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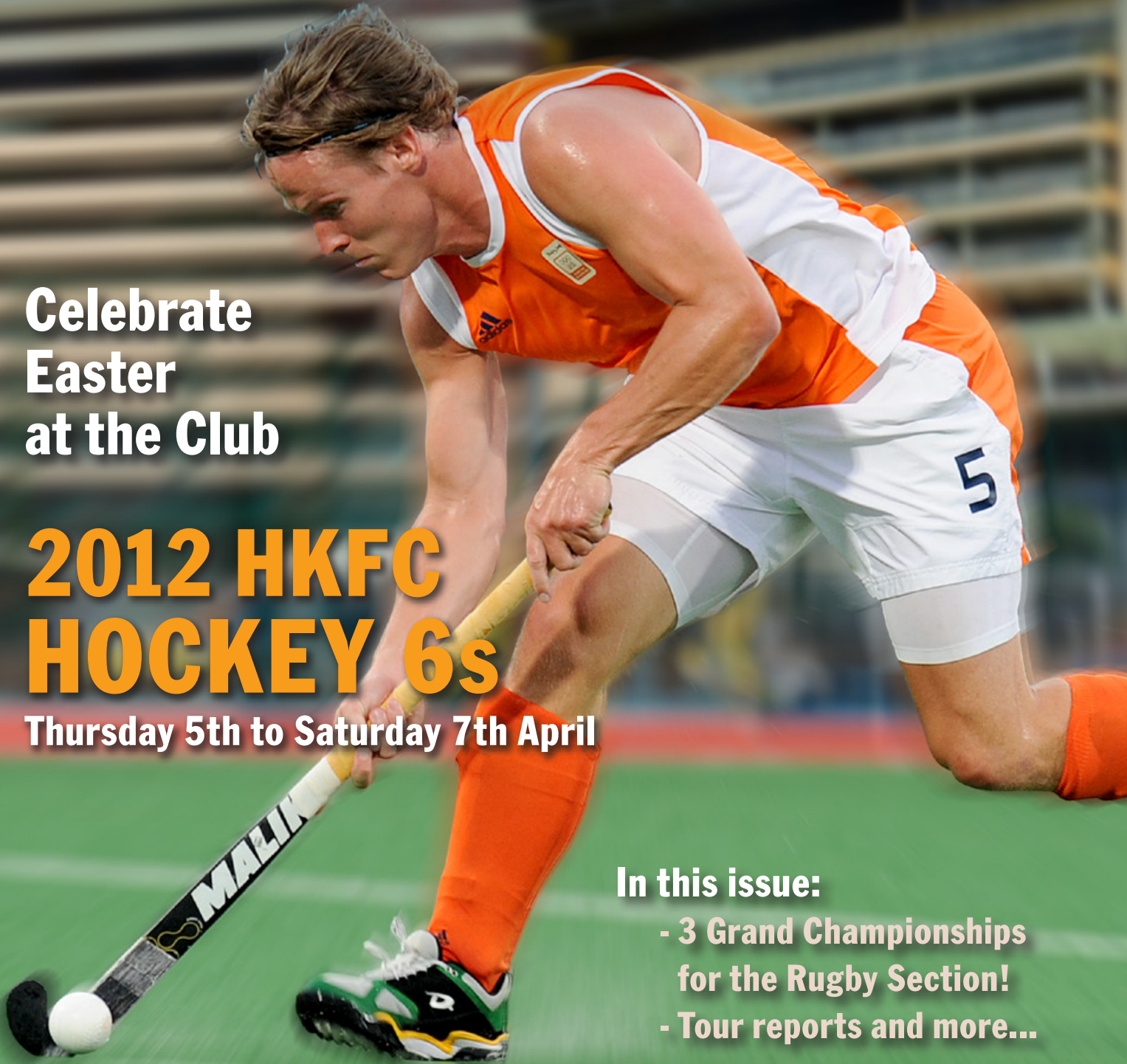
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Easter
at the Club**

2012 HKFC HOCKEY 6s

Thursday 5th to Saturday 7th April

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- 3 Grand Championships for the Rugby Section!
- Tour reports and more...



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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

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Club Magazine

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On the Cover: Rob Derikx, who represented Holland in the 2004 and 2008 Olympics Games will be playing in the 2012 HKFC Hockey 6s.



The Thoughts of the Chairman

I think all of us can breathe a sigh of relief that Rugby Week at the Club has come and gone without any undue problems. A big thank you to the Management and Staff for putting in that extra effort during the whole month of March when the Club is usually at its busiest. I am sure many of us will have been caught up with the many Rugby events in town as well as the **HKFC GFI Tens** held at the Club before we descended on the Sevens!

We also had our inaugural **HKFC Meco Invitational Squash** tournament which is a world ranking tournament which was held at the Club for the first time with **Omar Mossad** of Egypt (currently ranked 13th in the world) winning the tournament.

I am sure many of you will have had an opportunity to catch up with former Members, families and friends who were visiting Hong Kong during Rugby Week. There were also many old faces turning up to visit the Club and **Mark Pawley** and I saw a couple who came down to the Outdoor Lawn Bowls Green who said he used to bowl at the Club 35 years ago. He was wondering as to the absence of the lawn bowlers and we directed him quickly to the Indoor Green as such comfort was not known in his era!

Sadly we will also say farewell to **Mike** and **Nana Lamont** after 30 years in Hong Kong. Mike gave extensive service to the Club both for the General Committee (GC) and the Hockey Section during his time with his last position on GC being a Vice President. They will be missed and we look forward to welcoming them back to the Club in the near future.

At the time of writing, Easter holidays are almost upon us and I conclude by wishing everyone a Happy Easter!

See you at the Club!

FOOK AUN CHEW
Chairman



EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR
From left to right: Supervisor of the Year – Neil Kan
Leader of the Year – Henry Wong
Employee of the Year – Wong Yui Tong

ANNUAL STAFF PARTY





From the Desk of Mark Pawley

For the many of you that came down to the Club during Rugby Week you will likely have noted how busy we were. We had record revenues during the period of the Rugby Tens and Rugby Sevens with food covers served being in the region of nearly 15,500. I was taken with the number of complimentary comments that I received from Members and Guests as to how well the Club coped. A huge thank you therefore is in order to all our Staff members and Management for the hard work and effort put in during what has become our busiest week of the year.

And “big” congratulations too, are also in order to the three **Staff Employees of the Year** who are in the photo on the opposite page. These are prestigious awards (out of a full time staffing of some 265 plus employees) and each of the Staff members should be commended for their own personal efforts and achievements throughout the year.

Please also see some photos of a very well organised (by our Staff Party Organising Committee) and very enjoyable Annual Staff Party held at the beginning of March. As you can see from the photos, there was a fair bit going on along with a full Chinese Banquet Dinner menu. I understood too, from certain sources, that many Staff kept partying on into the “wee” hours of the morning at other venues after the Staff Party had finished – no names mentioned, of course.

On the food and beverage front please note the “**Palate Worthy and Wallet Friendly**” **Bordeaux Wine Dinner** in the Restaurant on **Friday 20th April** along with all our **Easter Celebration arrangements** which appear on page 6.

Lastly, and by no means least, from all of the Management and Staff of the Club have a very Happy Easter.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

MARK PAWLEY
General Manager

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CORRECTION: Please note that the Vancouver Club advertised in last month's edition of CLUB was in error, and we are not at this moment in time reciprocating with them.



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PALATE WORTHY

And

WALLET FRIENDLY

Bordeaux Wine Dinner

IN THE RESTAURANT

Friday : 20th April

7.30pm : Pre Dinner Drinks

8.00pm : An enjoyable 4 - Course
Dinner will be served

\$500 per Member

\$580 per Member's Guest

We have found some enjoyable and inexpensive wines from small producers in Bordeaux and Provence and we are pairing them with some comfort food.

Join us for a fun, relaxing evening with a good selection of wines and a tasty menu prepared by our new Executive Chef Lewis.

