambodia). It will be more of a focused special soccer tour.

Q: Where do you get the funding from to run the programme?

A: The Prudential Hong Kong Limited are proud and continuing sponsors of the programme and are consistently behind all that we do. I report to them on a regular basis on our schedule and they in turn update their Hong Kong staff on what is a very important CSR policy initiative for them.

Q: What is your normal season dates?

A: We normally start at the beginning of September and finish just before the HKFC International 7's at the end of May.

Q: How many coaches do you have to help run the sessions?

A: It depends on people's travel arrangements, but generally we have at least 10 to 12 helping on a Monday evening. The coaches - both male and female - volunteer their time to help and their generosity is hugely appreciated. We also have 5 or 6 school students who are helping out either because they want to or are using the sessions as part of their programme within the IB school system.

Q: Do carers bring the players to the Monday evening sessions?

A: Yes, Parents and Carers, and we are now starting to get them involved in the sessions, especially the warm ups. It continues the bonding process between us all.

Q: Your 2014 / 2105 season has now come to an end, when do you start again?

A: We have no fixed date as yet, but it will be early September and I know that whenever I see any of the HKFC Crusaders in and around the Club or, out and about in Hong Kong they'll all ask me " Do we start again next week " !!! even if it's still mid June !!!

The Hong Kong Football Club Crusaders is a community focused programme, part of the Soccer Section, for players with intellectual and physical disabilities, and run at (and by) the HKFC on the Main Pitch on Monday evenings from 6pm to 7pm. Any players who want to come and join the sessions are most welcome and should in the first instance contact Nigel on nigel@Aerittassociates.com and this also goes for anyone who wishes to volunteer their time helping out at the training sessions. You don't need qualifications, just patience and a huge bundle of willingness!! ■

TOP 5 MARATHONS IN ASIA

6th International Ulaanbaatar Marathon - 06 June 2015

Race Available : 5km, Half Marathon, Marathon

Package cost per person from HKD 7000 plus tax sharing twin room
Includes return economy ticket to Ulaanbaatar on MIAT Mongolian Airlines
3 nights accommodation with breakfast at Kempinski hotel Khan Palace

Danang International Marathon - 30 Aug 2015

Race Available : 5km, Half Marathon, Marathon

Travel Dates : 28-31 Aug 2015

Package cost per person from HKD 4850 plus tax sharing twin room
Includes return economy ticket to Danang on Dragon Air
3 nights accommodation with breakfast at Pullman Danang Beach Resort

9th Kathmandu Marathon - 10 Oct 2015

Race Available : 5km, Half Marathon, Marathon

Travel Dates : 8-10 Oct 2015

Package cost per person from HKD 7020 plus tax sharing twin room
Includes return economy ticket to Kathmandu on Dragon Air, airport transfers,
3 nights accommodation with breakfast at Hotel Yak & Yeti

Luang Prabang Half Marathon "LA Procession" - 18 Oct 2015

Race Available : 7km, 14km, Half Marathon

Travel Dates : 16-19 Oct 2015

Package cost per person from HKD 8500 plus tax sharing twin room
Includes return economy ticket to Luang Prabang via Bangkok on Thai Airways
3 night accommodation with breakfast at Maison Souvannaphoum, airport transfers

20th Angkor Wat International Half Marathon - 06 Dec 2015

Race Available : 3Km, 10Km, Half Marathon

Travel Dates : 4-7 Dec 2015

Package cost per person from HKD 4420 plus tax sharing twin room
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Men's Captains' Reports

Whilst a single Captain's report has been the traditional summary to the Men's section season, this is always limited in the insight that it can offer as unfortunately not even I am able (or more pertinently, willing) to spend 10 hours every Sunday watching hockey (my apologies...) Instead then, I'm grateful to the individual team captains who have this year provided their own reports on their respective seasons – the good, the bad, and the sometimes ugly.

A massive thank you to all the captains – **Kieran Smith, Stu Walker, Matt Truman, Piers Brunner, James O'Shea, John Banks, Jim Dore and Wing Wong** – and their VCs for their hard work throughout the season. The section and the teams cannot function without your endeavours, and they really are greatly appreciated.

I hope you all enjoy reading through your team's report.