Menu

Reception: 7.30pm

Crémant de Bordeaux Chamvermail,
NV (Sparkling) – Bordeaux

Dinner: 8.00pm

Starter

Baked Warm Egg Custard with New South Wales Crab
Meat Timbale on a Bed of White Asparagus
Oscietra Caviar and Champagne Butter Sauce
Château Pourcieux, 2010 (Rosé) – Provence

Middle Course

Potato Gnocchi with Free Range Chicken
Light Forest Mushroom Cream
Château Melin, 2006 (Red) – Premières Côtes de Bordeaux

Main Course

Australian Kangaroo Shank Braised in Shiraz Cabernet Sauce
with Carbonara of Savoy Cabbage and Chickpea Purée
Château Rouquette, 2005 (Red) – Bordeaux Supérieur

Dessert

Freshly Baked Cinnamon Apple Pie
Topped with Swiss Vanilla Ice Cream
Château Nauton, 2007 (White) - Sauternes

Coffee or Tea
Petits Fours

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

Last day for cancellation: Thursday 12th April 2012

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

RESTAURANT

BABY LAMB

in the Restaurant
every evening for dinner (except Sunday)
from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

The main attraction this month is the lamb from the Pyrenées (France), a little known region half way between Bordeaux and Spain.

The lamb from this region has a unique and subtle flavour without the gaminess so often associated with this meat. The lambs are purely milk-fed and kept indoors with little activity, so the meat is light, tender and mild.

Executive Chef Lewis offers a selection of various cuts for your delectation. To round off the experience, indulge in our selection of Fine Wines.

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



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SUNDAY BRUNCH WITH LIVE JAZZ

in the Restaurant
and Chairman's Bar
from 11am to 2.30pm



Sunday Brunch continues in April with a themed musical performance to set the mood. A Jazz duo will get your feet tapping while you enjoy your brunch.

\$245 per Adult (with unlimited flow of sparkling wine)
\$138 per Child (with soft drinks and chilled juice)

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

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



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JEWELS OF THE SEA: SUNDAY NIGHT SEAFOOD BUFFET

in the Restaurant
every Sunday evening from 6.30pm to 9.30pm
throughout the month of April

For those who truly appreciate the ocean's treasures, visit the Restaurant on Sunday nights to feast on an extensive selection of fresh seafood.

Seafood lovers you are in for a treat.....

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 \$55 per person.

Easter Celebrations

COFFEE SHOP

Friday 6th April

Lunch : Lunch Buffet

Price : \$148 per adult, \$75 per child

Dinner: International Buffet, with Spit Roast Lamb

Price : \$248 per adult, \$135 per child

Saturday 7th April

Lunch : Lunch Buffet

Price : \$148 per adult, \$75 per child

Dinner: International Buffet, with Spit Roast Lamb

Price : \$248 per adult, \$135 per child

Sunday 8th April

Lunch : Lunch Buffet

Price : \$148 per adult, \$75 per child

Dinner: Surf and Turf Buffet

Price : \$248 per adult, \$135 per child

Monday 9th April

Lunch : Lunch Buffet

Price : \$148 per adult, \$75 per child

Dinner: International Dinner Buffet

Price : \$158 per adult, \$75 per child

RESTAURANT

Friday 6th April

Lunch : Deluxe "Veuve Clicquot" Champagne semi-buffet Brunch

Price : \$438 (with free-flowing Champagne and selected wines)
\$338 (with free-flowing soft drinks and chilled juice)

Dinner: The Best of Land and Sea Set Dinner 4-Course Set Dinner inclusive of a Salad Buffet, Seafood Platter and a choice of Main Course, dessert

A La Carte menu available for Dinner only

Saturday 7th April

Lunch : Closed

Dinner: The Best of Land and Sea Night 4-Course Set Dinner inclusive of a Salad Buffet, Seafood Platter and a choice of Main Course, dessert

A La Carte menu available for Dinner only

Sunday 8th April

Lunch : Easter Family Brunch with Live Jazz

Price : \$308 per adult, \$158 per child

Dinner: Treasures of the Sea Buffet

Price : \$288 per adult, \$138 per child

Monday 9th April

Lunch : Closed

Dinner: The Best of Land and Sea Night 4-Course Set Dinner inclusive of a Salad Buffet, Seafood Platter and a choice of Main Course

A La Carte menu available for Dinner only

For more details please contact the Coffee Shop at **2830 9569** or
the Restaurant at **2830 9562**

COFFEE SHOP

SAWADEE.... CULINARY TOUR OF THAILAND

in the Coffee Shop
Friday and Saturday from 6.30pm to 9.30pm
throughout the month of April

Come to the Coffee Shop on Friday and Saturday and savour the mouth-watering flavours of authentic Thai cuisine.

The dinner buffet will start from 6.30pm to 9.30pm, with a special corner featuring a variety of Thai specialties, including Green Papaya Salad, Tom Yam Kung Soup, Green Curry with Chicken, Fried Crab in Curry, Thai BBQ and much more...

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



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AFTERNOON WAFFLES

in the Coffee Shop
from 3pm to 5.30pm
throughout the month of April

Freshly baked vanilla waffles prepared in various ways will be available only between 3.00pm to 5.30pm.

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



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SPORTSMAN'S BAR

ON THE SCREEN

With rugby, after the 6 Nations, the emphasis switches to the **Super 15's**, **Aviva Premiership**, the **Magners League**, **Amlin Challenge Cup** and the **Heineken Cup** with live games continuing on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons/evenings.

In soccer, English Premier League action heats up as the season draws to a close with some great games to watch out for on the Big Screen.

F1 races this month are as follows:
Chinese Grand Prix, Shanghai,
13th - 15th April
Bahrain Grand Prix, Sakhir,
20th - 22nd April

In tennis, **ATP Monte-Carlo Tennis Rolex master** will be played from **16th to 22nd April**.

In golf, the **Masters at Augusta National Golf Club** is from **5th to 8th April**.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE:

This month, the Sportsman's Bar will showcase a variety of **curries**. On Fridays and Saturdays, **Shawarma** will be served. This Middle Eastern specialty, is a pita bread filled with shaved beef or chicken (or mixed), pickled beets, garlic sauce, lettuce, and tomatoes.



BROTTE

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

A good time is synonymous with the 'French Rhône Valley'

Exclusive Ladies Only "Rhône" Wine Dinner

Forget the men for a while. Join us for a **Ladies Only** fun, relaxing and pampering evening with awesome cuisine and amazing wines.

A not-to-be-missed wine dinner hosted by Ms. Hilde Loulier, the Manager of Maison Brotte to savour fabulous Rhône Valley wines - from the sublime Condrieu to sensational Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Hilde will unveil a fascinating insider view of wine appreciation and share with you her ideas about food and wine pairing.

Maison Brotte is a family-owned winery founded in 1931 at Châteauneuf-du-Pape by Charles Brotte, pioneer of Rhône Valley wines.



In the Restaurant Private Room

Thursday: 12th April

7:30pm: Pre Dinner Drink

**8:00pm: An enjoyable 5 - Course
Dinner will be served**

\$498 per Member

\$550 per Member's Guest

40 Seats available only

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

Last day for cancellation: Tuesday 3rd April 2012

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

Menu

Cocktail: 7.30pm

Brotte Tavel Les Eglantiers Rosé 2010

2 varieties of amuse bouche

Dinner: 8.00pm

Baked Lemon Sole Fillet in Gruyère Crust, Wilted Romaine

Sparkling Pinot Noir Sauce

Domaine Brotte Condrieu Domaine du Versant Dore Blanc 2009 (White)



Seared French Duck Breast, Sautéed Eggplant and Duck Liver

Red Port Jelly, Balsamic Reduction

Père Anselme Châteauneuf-du-Pape "La Fiole du Pape (Red) - Mutli Vintages

Gigondas Vieilles Vignes Rouge 2007



Australian Wagyu Beef Cheeks "Pot-au-feu" Style

Root Vegetables and Celeriac Mash

Brotte Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine Barville Optimum 2009 (Red)

Domaine Barville Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes 2001 (Red)



Bitter Chocolate Parfait with Lemon-meringue and Caramel Ice Cream

Brotte Muscat de Beaumes de Venise "La Doucejoie" 2009 (Sweet)

Coffee or Tea

Petits Fours



HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB



CHAIRMAN'S BAR

OYSTERS IN THE EVENING

in the Chairman's Bar

every day from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

- Get two jet-fresh oysters and a glass of Sparkling for just \$98
- or 6 oysters and 2 glasses of Sparkling for \$150
- or 12 oysters and 2 glasses of Sparkling for \$250



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"WINE-DERFUL" WINE CAROUSEL

in the Chairman's Bar

every day from 6pm to 10pm

From 6pm until 10pm daily, you can enjoy 2 hours of free-flowing wines specially selected to match the season at a set price of **\$140 per person**.

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

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



APRIL is the month of DIAMONDS

SPARKLING EVENING

Venue : Chairman's Bar

Date : Thursday 19th April 2012

Time : 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Charge: \$120 per Member • \$150 per Guest

(A glass of bubbly and nibbles will be served during the workshop)

For booking please call the Chairman's Bar at 2830 9559

***Limited Seats available**



Join us at the Chairman's Bar for an evening of diamond tutorials brought to you by **Haywards of Hong Kong and the International Gemological Institute (IGI)**.

Find out all you ever wanted or will ever need to know about jewellery and precious stones during our informal evening whilst enjoying a glass of bubbly. There will be a jewellery cleaning demonstration; each guest can have up to two pieces of jewellery professionally cleaned during the evening.

GENERAL PROMOTIONS

Food and Wine Sales Counter

Friday 13th April to Sunday 29th April
at the Ground Floor Lobby

- A selection of food ready for takeaway
- A wide variety of wines available: Everyday drinking wines, Party wines and Fine wines
- We have something for every wine enthusiast.

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday from 12.30pm to 9pm
Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday from
11.00am to 9pm

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Have you noticed how your grocery bill increase week after week from your favourite supermarket? What can you do about it?

Easy! At the Hong Kong Football Club you can now purchase top-notch quality produce at extremely reasonable prices. From cold cuts, chilled meats, seafood to kids' specials, the Club has everything a domestic epicurean craves.

So order now from our monthly selections of quality gourmet fare.

We believe, with us, you can go gourmet everyday!!

To place an order, either pick up an order form at the Reception or download the form on our website at www.hkfc.com.hk

LET'S DO LUNCH AT THE CLUB

The Restaurant

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm
Set Lunch with Starter Buffet
2 Courses: \$158
3 Courses: \$178

The Coffee Shop

Monday to Thursday
from Noon to 2.30pm
Light Lunch Buffet
\$128 (Adult)
\$70 (Child)

Friday to Sunday
from Noon to 2.30pm
International Lunch Buffet
\$148 (Adult)
\$75 (Child)

The Chairman's Bar

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm
Express Set Lunch
4 Courses: \$103

Super Value for Money

"Take-away Wine"

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

Offer valid until 30th April 2012

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)

CATERING SERVICE

The Club has a professional Catering Service team for Members offering a wide variety of value-added packages to suit your needs and occasions.

For enquiries and bookings call the Catering Office on 2830 9513 or email to catering@hkfc.com

CALIFORNIAN *Wine Dinner*

In the Restaurant

Friday: 4th May 2012

7.30pm: Pre-Dinner Drinks

8.00pm: A delightful 4 Course Dinner
will be served

\$500 per Member,

\$580 per Member's Guest

(40 seats available only)



WELCOME DRINK
Grosvenor Blanc de Blanc



STARTER

Sliced Australian Abalone with Beetroot and
Ardennes Potato Mille-Feuille
Orange Segments and Micro Mixed Herbs

Frog's Leap Chardonnay, 2007
90/100 Wine Enthusiast

Pan Seared Quail Breast, With "Lyon" Style Salad
and Smoked Bacon Poached Quail Egg
on Crouton, Natural Pan Jus

Frog's Leap Merlot, 2006
Number 2 Annual Restaurant Poll

Savoury Roasted Baby Spring Lamb, Peas
and Garlic Purée Rösti Potatoes,
Red Onion and Rosemary Sauce

Frog's Leap Rutherford, 2005
Decanter

Artisan Cheese with Dried Fruits, Raspberry
and Herbs Jam

Frog's Leap Zinfandel, 2006
93/100 Wine & Spirits Magazine



Coffee or Tea
Petits Fours



FROG'S LEAP NAPA VALLEY

We are happy to be able to host a special
Californian dinner with:

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Frog's Leap was founded by the Williams Family
in 1981 on a spot along Mill Creek known as the
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In 1994 Frog's Leap found its permanent home
amongst 40 acres of Merlot on the east side of the
Rutherford appellation at the historic Red Barn.

The prevailing style of Napa cabernet today
emphasizes power, weight and extravagance,
but Frog's Leap is one of a small but significant
number of cabernet producers that form a kind of
alternate Napa universe. They are making wines of
balance and restraint that are a direct link to Napa's
past, when wines like the Inglenook forged the
region's reputation as a source of great cabernet
sauvignon wines.

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

Last day for cancellation: Wednesday 26th April 2012

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

Section Captain's Report



Charlie Poulton,
Hockey Section
Chairman

Dear Players,

Attention all! Before you read any more, have you signed up for the End of 50th Season Ball on Friday 25th of May? You will be delighted to know that as with the very successful start of 50th Season Pool Party, we will also be subsidising this event so that **Russell, Cristina** and the team can put on a superb celebration of our

landmark season. You will have received emails from your captain and the Section, and will have hopefully read the reminders via the website. So all there is left to do is sign up: it promises to be a superb event!

Speaking of excellent events, on Friday 2nd March, 50 people celebrated **Mike 'Leaper' Lamont's** retirement from these shores to sunny Scotland, by playing a testimonial hockey match. Section members and the wider hockey community joined the celebrations that continued off the pitch. With great conversation and an assortment of the Club's curries, beer and wine, it was a fitting way to show our appreciation and thanks for the huge amount of time and effort he has given to our Section and the Club since 1979.

Touring, captaining, chairing, convening and playing at least As through to Ds, he also helped ensure the installing of the first Astro Turf, all just within hockey - his Club charge sheet is even more extensive! He is of course also the instigator of the annual Mike Lamont Brinkmanship award and to mark his departure, he leaves us with a second trophy, of particularly intricate design (see image), presented at the Golden Oldies Hockey tournament hosted at HKFC in 1993 - let's try not to lose this one!



Mike Lamont donated this "Golden Oldie Trophy" to the section at his testimonial farewell party.

I am happy to say that much in line with the spirit of Mike's time in our Section, we continue to tour! Our next venture will be to Bangkok where a full men's team will attempt to excel (or simply survive) on a tropical grass hockey pitch, having consumed too

much beer and not had enough sleep, whilst having lots of fun! Everyone should experience a tour; it is undoubtedly the best way to get to know your fellow Section members. Malaysia and Vietnam are the next Asian options so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need any more details!

Sticking to the same theme, you will also read about our Youth Hockey's hugely successful Tour to Singapore. **Neil Galloway** and **Rob Barker** continue to lead the Mini and Youth section from strength to strength. Be it this recent tour, the weekly training sessions or the many tournaments, people are full of praise for their programme, which is ably supported by **Simon Chapman** and a number of volunteer Section members. I often hear people say how delighted they are to be part of such an enjoyable scene.

Over Easter we have our annual **HKFC Hockey 6s** tournament; a superb time to be at the Club, as it's all about hockey with the place to ourselves! This year will be no exception, as **Owen Hughes** and the 6s committee have once again put together a team of top international talent and a cracking festival for local and touring teams to play. If you're not playing, why not join the party by helping us to extend the hospitality of our Section, our Club and our City to our visitors from home and abroad. It's always much appreciated!

And back to the pitch the final chapters of the season's story are being pieced together as Cups competitions play out and leagues are won or lost! Whatever your team's situation, let's all come together on **Friday 25th May** to celebrate the end of our 50th season! See you there!

50th Anniversary End of Season Ball

Black Tie

25th May Friday

7:30 Bubbles For 8pm Dinner

Live Band

Early Bird deal - \$650 if tickets bought by 1st May

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Men's Captains Report



Rob Wilkinson,
Men's Captain

As we approach the business end of the season I would like to take this opportunity to wish the best of luck to the A's who are currently sitting top of the Premier league. With only two matches remaining it is looking like we might win our first Premier League title for five years. Come on Club!

Ladies Captains Report



Joanna Fargus,
Ladies' Captain

Hello everyone!
As we approach the end of the 2011-2012 hockey season, it is time to reflect! We have had some fantastic results across the league, the highlight being the Ladies A's claiming the Premiership Title for the 5th time in a row - a fantastic achievement and a testament to the strength of the HKFC Hockey Section. Congratulations ladies!