Yan Adams, Men's Section Captain

A Team 4th in Premier Division A

In an extremely high quality and challenging season in the premier league, where opposition teams recruited heavily from overseas, the Men's A finished the league in a respectable 4th place and bowed out of the Cup in the Semi Finals. This year we welcomed a large influx of Dutch to our team, starting with a new coach to take the reins in **Koen Pijpers**, and three players in **Ferko Spits, Sander Kokke and Remco van Haandel**.

After a solid preseason, we started the season strongly with big wins over Pak A, Valley and KCC, however came undone in a tight fought match against KNS (2-3 loss). Throughout the season we continued our strong form against

the lower teams including some very comprehensive wins. However we struggled to consistently match the level of the top three sides and couldn't quite get the wins we needed despite being extremely competitive in each game.

The year can best be described as a development year, where the team progressed and learnt. We were able to experiment with new formations, new players and different tactics. This puts us in a great position for a shot at title next year. Unfortunately we will have to do it with some new personnel, as we see the departure of some long-term stalwarts and a couple of more

recent additions: **Alexander Van Der Heijden**, **Alastair Brown**, **Ronald Van Harten**, **Otto Oertel** and **Ferko Spits**. We wish them all the best – good effort with the yards!

Gus Allan, A Team Vice-Captain

B Team 2nd in Premier Division B, 8th overall

Men's Bs followed last year's Premier B division win with a runner-up position in this year's competition, again finishing mid-table in the overall Premier League. A tough start to the season against Khalsa, Punjab and SSSC, was followed by a narrow 3-5 loss to HKFC A and a 2-2 draw with arch-rivals Valley. Men's Bs then went on a tear winning 7 and drawing 2 of their next ten games, only losing one game between the first weekend of November and April. The run was ended when the HKFC A team won another close fought match with the Bs in the Holland Cup (1-4 loss; 1-1 at half time).

A few new faces joined us this year but the team came together quickly. Youth partnered experience between the sticks as **Wilko** and **Boulty** shared keeping duties. We settled into a solid defensive routine with **Silas** leading the line (and sometimes the attack) before the Club realised how much he had learnt from the Bs and took him back into the A team. Old boy **Ravi** stepped back from midfield to shore things up and survived

the whole season without injury for the first time. He was supported by a reinvigorated **Amo**, new boy **Patrick** and the maturity of **Tom Rhodes** and **Sean** (when he finally got his sleeveless shirt on – rumours he was unhappy about comparisons with **Finch's** arms).

In midfield, **Owen** dominated showing he still has the legs and skills of a 23 year old (OK, 33 year old). **Danny's** lifestyle change definitely had an impact on the team this season, but not on his finishing. **Fearn** brought glamour to the team on the pitch and (mainly) in the stands.

Our forward line, led by the formidable **Japhi** and **Finch**, always looked threatening. Unfortunately, we often just looked it. Fortunately, ace striker **Hillsy** was generally on hand to poach from 6 inches, whilst **Harry** remained composed, never raised his voice and disguised his hangover beautifully.

A strong German contingent of **Gregor**, **Japhi** and **Bene** combined with the exciting Dutch pairing of **Six** and **Van der Ven** (great season **Jeroen** and congrats on marriage), and the uniquely talented Frenchman **Doug Corbel** to provide cultural balance to the team.

As the season ends, we bid a fond farewell to **Gregor**. He has been a great addition to the team – talent and grit on the pitch, humour and humility off it. Thanks Gregor ... you will be missed.

Stuart Walker, B Team Captain

C Team 3rd in First Division A

It is testament to the squad's strength in depth that a third place finish in Division 1 (the highest ever for the Cs) and a semi-final in the HKHA Cup were in the end a disappointment to the squad. However, the gap to the top two teams while seemingly small remained elusive throughout the season.

The C Team took a few weeks to gel before the blend of experience and youth eventually brought some great attacking hockey combined with determination and grit from some of the guys now into their "prime". The progression of the sections youth players is no more evident than in the C Team where **Richard Chao** and **James Shepherdson** excelled leading the C Team attack. **Dom Orchard** (who is returning to the UK in the summer) will be sorely missed by the squad on and off the pitch (and not just for his excuses for game absences). Special mention also goes to **Sukum** who having been injured most of the season made his debut in the penultimate game only to take a ball in the face after 30 seconds (resulting in 18 stitches). The highlight of the season was the C Team's great team spirit as evidenced by the squad's decision to tour to Jakarta.