Here are the remaining highlights from the ladies section:

- The B's fought all the way to the end and finished solidly in the Premiership division.
- After a shaky first half of the season, the C's fought back to finish 3rd in Division one while the D's capitalised on their early successes to finish 2nd - the cup showdown should make for some great hockey!
- As I write this, the E's have one game left. They have really come together in the 2nd half of the season and will finish mid table - a great result.
- On a similar note, the F's also have just one game left, against their league rivals! The result will make the difference between finishing 1st or 2nd in the league - come on Foxes!
- The 4th division are nearing the end of their season as well, however all signs are pointing towards a top 3 finish for the G's - a fantastic result ladies.

The knockout cup matches are well and truly underway, with both pride and some silverware to play for. It would be fantastic for HKFC to win the Cup, Plate, Bowl and Saucer - so good luck everyone!

Also, if you haven't already had enough hockey this season, make sure you sign up for the Easter 6s tournament, details can be found on the website.

Cheers and see you on the pitch!

By Jo Fargus

The Men's A Team Season Report

By Jenny Taylor, the A's No.1 fan

Like a tale from the annals of ancient civilisation, this season the legends of the Men's A team have performed Herculean tasks in their quest for that elusive Premiership title. Having marched steadily to the top of the table, only two games stand in the way of glory. It seems these Spartan warriors already have one hand tentatively on the trophy; hopefully the other is not rummaging in Pandora's box! Behind the myths, fables and venerated Vestals, much of this success and team spirit has been forged off the battlefield. But mindful of Sophocles, your correspondent will only look to impart the good news and conceal the truth.

Led by their stoic captain, **Hughesy**, the A's season started with a sailing adventure worthy of the Argonauts and a civilised league opener against the newly promoted B team. The A's continued on a winning

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HOCKEY

odyssey thanks to **Vincent** guarding the goal like the Sphinx of Thebes and some new blood joining the legion. Akin to Romulus and Remus, the youthful **Gab** and **Silas**, have grown with every game thanks to suckling at the experienced teets of **Glover** and **Amo**, and look like firm foundations for future victory. **Jo-Jo** also joined the wolf pack, dragging the team into contention, especially at the Christmas social. But with early success, perhaps Hubris also joined the ranks and Nemesis swiftly followed. Defeat to Khalsa, KCC and only a nervy win over Bullets saw the A's slide to third and to compound their misery, **Tom Moore** was lost to a right wrist injury. On the upside, he coincidentally acquired a girlfriend during his convalescence.

To stop the rot, the A's steered the only sensible course and put in a bacchanalian performance at the Section BBQ and the Rugby World Cup beer-fest. With a pink-slip, defensive stalwart **Watty** led a ferocious game of 'popping pirate' that left many closely admiring the Club's topiary. The return of **Jonty** from fatherhood; **Rusty** from 'international duty' (another holiday) and **Piechart** from Pheidippidean pursuits, saw the A's avenge last season's defeat in the Holland Cup final, by smashing Pak A in this season's quarters.

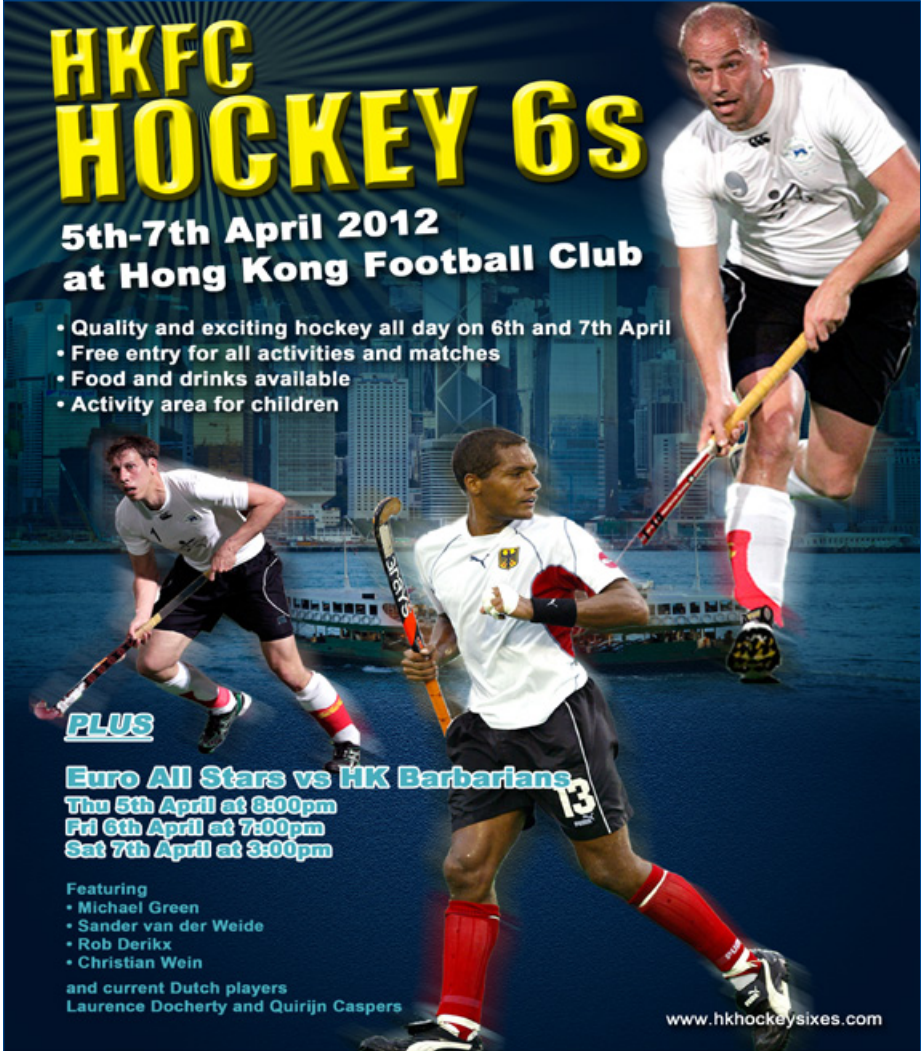
The usually genial Dutchies, **Steve Zwaan** and **Alex Van der Gofekurselfz** were less than Platonic with our highly respected umpires and found themselves pondering the Socratic method in the sin bin, leaving **Jules** to keep up international relations with his Antipodean charm. Like a modern day Perseus, **Gower's** fleetness of foot and talent for slaying gorgons saw him move from defence to attack, where he's proved lethal, except from half a yard. But **F. Yan** has been on hand to feed, many a pass to his fellow forwards, and remarkably score an open-stick goal while **Toddy** has kept the cosmos in balance by chiseling some vital reverse efforts.

Come the crucial top of the table clash against Khalsa in February, the A's put in a performance worthy of Thucydides. Club rolled out a cunning Trojan horse by

providing Khalsa the chances to go 3 nil up in the first five minutes, before slicing through the Gordian knot of Khalsa's defence and never relinquishing the lead. The following celebration over a nice game of poker, left poor **Alex** being bathed and put to bed by his better half and **Jules** as contrite in victory, as only an Australian can be.

At the time of printing, only Pak A (1700 on 11th March at King's Park) and Shaheen (1630 on 18th March at HKFC) and a Holland Cup Semi and Final, stand in the way of the A's rediscovering their Midas touch. The team would welcome your support and send their sincere thanks to the loyal supporters who have stuck with them throughout the season. When twinned with the patience of wives and girlfriends, it has made all the difference. It therefore seems only fitting to end with the words of Epicurus: "You don't develop courage by being happy in your relationships every day. You develop it by surviving difficult times and challenging adversity."

Nunc est bibendum.



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Main Tournament – all day Friday 6th and Saturday 7th April. Finals will be approximately 4-7pm on the Saturday.

International Series – Euro All Stars v Hong Kong Barbarians

Match 1 – Thursday 5th April @ 8:00pm

Match 2 – Friday 6th April @ 7:00pm

Match 3 – Saturday 7th April @ 3:00pm

The HKFC Hockey 6's kicks off its third edition over the Easter weekend, with a few days of quality hockey, fun and camaraderie amongst the hockey community from Hong Kong and beyond.

The tournament this year welcomes back a number of teams who have been with us over the last few years, in particular the ever popular suppliers of Swiss chocolate, the Flying Hoppers from Switzerland and our cousins from Beijing Hockey Club. In addition, we are excited to have players from ISCI in Jakarta returning after a long absence and also the ladies from Sydney who are coming for the first time. As always, it plans to be an exciting and social event, with the 6-a-side format delivering fast action and spectacular goals.

In a continuation of the enthralling international exhibition match that was held during the Tournament for the Club's 125th Anniversary last year, there will be an International Series played throughout the weekend. Some of Europe's best players of recent years will be combining to take on the best Hong Kong has to offer in a 3 match series.

Players include Michael Green, FIH Player of the Year in 2002 and winner of 320 international caps for Germany and fellow German star, Christian Wein. Sander van der Weide returns following last year's match and is joined by his Dutch compatriot Rob Derikx. Significantly, we have two current Dutch players joining the team – Laurence Docherty and Quijijn Caspers, who are taking a brief, break in training for the Olympics to come to the 6's.

The players will also be conducting a number of coaching clinics for the HKFC Youth section and other young players in Hong Kong whilst they are here.

Children's activities will be on offer on the Triangle and entry to watch the tournament and the international series is free, so there are no excuses not to come down and enjoy the festivities!

Mini Hockey

By Neil Galloway

Learning from our experience of last year's inaugural tour, we were well prepared this time round with a considerably bigger squad (33) of U14 and U12 players. With a few curveballs on the lead up; one of the two tournament pitches was potentially unplayable;

Chappie discovered his passport didn't have any validity left and the tour shirts hadn't arrived (a huge thanks to **Rachel** from Kukri who cabbed them to the check-in at the airport just in time to make the flight!)

Fortunately everything improved on arrival in Singapore, our full squad and coaches had landed - thanks to **Shep, Justin Davidson, James Woodrow** and **Rob Barker**.

Our HKFC U12s entered two teams into this year's event, with the A team successfully defending the inaugural tournament title they won in 2011. In the final, the U12A team put on a master class display of fast-paced hockey, and with quick, accurate and strong passes, simply blew the opposition, Hollandse Dutch A team, away. The final score of 5-0 demonstrated this team's dominance in the tournament, where they successfully won all their group stage games!

Overall there was terrific team play by the U12 A team, with **Damien Tarala** and **Olly Bater** showing excellent skills up front, scoring and setting up goals for each other. **Michael Sheperdson, Orient Daly** and **Lam Cheuk Lok** did everything with good speed and determination, with **Harry Woodrow** looking very at ease in the middle of the park, distributing the ball up to the forwards. **Lotte Burton** and **Emma Davis** were the other strong halves, backed





up by **Alexandra Barker** who made some crucial tackles and her usual hard hits out of defence. **Gwenael Laot** and **Justin Mak** formed the confident backline that let in very few goals throughout the whole tournament. A well deserved result from a great performance!

The HKFC U12 B team battled valiantly in all their games, going down by only the odd goal in their group matches. They won their final playoff match against the Tanglin Tigers to finish 5th overall. **Jamie Evans** made some good tackles at the back as did **Chloe** and **William Shaw**. **Oscar McLean** and **Victoria Barker** showed great first touches up front as did **Toby Skinner**. **Thorwen Uiterwaal**, **Justin Lancelot**, **Emerie Sheridan**, **James Davidson** and **Yik Kei** were the engines in mid field, battling hard all game. James D and Lok as well as many other players also made a great contribution to the Tigers team who were short of players - Justin in goal did almost too good a job defending when against our own B team!!

HKFC players certainly did the most mileage, as the squad generously supported the Tigers who had arrived with just four players. Our teams got a lot of hockey over the weekend, and James Woodrow's coaching of this Tigers team, demonstrated what touring hockey is all about. Thank you James!

Our thanks are also due to **Ulli Neidemeyer**, and **Sheik Abdul Kader** of Asia Pacific Sports Management in Singapore for organising a tremendous Youth hockey

tournament. Our thoughts and best wishes are also sent to **Kader** and **Stewart Bamrah** for their continued recoveries from recent adversities. We also look forward to welcoming a mini hockey touring party from Singapore later this year as well as defending our U12s trophy again next year!

HKFC U14's entered one team again this year with a great effort by all our players. Winning three games and losing two, both by a single goal, in the pools they valiantly finished 3rd in the group - just one point from reaching the final! Having beaten one of the finalists in their pool matches, they look forward to challenging for a place in the final next year!

The mandatory goalie requirement threw **Shep** a real coaching challenge as we had no keepers in the squad. However, the team rallied together sharing the role. **Emily Ketchum** was a star in goal and thanks also to **Sasha Faure** and **Fiona Lancelotte** for taking a turn behind the pads. These three, along with **Megan Daly**, **Bianca Banks** and **Amy Hopkins** made sure we kept our goals against tally to one per game, helped by some solid defending.

In midfield, **Ines Castagnet**, **Raphael Cotillon**, **Sasha** and **James Shepherdson** all worked hard in the hot conditions keeping the ball moving around the pitch and creating the opportunities for the forwards.

Up front **Sebastian Ball**, **Simon Bond** and **Henry Luise** all contributed to the team play with Henry the top goal scorer after their six games. The final game saw the team avenge their pool

defeat by hosts UWC, and finish with the bronze medal - a just reward for a tiring but enjoyable day.

Having picked up three of the four winner trophies over the last two years, HKFC continues to challenge the best the Singaporean minis can throw at us.

After a lively hour at the hotel pool, we managed to clear the area of other guests hoping for a quiet swim, before heading off on a Night Safari for the evening.

With the Tournament behind us on the Saturday, UWC kindly made available their facilities on Sunday where we organised a tournament of our own, this time involving players, parents and coaches together with some of the players from local teams who had taken part in the tournament the day before. And if we thought the children had been competitive the day before, it was nothing compared with the parents. **Andrew Skinner**, who tweaked a hammy at the same event the year before, had clearly gone into serious training to avoid a repeat injury and seemed to be everywhere on the pitch. **Thomas Tarala** abandoned his cameras for once and was also in the thick of it alongside **Sarah Skinner**, who took on her husband in a couple of ferocious 50:50 balls.

After another couple of hours cooling down in the pool, the squad headed back to the airport for the return trip to Hong Kong. The major topic of discussion of the journey back was the appropriate fine for **Chappie...**

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Lawn Bowls News



The Beginners' Group



The Runners-up, KC Yeung, Helen Ormerod and coaches Flora Ni and Bernard Young



The winners, Kevin Lee, Carson Chow and Choi Shun

13th Beginners' Course

Our Men's captain, **Bernard Young**, organized the thirteenth Beginners' Course for Members in February. There were 11 participants. Through this course, Members could learn some basic techniques, green etiquette and how the game is played. It was very encouraging to see that the participants showed great interest in this new sport and most of them wished to join more courses to improve their skills in the future. Five of them joined the Lawn Bowls Section after the course had finished and we are looking forward to seeing them in the upcoming Summer Premier league. Bernard would like to thank the coaches **Flora Ni, Rita Tsui, Johnny Tsang, Thomas Tam** and **Raymond Au**, for their great help in running the course successfully.

A graduation tournament was held on Monday 27th February 2012. Three young gentlemen, **Choi Shun, Kevin Lee** and **Carson Chow** were the winners of the tournament. Many congratulations to them and best wishes for a bright future in lawn bowling.

The Club Ladies Singles Competition

Last month was the Men's Singles Competition. This month was the Ladies turn and they played on a day that was even colder (if it was possible!) than when the men played.

The final between **Emmie** and **Camilla** was keenly fought throughout. At one point Emmie edged a winning 21 point margin but Camilla clawed her way back into the game. The end could have gone either way but Emmie rallied and came through as the winner.

Congratulations to both on an excellent game and to Emmie for taking the trophy.



End of Mixed Fours Winter League

The League is over, the games played. It was a very interesting break from the usual winter Triples League and many enjoyed the friendly manner in which the games were played.

The Club teams all did really well. The finishing position for the teams were: B team 2nd, A team 3rd, C,D and E teams 4th, G team 5th, F team 7th

Congratulations to the B team on getting the runner up position in their league.

Congratulations also to **Dorothy Yu** who had figures for her games of played 9 won 9.

What Shot Would You Play?

Have a careful look at the photo of the game.

It is a rinks game, blue against black. The two skips have one shot each left to play.

If you were the blue skip and you were next to play what shot would you play?

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National Mixed Triples



Congratulations to Winnie, Camilla and Danny on winning the National Mixed Triples final.