Matt Truman, C Team Captain





D Team 2nd in Second Division A

The D team used the closed season well. Scouts were sent far and wide and we managed to recruit some great new talent. From Japan our goal keeper **Jun**, from the special services **Andy Burwell**, from the library **Adrian**, from the school ground **Shep** (promoted mid-season) and from the Cs, seasoned campaigners, such as **Gus**, **Ben**, **Raj**, **Tim** and **Matt**. The management team of **Brunner**, **Brock** and **NSW** knew it was a strong enough squad to challenge for the league!

The first game of the season proved our confidence well founded with a 7-3 pasting of the old enemy! However, game 3 gave us jolt as we came second to a youthful Rhoba team. We picked ourselves up and got back on the winning trail only slipping up by losing once more by the end of the season. We scored on average 3 goals per game and conceded one. The concession of goals worried us a bit at the beginning but once we rationalised that anyone over 40 feels he has the god given right to be centre forward we moved on. Congrats to **Jonny Brock** as our top goal scorer ably supported by **Arno**, **Steve B**, **Adrian**, and **Shep**, even stalwarts at the back contributed namely **Bric** and our very own utilitarian player **Conor**.

The squad had strength and depth with often 18 players available per game and I want to thank them for their support plus patience, and trust all enjoyed a successful season. Congratulations to our MVP for the season **Bric Luk** as well. In the end we came second in the league to Rhoba A by 3 points ie we were just one win away from the title. It was the icing on the cake to beat the winners in the last game of the season.

Piers Brunner, D Team Captain

E Team 6th in Second Division A

For the E team, it was a tale of two stories. The 1st half of the season saw us accomplishing what we set out to do, placing ourselves in the top half in order to avoid any relegation battles – job done! Our goal for the 2nd half of the season was to break into the top 3. Unfortunately we came up against tough opposition, losing by 1 or 2 goals in the majority of our games. This saw the E's come in a respectable 6th in the 2nd division.

The season saw a lot of our players either picking up injuries or travelling, but this did not prevent the Es from putting in 150% no matter how many players we had against an opponent (we had 8 players in 1 game and only lost 1-0!). The Es had fantastic team spirit

throughout the season. Things to work on next season – more stretching and less travelling!

This was my first experience being a Captain for a Hockey team. I had a lot of help behind the scenes, from requiring umpires to players from other teams. So thank you all for making my job easier. A special thanks to my Vice Captain, **Simon Shepherdson**. His insight and experience was invaluable throughout the season. And thank you to all the Es for making my life easier (at times).

James O'Shea, E Team Captain

F Team 1st in Third Division B, 7th overall

The F team started brightly with a 3-0 win in their first game and it looked like a bright season ahead. Unfortunately the next 2 games, against the teams that ended up at the top of the league heralded a shocking start for us, which cumulated in the Fs losing to a really enthused Gs 4-1. The first 6 games yielded only 4 points (including a very hard fought draw against Valley) for us and the Fs were in crisis.

The loss to the Gs, however, appeared to be the wake up call we needed and after a summit meeting (between the skipper, vice-skips and senior pro) some positional changes were decided on which rapidly made a difference. Our last 5 games in the first half gave us 3 wins and a draw and left us right on the edge of making the top half of the 3rd Division. Unfortunately some other results went against us and we were consigned to the bottom half of the league for the second half on goal difference.

The second half was a totally different story with us winning 4 out of 5 of our remaining games and ending up comfortably at the head of the bottom half of the 3rd Division.

The defence made up the back bone of the team, with the Fs being one of the few sides that ended the division with a positive goal difference and a lot of

that was down to **Jeroen**, in goal, ably supported by our usual back 3 of **Ferg**, **David Watt** and the immovable rock of **Lyle Williams** in the centre.

The midfield was completely rejigged part way through the season, with the Skipper and **Ali Gordon** moving to the centre along with the big revelation that was **Patrick Lam**, coming in at defensive centre and who rapidly became one of the stand out players of the season, both for his fitness and movement round the pitch and his excellent tackling, closing down many of the attacks that came our way. Given the aging nature of our side (it is a rare F team player that doesn't qualify for the Vets) the midfield was supported by most of the rest of the squad as we needed to rotate players to ensure that our legs lasted a full game!

As was expected, our centre forward, **Clive Miners**, stepped up as leading goal scorer but he was ably supported, especially by our conversion of **Gordon Marsden** and **Eugene Cheuk** to wingers and it was their penetration and enthusiasm that gave us the majority of our chances. It is telling that whilst **Clive** was well ahead as leading scorer, the list of goal scorers included most of the team.