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Perth	3,580* QF	27,980* QF
Phuket	2,390* HX	5,500* KA
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Antony Phillips,
Section Captain

Section Captain's Report

Well what can I say about this season.... there has been success all over the park. The **Bulls** went the whole of 2011 unbeaten, the **ICE Ladies** had a tough season with injury but by their own admissions it has allowed a fresh batch of Colts girls to come through and find their feet which will only stand us in good stead moving forward....the **Sequins** and **Select** had some epic battles throughout the season recording some excellent victories along the way... sometimes against each other....

The **Scorps** won the league and Grand Champs double going 17 games unbeaten....the **Draggs** won the Grand Final, beating Causeway Bay 1st XV 47-10 in the final and then **Club** came through the league debacle that has been discussed to death and win the Grand Final against none other than Kowloon in a display of true style and flowing rugby. But more about those three games later....

The season is not over for some teams...by the time you have read this the Contemptibles, Scorps and Club sides will be heading to play in the annual Manila invitational 10's tournament and also The CLUB side will be looking to retain their 2010 Bowl title in our very own GFI Hong Kong 10's.

The Vandal's will be heading to the land of Gengis Khan.....Mongolia!!!

As well as the usual Charity work, coaching some underprivileged Children and a game against a Mongolian Select XV....there will be Wrestling, Falconry, Archery and other such nonsense and if that was not enough.....to add to the adventure the squad will be in town to attend Drags legend...**Mr. Florentin Severin's** wedding!!!!

Speaking of weddings it seems it has been the season for the senior sides at HKFC.....Congratulations to **Ian** and **Jo Ridgeway** on their marriage...by the time this magazine comes out...The Prince of UWE **Tom Bolland** will be joined in matrimony with **Sarah Green**....as long as the rowdy crew that are making the trip to Scotland on Easter weekend don't ruin it with too much straight arm drinking.!!! **Hugh Baggie** and **Debbie Fan** follow pretty closely on Easter Monday in Taiwan....**Daithi O'Connell** and **Niamh Kearney**, **Dan Watson** and **Vanessa Sweeney** have also got engaged and will be making

the jump this summer in Ireland and England respectively.....As will I with **Ulrica Andersson** saying yes to a cheeky little wedding in Stockholm!!

Anyway...back to Rugby...injured Drags flanker **Patrick O'Conner**, fulfilled an amazing role after an ankle injury ruled him out of the championship run in...he wrote some excellent match reports for the Club and Drags Finals and they are here for you all to re-live, but we start with the match report of the Scorps Grand Final victory written by coach **Jonathan Moore**...

Community League 1 Grand Final

**Newedge Scorpions (20) vs
Valley Mustangs (17)
Saturday 3rd March 2012,
King's Park**

Tries: Hamp (2), Keogh Conversions : Dave Beckett (1) Penalties : Dave Beckett (1)

SCORPIONS EDGE FINAL THRILLER

A dominant season for Scorpions came down to this one sudden death game with Valley to cap what has been a very successful season, unbeaten over 15 games.

Valley brought a much stronger side to the Final, comprised of former Hong Kong players, first grade players and some current Premiership squad players which presented a formidable challenge to the Scorpions squad. Adding to the pressure for Scorpions was that a number of injuries had resulted in new players being introduced for the Final itself, notably at full back where **Tim Robinson** had stepped in at the last minute.

Scorpions started the game poorly, the first three lineouts turned over resulting in Valley getting the first score after a series of attacks resulted on the Valley full back scoring out wide, which was unconverted 0-5 to Valley. Scorpions continued to struggle in the forwards where the experienced Valley players were getting the upper hand, putting the Scorpions



Photo courtesy of Edmund So

Scorpions celebrate their win in the Grand Finals against the Valley Mustangs

backs under pressure to defend against a very potent Valley backline. Defensively Scorpions were strong, and all the backline of **Beckett, Nieto, Christopher, Bowering** and **Belcher** combined well to thwart the Valley attacks.

As the first half progressed Scorpions' set piece game was starting to come together and after a series of driving mauls, dominated by the tight five of **Hamp, Thomson, McCoppin, Hayes** and **Morrison** a text book try was scored by Man of the Match **Gary Hamp**, unconverted 5-5. As the half ended, the Valley centre took out the Scorpions' #13 **Paul Christopher** late and cynically, which resulted in a yellow card. The half ended at 5-5 with the game poised very equally.

Scorpions turned around, invigorated by some fresh legs in the forwards, **Atkinson** and **Ryan** particularly, and Scorpions started to get their rucking game going and were starting to make an impression on the Valley side. As some of their forwards got tired, Scorpions were starting to take advantage and from a series of strong drives, **Gary Hamp** went over from close range after some strong forward momentum. 10-5 to Scorpions.

Frustrated, Scorpions again took the pressure off and let Valley back into the game. Constantly a threat out wide try saving tackles were put in by **Tim Robinson** off the Valley winger, **Sam Bowering** off the full back, and the back row trio of **Scott, O'Droma** and **Buxton** were covering every inch of the park as Valley moved the ball wide to get the equalising score. In the end the pressure told, quick recycled ball from Valley gave them an overlap and their centre straightened well to earn the equalising score which was converted to make the scores 10-12. Further pressure was added when the Scorpions open side was sin-binned for a trip leading to Scorpions conceding a further score to make the score 10-17 with barely 10 minutes remaining.

The game was at a crucial period where the side scoring next would be in the ascendant. Scorpions pressure told as Valley conceded a penalty and the reliable **Beckett** put over the points 13-17. Sin bins completed gave Scorpions a full compliment and went on the attack, pressure from the excellent **Keogh** at

scrum half charged down a clearing kick which gave him the chance to score, which was taken with the conversion putting Scorpions 20-17 ahead with minutes remaining.

Fresh legs were introduced at scrum half as **Grewcock** kept up the pressure effectively from the base, urging the forwards on. What followed were 2 decisive incidents, Scorpions 13 was sin binned for a late charge on his opposite number, a forward was immediately replaced to allow **Cian Reddan** to come on in the centre to give a full defensive line. The ensuing penalty from Valley was the last play deep in Scorpions half, which was being run hard at the Scorpions stretched defence, what looked like a certain score was expertly intercepted by Cian Reddan, showing extraordinary reactions, which reversed the attack allowing him to clear our lines and the game ended in victory for Scorpions.

This was a thoroughly well deserved victory, following on from an exemplary league campaign, demonstrating real commitment and the tenacity to overcome what was a very experienced and hard Valley side, intent on winning this game.

Roll on next Season! *By Jonathan Moore*

Premiership A Championship Final Newedge Dragons (47) vs SCAA CWB Sharks (10) Saturday 3rd March 2012, King's Park

Tries: Tatts, McDermott, Hone, Rousey, Gibson, Borle, Gallagher
Conversions: Paddy Mac, Larry (2)
Penalties: Paddy Mac (2)

Dragons finished a stop-start season with an emphatic Grand Championships victory over SCAA Causeway Sharks, scoring 47 points in a game that showed the skills and strength of the

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team that was able to train together and unencumbered by injury during the week. The Drags, through their dynamic fullback-cum-flanker **Peter Tattersall**, showed how they were going to play the match from the start by kicking out from his own goal line and chasing the ball down to tackle the big Causeway Bay #8.

The Dragon's scrum was solid throughout the match and provided a good platform for the strong and experienced (very experienced once you count **Rousey**) backline to bend and break the Causeway Bay defence almost at will. **Borle** was powerful in the front row but was also able to make a steal at the breakdown that lead to the first try. **Tatts** was in the right place at the right time to follow up a dancing **Hugh Baggie** and score before 5 minutes had elapsed. Likely that we will never hear the end of that.

Paddy Mac just missed the conversion but after **Phillips** took a clean ball at the kick-off, Drags were back for more points. The CWB #8 was their go-to ball runner but the hard tackles of Brassy and Hone shut him down and kept CWB trying to clear the ball to a back 3 in the Dragon's team who were ready and able to run and also had their kicking game ready. The forwards helped by having a solid lineout all game, even stealing one to set up the next try. **Tatts**, going for most mentioned in the write up, entered the line again passed out of the tackle with the ball moving wide for **McDermott** to go over about 5 metres from touch for a try.

Unfortunately, **Paddy Mac** missed the conversion from out wide but it is not long before he is giving runners good ball and setting up another attack on the CWB line. This is where the nights of practicing structure show their effect as the backs and forwards combine over several phases to make space for Hone to finish for another try.

The Dragon's defensive patterns, practiced all year under our dedicated coaches, were also demonstrated throughout the match – CWB kept trying until the bitter end but couldn't match the skills and determination of a fully fit Dragon's side. Nothing demonstrated that better than the hits by **Hone** and

Rousey to drive their opposing centres backwards or the way **Paddy Mac** tackled the CWB #8 charging down the blind side from a ruck. The defensive pressure on the CWB #10 was clearly affecting his game, especially when **Chocolate Thunder (Borle)** is bearing down on him. Unfortunately, CWB were able to escape the attention of all the Drags defenders when they slipped in for a soft try from the back of a lineout just before half time with the score.

The fear in the CWB #10 was evident after half time when he attempted a very dodgy and far-out drop goal after seeing Borle charging directly at him. With some messy phase play leading to a penalty in front, **Paddy Mac** is able to slot a goal. Penalties were not a feature of the game but Dragon's did have to play with Flo off the pitch for a pretty high tackle on a wee man when not back ten but even this one man advantage was enough to halt the scoring. **McDermott's** lack of play acting meant a possible evening yellow card resulted in just a penalty that, following a lineout and another penalty, **Paddy Mac** slots. The resulting restart created maybe the moment of the match where **Chubbysy** took the quick tap from a short arm penalty, bursting away before giving a fantastic offload to **Rousey** who finished the try unmolested under the posts. **Paddy Mac** made the conversion and the Drags looked, and were, unbeatable.

Playing together and with structure – especially supporting the running player, Drags put on ten points with a man (albeit a Frenchman) in the bin. This support is shown again when CWB try to clear from their own 22 and it is charged down by Predee and, by following up with aggression, finished as a try by **Fraser F Gibson**. The wide conversion was missed but the score was 33-5 with plenty of time for more.

To get everyone a run, the changes are rung but the number of changes leaves the scrum one man down as **Brassy** and **Karl** work out who is on. CWB took advantage of the confusion and played it through a decent 4 phases to score down a blind side. With the conversion missed and about 6 minutes to go **Brassy** showed how a great team finishes a



Newedge Dragons with their winning trophy.

(Team consists of FFG, Chubbisie, Chocolate Thunder, Ant, Flo, Marcus, Brassy, Struik, Paddy Mac, Baggie, Jai, Gary Rouse, Hone, McDermott, Tatts/Swanny. Replacements: Gallagher, Karl, Jez, Predee, Blackwell, Larry and Tommy Freeman)

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Newedge Club celebrate their win against the Altus Kowloon 25-6.

great win by capturing the ball off a Drags kick off. **Borle** finished the good work with a good try, converted by **Larry** and with about 3 minutes to go Drags are up by 40-10. But Drags were not finished yet! In a race of the reserves, **Tommy Blackwell** chips the ball over, well weighted into the try zone and is beaten to the touchdown by **Gallagher**. TRY. The try is converted and Drags are up by 47-10 where the score will remain.

Drags with the Premier A Grand Championship by 47-10.

Premiership Grand Championships Newedge Club (25) vs Altus Kowloon (6) Saturday 3rd March 2012, King's Park

Tries: McGaw, Hunt, Raby Conversions: Glancy, Raby Penalties: Glancy (2)

The Club team and the Club supporters were able to feed off the momentum of the victories by both the Scorpions and the Dragons to take the field ready to finish their season as Grand Champions, maybe the Championship that counts most.

The referee put a dampener on the enthusiasm for

the most of the first half, keeping a very tight grip on open and set play. The first real opportunity for points is from a penalty for offside after **Hunty** completes one of many smashing tackles on a Kowloon ball runner but Club were deemed offside and Kowloon took the 3 points.

Club's scrum was able to dominate the Kowloon pack all day though the forwards were otherwise tightly matched around the park. Club's first points come from the destruction of the Kowloon scrum where Kowloon players were left sprawled and tangled. The ref awarded a penalty and **Glancy** evened the scores with a goal at 3 all.

Penalties and penalty goals continued to be the dominant factors in the early parts of the game with Kowloon able to move ahead again with a goal from a lineout penalty. The Club loose forwards and back 3 were made to work hard in cover and counter-attack to try and take advantage of some well placed and well chased kicks from Kowloon. The bullocking runs of **Tom Bolland** made good ground throughout the game, as did **Tom Hayman** but the multi-phase structure practiced through the season was not able to be effected as the ball was slowed down or blown up by the referee.

The strong Club scrum provided a good platform for the Club backs but Kowloon shut down their space and read the plays going to **Lloyd** quite easily. A lineout from a poor Kowloon restart afforded these backs the perfect space to execute a set play. Without being dominant like the scrum the Club lineout was strong and this was put to good use to set up for the ball to be shifted

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through the backs with **Bushcat** in the line feeding onto **McGaw** who was over in the corner for a try. **Glancy** converted and Club was in front by 10-6.

Kowloon was able to get the ball from the kick-off but **Hunty** was up very quickly to smash their #10 who coughed up the ball and maybe some of his critical organs after a crushing tackle. **Raby** had to deal with terrible bounces all game and a knock on just before half time saw the first 40 minutes finish with another destruction of the Kowloon scrum by **Nigel Hobler** in his final game in Club colours.

The second half started the way the first ended – with a scrum and another set-piece opportunity to attack for Club. **Lloyd** finally had the ball in space and showed great strength and awareness to keep moving through Kowloon defenders. **Hunty** was following the play out wide and with head down and those narrow shoulders smashing into Kowloon players he reached out for Club's second try. Unfortunately the conversion is wide and to the right but Club have made the right start and were in front by 15-6 soon after the break but the game was far from over.

Over many phases the Kowloon backs continued to apply pressure on the Club backs, almost beating them on the inside on one occasion but ultimately the ball would go to ground or be turned over by the hard working Club forwards. The Kowloon backs had definitely been softened up by some charging runs by **Watson** and **Wood** in the mid-field. The Club backs line-speed, composure and pressure on the Kowloon passing ultimately lead to a dropped ball that **Raby** toed through, finally getting a lucky bounce to pick up and score near the posts. The try is converted and Club was ahead by 25-6 with only minutes on the clock.

Kowloon threw everything including fists and boots at Club to try and break the line but structure and composure meant Club were able to maintain a record of not having a try scored against them in the finals series. With the referee blowing full time, Club defeat Kowloon by 25-6 to win the Premiership Grand Championship and complete a Triple Crown for Hong Kong Football Club with victories by Scorpions, Dragons and Club.

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Following the break and with the Kowloon scrum in disarray, their decision to take a scrum from a Club lineout that was deemed not straight was strange. Soon after, their #9 made a terrible pass from a pack that was running backwards for **Payno** to dive and collect for Club. The ensuing penalty for offside by Kowloon allowed **Glancy** to slot a nice penalty goal from in front and Club moved to 18-6.

The first yellow card of the game came soon after when a Kowloon player swung the Club ball runner judo-style over his leg. The Kowloon player received a ten minute rest and Club a penalty. Club drove it in the forwards from the lineout before Kowloon collapsed a maul that looked like it could have gone all the way. The offender from Kowloon is deemed to be worthy of a yellow card and Kowloon were 2 men down for about 5 minutes of the match. The Club pack had been well managed by the halves with **Ridgeway** and **Hobler** doing the hard work in the hammers and defence around the ruck and the loose forwards providing great support and shutting down Kowloon's runners.

The dominance of the scrum continued when, at a short arm penalty awarded to Kowloon they chose to scrum again. Their scrum is subsequently smashed and Club won that rare animal – the scrum against the feed. **Raby** put a sneaky kick through but **Jimmy** just couldn't get to it and a try went crying if not begging.

Newedge CLUB Team: Ridgeway, Bolland, Hobler, Watson, Woodward, Payn, Hunt, Hayman, McKee (P), Glancy, Raby, Jones, Phelps, McGaw, Richards. Replacements: Chubb, Hussey, Phillips, Rouse, Hood, McKee (M)

So there you go...three games to close off the season of our 125th year in spectacular fashion...Nobody can take away from us now that across the board HKFC is the strongest rugby club in Hong Kong...