We have had a great run in the latter half of the season with good availability, and we even had to call for "drop-outs" when Teamsnapp showed more than 16 and this consistency showed in the results that playing in a settled team, with each player knowing the role he was expected to perform, can lead to some satisfying and successful hockey. **Patrick Watts**, **Mike Button**, **Gilson Chua**, **David Gilmour**, the evergreen **Bertie Leung**, a returning "Jeffery" (**Chris Jones**) and the fly in/fly out **Chris Grossik** all played their part in the season. We wish the best to **Andy Dale** who now lives on CX 715 and **Keith Nicolle** who is recovering from major back surgery and hope to see them back in the fold at some stage. Thanks as well to **David Taylor** and **Tony Ng** who have filled in when **Jeroen** has gone "walkabout"!!

I hope I've been able to give everyone in the squad the mention they deserve, but the end result was a solid season that we will need to build on next year and the real take away is that we need a solid and consistent short corner routine!

John Banks, F Team Captain

G Team 3rd in Third Division B, 9th overall

2014/15 was a mixed bag for the Men's Gs. We started the season slowly, losing to DBS (6th) and Shaheen C (11th) and drawing with Skyers A (10th), but as form and fitness improved we developed a structure and rhythm not seen for years, and secured notable victories against 144U B (5th), Valley D (4th) and HKFC F (7th) over the coming months. We narrowly lost to eventual league winners SSSC C in a game that we dominated, and were unlucky not to take a point from runners up KNS B.

We just missed the halfway cut, a big shame since we'd shown we could mix it with the best in the league and were really enjoying playing at the next level, the better teams certainly brought out the best in our Hockey. Whilst we did win three more games it wasn't with as much style.

We welcomed **Rob Ridland** and **Shaun Denton** into the club, who both moulded nicely into our midfield making the positions their own. **Michael Vrontamitis** was in prolific form all season with 22 goals in 13 games, and was particularly well serviced by **Guy Higgins** and **Mark Kan**. Ever-present **Colin Terry** and goalkeeper **Neil Norman** were the backbone of our defence and both had outstanding seasons.

This team has a bright future and the key to success in 2015/16 will be what happens in the off season. If we come in better prepared and get off to a flier, then who knows!

James Dore, G Team Captain



...as form and fitness improved we developed a structure and rhythm not seen for years, and secured notable victories...



H Team 3rd in Fifth Division B, 9th overall

For the Hs it was a season of two halves, with the first half spent rebuilding the team after a poor 2013/14 season into a formidable unit, which in the second half didn't lose one league game. Success was built on our very very mature defence, our enthusiastic forward line and youth policy in the midfield (under 30s need not apply), not to mention our dedication to Thursday training with **Lou** teaching us the joys of the passing game.

Of note was an away game in Lok Fu, where with the H's leading after the first half, the opposition brought in a couple of upper division players (names not on the match card) to play against us, but we still drew the game. Our teammate **Chris** spotted out those guys, and after a long reporting process with the HKHA, those players were suspended for a few games. Hs got the clean 3 points! Hs experienced the cheat team and walkover team, this year – what else do we need to experience in one season?

We had a diverse team mix: **Rangie** and **Stephen** on their very first hockey season; on the other hand, **Walter** was celebrating 50 seasons as an active player in the game.

Final statement: trust in your teammates is one of the keys to keep winning games.

Wing Wong, H Team Captain ■

Ladies Hockey Update



Holland Cup Final – HKFC A vs Valley A

It was another fabulous win for the A's in the Holland Cup final rounding off a brilliant season. They beat Valley A convincingly 6-2 in an exciting game of hockey. There was end to end hockey with lots of chances for both teams. **Kath Nagengast** made some amazing saves. A special mention to the two defenders who scored a brace each, **Dawn Strachan** and **Hannah Wright**. Thanks to the supporters for coming over to cheer them on!



Goal of the Month from Ladies D Team:



In a 7-0 win to reach the semifinals of the knockout cup it was hard to pick a goal of the month from the D team. I saw quite a few contenders but the winner is a beautiful strike by **Aisling Dwyer** from a textbook short corner.

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Swimming and Triathlon News



Sean Whipkey,
Swimming and
Triathlon Captain

Message from the Swimming and Triathlon Captain

Congrats to the Swimming and Triathlon Society for a great start to the 2015 season. We've seen some incredible success so far in the pool and on the road. During 2015, HKFC has been a top finisher in all 3 of the HKASA pool races, and well as the HKASA Marathon Swimming Series. Also, the triathletes had an incredible showing at the Hong Kong Life Triathlon championships, with a number of personal bests and records set. The rigorous training by all of the athletes is clearly showing through.

As we approach July, we are looking forward to some very exciting upcoming races. The Revolution Asia Open water summer swim series is a group of races that takes place on the south side of the island... last year HKFC took the gold, and we are looking forward to defending our title. As we look even further down the road, all of our athletes are starting to get ready for one of our annual favorites, the 15k Clean Half Marathon race from Stanley to Deep Water Bay.

Keep up the hard work and continue to proudly represent the blue and white! ■

Results from the 2015 AQUAWIZ Open Water Swim Series Race 1

Turbo M 35-39			
Position	Bib	Name	Official Time
1	834	Nortje, Craig	00:40:27
2	835	Schilling, York	00:45:24
3	832	Brewster, Simon	00:45:59

Flash F 40+			
Position	Bib	Name	Official Time
1	925	Mccarroll, Jessica	00:28:05
2	920	Alexander, Kellie	00:36:25
3	922	Lam, Yun Kuen	00:38:29

Super Star Girls 11-12			
Position	Bib	Name	Official Time
1	959	Ng, Yee Wing Ines	00:24:16
2	960	Purcell, Beauella	00:30:46
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Netball DSA Chairwoman

HKFC Champions 2015!

HKFC Club Beat HKCC Demons to Win Back to Back Championships!

HKFC Club beat HKCC Demons to win the HKNA League once again with a convincing win of 38 - 19, finishing off another great season for HKFC Netball.

I am proud to say that this year all teams earned spots in the top 5 of their divisions cementing one of the most successful seasons for HKFC Netball. Credit goes out to all the players, coaches, team assistants, supporters and **Evey** our physio in helping to ensure this.

Final results are as follows:

HKFC CLUB	1st in Division 1
HKFC Typhoons	5th in Division 1
HKFC Whirlies	3rd in Division 2
HKFC Monsoons	2nd in Division 2
HKFC Tornados	3rd in Division 3
HKFC Cyclones	2nd in Division 5

Tours are fashionable once again with HKFC Club heading to Singapore in May to play against the Singapore National Squad as they prepare for the World Netball Championships in August.

As well as this, several DSA teams are heading down to Bangkok for the Annual SE Asian Invitational Tournament which is always a fun and eventful tournament - not to mention great shopping!

The juniors are taking a well-earned break from competition and are into their final eight weeks of their HKFC Academy programme.

A massive thanks goes out to **Melissa Atkins** and great job for overseeing this

programme for the past two years! To say it's been a massive job would really be an understatement!

Melissa has overseen over 150 players and parents, The JNL competition, registrations, team organizations, kit, and not to mention the prevention of cartwheels during training as well as the odd episode of tears (not mentioning who) Big thanks to Melissa Atkins.

The HKFC Netball Academy, while still operating under the HKFC DSA, is finalizing new management for the programme.

The Dragon's Cup was held on 29th April. This is a round robin style tournament held between the HKFC and HKCC junior teams, including U10's, U13's and U19's. It was a fun night with a 4/1 win for HKCC. ■



HKFC Club Champions



Happy Coach Karin!



Defence in action



HKFC Monsoons



Golf Outings

Hong Kong Football Club vs Singapore Cricket Club

Kau Sai Chau East Course, Friday 8th May



In 2014, we had sent a small team down to Singapore to play our first ever inter-port golf match. Given our long history of rivalry and association with the Singapore Cricket Club, there could have been no better opponent for our first such match. It was always hoped that this would be the start of a series of matches and we were delighted when SCC contacted us at the beginning of the year to say that they would be sending a team to Hong Kong.

And so the two teams convened on a sunny Friday morning. We had initially proposed to hold the match on Kau Sai Chau's North Course but our opposition were quite adamant that their players wouldn't relish a walking course. We were fortunate to be able to switch the match to the East Course at quite late notice, although for SCC this may have been a mixed blessing.

Anyone who has played the East Course will understand that it is not an intuitive course; most people find it takes them a few rounds to work out how best to approach the course. Throw in a bit of a wind as well and it's a tough proposition for the uninitiated. Much as we tried to point out some of the pitfalls to our opponents, the course it seems beat them as much as their HKFC opponents. Or maybe it was the perennial threat to the committed tourist – over-enjoyment of the night before – which may have been our downfall last year when we lost in Singapore!

For whatever reason, the match turned out to be a rather one-sided affair. I don't think we need to go into too much detail. Suffice to say that the match score was 6-0. And that there was a 10 and 8 in there. And a 9 and 8. In fact, there was only one match that went down the straight,

with **Jonny Brock** and **Mike Button** teasing their opponents with a one up victory on the 18th.

And so the Interport Challenge Trophy was regained (having been lost in the inaugural match in Singapore) – or it would have been if they had brought it with them. I suspect we may need to send a team to Singapore to wrest it from their grasp!

When we were in Singapore last year, SCC were the most generous and hospitable of hosts. We were keen to look after our guests in a similar fashion and so a dinner was arranged on the Back Patio at the Sportsman's Bar. The weather, which had been perfect all day, affording us spectacular views from the golf course, held for the evening and all concerned ate, drank and made merry. Many thanks to the others that played – **JP Cuvelier, Andrew Wood, Anatole Le, Kien Ng, Fiaz Magdoo, David Watt, Stephen Bottomley, Gary Sharma** and **Terry Wright**.

We look forward to returning to Singapore in 2016 where we hope to prove that not only the home teams can win this match!! ■

Duncan Spooner, Captain

*Please mark your diaries for **Wednesday 24th June 2015**, when the Golf Society will hold the **Walmsley Cup** competition, followed by the AGM, followed by the post AGM drinks party.*

Golf Society Team Score Hatrick against Hong Kong Club

Macau Golf and Country Club, Monday 18th May

On 18th May 2015, the Golf Society (GS)'s team set off for Macau Golf and Country Club to play the Hong Kong Club's golf team.

The GS team was lead by Acting Captain **Ian Petersen**, standing in for **Duncan Spooner** who was recovering from a foot operation.

Duncan's instructions to Ian were simple - "Here's the trophy, take it to Macau to show it to the Hong Kong Club, win the match and bring the trophy back."

In spite of thunder rumbling as we stood on the first tee and several players predicting that we would have to abandon the match if there was lightening, the weather held off and we were able to complete our six fourball matches albeit in humid and windy conditions.

It was a close run thing which started inauspiciously, with **Ian Petersen** and **Iain Valentine**, coming under the cosh of the mighty Don Roberts and David Collins, before **Jonny Brock** and **Andy Wood** brought home the bacon in their match leaving us tied 1-1. We then halved the next match, lost the one after that and recovered again with a win by **JP Cuvelier** and **Kien Ng**. This left us tied with 2.5 points each. Fortunately we had a strong last pair in **Terry Wright** and **Jim Suttie** and we needed one because the Hong Kong Club's **Roger Best** and **Simon Westbrook** put up a hell of a fight before succumbing on the 18th, where Terry and Jim's win gave us a 3.5 to 2.5 victory. And thus our mission was accomplished!



Hong Kong Club Golf Captain Don Roberts congratulating HKFC Golf Acting Captain Ian Petersen

This set the scene for celebrations over dinner with the Hong Kong Club team at the 19th hole in the Macau Golf and Country Club, on the turbojet back to Hong Kong and finally back in the Sportsman's Bar.

The whole match was played with the great spirit which always makes this one of our most enjoyable fixtures. ■

Golf Events: 2015 Schedule

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(As of 18th May 2015 – Subject to change when required)

June

01 Jun (Mon)

06 Jun (Sat)

15 Jun (Mon)

24 Jun (Wed)

July

11 Jul (Sat)

24 Jul (Fri)

18 Jul (Sat)

August

Aug (Wed)

29 Aug (Sat)

September

03 Sep (Thurs)

15 Sep (Tue)

Sep

26/27 (Sat/Sun)

October

05 Oct (Mon)

Oct

23-25 Oct (Fri-Sun)

November

06 Nov (Fri)

17 Nov (Tues)

Nov

28-29 Nov (Sat/Sun)

December

11 Dec (Fri)

17 Dec (Thur)

Match vs WAGS at Macau

Annual Club Championship at KSC North/Annual Dinner

Match vs Little Sai Wan at Macau

Walmsley Cup at KSC South/Annual General Meeting

Summer Cup at KSC East

Macau Golf & Country Club

Match vs USRC at KSC East

Xili Golf Club

President vs Chairman at KSC South

Clear Water Bay

KSC North

Match vs DBRGS at DB Date TBC

Ryder Bowl Match vs American Club at Lotus Hill

KSC East

Event Venue and Date TBC

Interport or Another Match Venue and Date TBC

Yinli, Dongguan, China

KSC North

Reunification Match at Lotus Hill Date TBC

Christmas Cup, Lotus Hill

Match vs Country Club at KSC

Christmas Gathering at Deep Water Bay

Start of Season BBQ Saturday 2nd May

The annual Tennis Society Start of Season BBQ was held at the Sportsman's Bar Back Patio on Saturday 2nd May. The weather held firm, with a number of players and Tennis Society (TS) members enjoying a casual evening of food and drinks. Thanks to everyone who made the effort to pop in for an hour or so and thanks to Wolf Blass for sponsoring the wine on the night.

Summer League

The Hong Kong Tennis Association summer league started during the middle of April. The TS has entered five evening teams – Men's A+, B1, B2 and D and Ladies' A+ and A. The TS has worked hard in the off season to strengthen a couple of the teams. With the new recruits plus a solid pre-season practice underway, the TS is looking forward to a successful season with several of the teams eyeing top 5 finishes and hopefully promotion for our Men's B1 team to the A division.



Charity Cup Saturday 2nd May



ABOVE: Therese Beresford receiving her lucky draw prize from Amanda Whitmore Snow, CNCF HK Director, with Greg Brutus on the left of the photo.

Upcoming Events

AGM

Thursday 18th June
from 7 – 9pm

Wimbledon Social

Saturday 4th July
from 2 - 6 pm

Tennis Society Party
(TBC)

The Tennis Society Committee selected the Christina Noble Children's Foundation (CNCF www.cncf.org) as its chosen charity for 2015/2016. CNCF is an international charity that has been operating for 25 years and to date has helped over 750,000 underprivileged and at-risk children in Vietnam and Mongolia. Its two operational centres in Vietnam and Mongolia provide shelter and protection as well as emergency medical care, rehabilitation, educational opportunities and vocational training and job placements. The Foundation also engages in sustainable development initiatives to benefit families and the wider communities of the children it supports. On 2nd May, 24 members took part in the Charity Cup social competition to raise money for this worthy cause, raising nearly \$17,000. **Katie and Job Tang** amassed the highest number of points on the day and **Therese Beresford** was the winner of the lucky draw sports prize hamper, kindly donated by Evolve, 2XU, Eleveat and Pebbles and Pearls. Special thanks to all those who took part and to those who made donations even if they weren't able to take part on the day. We will be supporting CNCF again next year, so look out for more details.



Invitation Challenge

Saturday 16th May

Our third annual Invitation Challenge took place on 16th May with gloomy skies threatening throughout the day. This has become one of the highlights on the annual tennis calendar with a round-robin competition between HKFC, HKCC, KCC and Clearwater Bay. The competition is for players graded B and below with men's, ladies and mixed doubles. As the defending champions, there was a lot of pressure on the HKFC team to retain



the title and despite having to cut the competition short due to rain, our team did enough to secure the title. HKFC won with 27 points, KCC came second with 23 points, HKCC were close behind on 22 and Clearwater Bay finished on 17 points. Congratulations to **Tim Plunkett, Eric Tsea, Winston Leung, Fred Horsey, Eric Fan, Clement Tam, Jil Leong, Aparna Kanthan, Irene and Justine, Yolanda Sun and Han Yan**. And thanks to **Greg Brutus and Therese Beresford** for organising the event. ■

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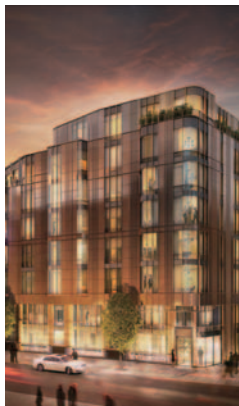
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Estimated Completion: Spring / Summer 2016



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Estimated Completion: Phase 1: June 2017



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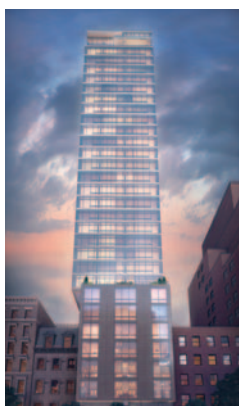
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Estimated Completion: Q3 2017



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