For some of us it is time for the summer...pack up the boots and take to whatever it is that keeps us ticking in the off season...Boxing, Hiking....Drinking...?

For others the rugby just keeps on coming...The Hong Kong Squad will take part in the A5N in May and with 13 HKFC players named in the initial squad...there is sure to be some blue and white hooped representation during the tournament... so a big GOOD LUCK to...**Tom Bolland, Ian Ridgeway, Stephen 'Horse' Nolan, Dan Watson, Guy Payn, Rory Hussey, Mike Glancy, Jamie Hood, Peter McKee, Mike McKee, Adam Raby, Stewart McGaw** and **Lachlan Chubb**..... fingers crossed fellas !!!

See you all by the pool..... ■ **Antony**

Mini Rugby News



Mini Rugby played with passion on Kuala Lumpur tour

More than 350 players and family members joined the annual tour to the Bintang Rugby Club (BRC) International Junior Rugby 10s in Kuala Lumpur on February 18-19. “It was a tremendous weekend of fun and really great rugby,” said Hong Kong Football Club Mini Rugby Chairman Kevin Taylor. The young players were joined by All Black full back legend Christian Cullen who spoke at a Saturday night dinner and also provided guidance at the pitch. “I’d like to thank Steve Niven for his efforts organizing such an excellent tour which was thoroughly enjoyed by our young players and families,” said Mr Taylor.

U12

HKFC U12’s took a large touring party to the Bintan Rugby Tournament, and entered two teams. The Firsts, having won the U11 Cup in KL in 2011 and flushed with the success of a fourth Cup win of the season at the Valley tournament the weekend before, travelled in confident mood. A great deal of self belief has developed amongst the team this season and allied with balance and skill throughout the side the Firsts proceeded to add the U12 Cup to a bulging trophy cabinet, with an incredible haul of 113 points for and Nil against over the weekend.

Valley, Tanglin and a couple of Malaysian sides were beaten on day one, and the No.1 seeding in the draw for Sunday proved highly beneficial as the toughest opposition all landed in

the other side of the draw. The hosts Bintang were dispatched in the Quarter, and Anglo Chinese School beaten in the Semi, creating a repeat of last year’s Cup Final against Sai Kung, who had battled gamely through the tough side of the draw, knocking out Tanglin. SKS were however no match for HKFC in the final, the match ending 10pts – 0, courtesy of two fine team moves finished by the wingers; the first sending **Sam Lawson** in at the corner, the second sending **Calvin Harris** in at the other corner. All the forwards had a magnificent tournament, and **Vincent Creagh** was the pick of the backs.

For the Second team, Bowl winners last year, they played superbly in their pool, winning three tough matches and losing only to a strong Centaurs side. After battling to the Bowl Final it was again Centaurs, a casualty of the tough Cup

draw, who stood before them. HKFC2 lost an early couple of tries but fought hard and pulled one back, before finally succumbing. Outstanding performers over the weekend were **Conan Freeman, Ethan Sergeant** and **Jake Woods**, whose pace was effective both in scoring several and saving a couple of tries.

Overall another successful tour for HKFC U12’s with thanks to coaches, **Steve Niven, Merv Jacob** and **Bruce Ruffy** for their efforts over the weekend.

Russell Henderson

U11

The Hornets had a wonderful KL tournament, winning the Cup final emphatically and securing the major prize after finishing runners up the



previous year. From the early start on Saturday it was clear that the team were focused on success. They scored seven tries in 12 minutes against Singapore Rugby Club, and then followed up with a tight 12 to 0 victory over Royal Selangor Bulldogs (that match held in pouring rain). A walkover against Vultures was followed by an extremely hard fought match against Anglo Chinese School. The Hornets had to tackle a much bigger side and all the boys kept getting up and putting them down. It was this relentless defence that broke the spirit of the Anglo Chinese boys and allowed us to score two tries for a 14 to 0 victory. To Sunday and the Hornets were ranked the top team from the pool matches. Quarter final against the Anglo Chinese 2nds was a tough affair, defence again the key feature of the Hornets play. They prevailed two tries to 0. Semi final was against the host club, Bintang, who had knocked out Valley in the quarters. The Hornets were too strong, running in 4 tries and keeping their line intact. We expected the final to be a repeat of last year's match against Tanglin of Singapore but remarkably they were knocked out by their local rivals, Centaurs, neither side scoring points in the match leading to the result being decided by the toss of a coin. The pre match build up by the Hornets was something to behold. They took their own warm up and discussed their own game plan and focused themselves for the match. Their performance in the final was stunning, the Centaurs were exposed from the kick-off and by the half way mark, the Hornets had scored three tries to wrestle complete control of the match. It was a relentless, controlled and highly skilled performance by all the boys and was a delight to see. They thoroughly deserved the trophy, having scored 24 tries to 0 in seven matches (including walkover).

The team: Callum Beattie (Captain), Tom Angell, Justin McCarthy, Christian McAteer, Nicholas Teague, Archie Lawson, Louis Coggins, Nathan Sweeney, James Wright, Paul Verkade, Kei Sasaki and Cian McCann.

With a firm focus on the enjoyment and camaraderie of touring rugby the Vipers squad was packed with a barbarian invitation to all comers. The light hearted behaviour though was kept firmly off the field with the Vipers taking a tough and no nonsense approach to the tournament against some serious opposition.

The timing of the games went against the Vipers with perhaps the two easier games (which could easily have been wins) coming at a time when conditions of play were plagued by a wet and slippery ball (not something most squad members had much experience of) and therefore not suiting

the Vipers. Injuries played their part too.

But touring is not all about results and is not about excuses. The real success should be measured in life experience and there were some great experiences for all members of the squad to take away: the Vipers squad pulled together in some extremely tough games and displayed real grit and heart in their final game against Tanglin. As Jean-Pierre Rives says "The whole point of rugby is that it is, first and foremost, a state of mind, a spirit." I hope the Vipers remember that.

Euan Mcleod

U10

HKFC U10s took 27 players and two teams, the Crusaders and the Force to KL. Players from across our 4 regular squads were well represented and combined to form two teams with great spirit.

The rainy start to Saturday was no barrier for the Crusaders who won all three of their Saturday games in great style. In one game, after a swift rejig of the game plan to score rapidly (in order to move up the rankings) the Crusaders piled on 72 points in an amazing display of quick fire running rugby. Speedster **Garrett Stanhope** was a standout in this game. The player of the day was **Laurenco Souza** who covered positions in the forwards and backs with style. The three wins placed the Crusaders second in the overall rankings behind the top-ranked Tanglin team.

The Force were up against some excellent competition on Saturday and were unable to come away with a win. **Henry Fordham**, player of the day, was the engine room and heart of the team with a typical strong display of tough, up front rugby. **Harry Lee** was also a great standout on the day.

In a twist of irony on Sunday the Crusaders ended up in the side of the draw against two Valley teams. The first game saw the Crusaders beat a Valley team to progress to a semi final against, yes it's true, another Valley team. This was a very hard fought semi final that ended nil-nil at full time. At the very end of overtime Valley scored a runaway try. This left the Crusaders with a game against a well drilled Centaurs side which they beat in an exciting 2-1 result. Congratulations to the Crusaders for winning the Plate.

On Sunday the Force were up against better matched opposition. They won their first game and could have progressed to a final with a second win but were unable to so. The quality of their play was an improvement over Saturday as well. The courage and spirit of the Force kids was a credit to them all.

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Congratulations to the Crusaders and Force on a terrific weekend.

Michael Phillip

U9

The U9s won all the key HKFC age-group prizes on the KL tour. Most players (33), most teams (3), largest number of players in hotel pool simultaneously (33), highest number of tomato juice fines taken down in one, most convoluted tour rules (thanks **David Cheung**) and highest enjoyment factor per individual player and parent (100%).

Our rugby scores were pretty tasty too. Amazingly, all three of the teams made it through to the Cup tournament on the Saturday by coming second, fourth and eighth overall on day one out of their total field of 16. This was with a gravity-defying 10-2 win-loss record.

Our swashbuckling Pirates brought home the silverware on the Sunday by winning the much-coveted Bowl. The valiant Knights performed with great distinction, only conceding two tries all tournament – versus 20 scored – but had to settle for fourth place overall as both tries were scored in desperately close 7-5 defeats. And our Ninjas earned their nunchucks by battling their way to the Shield final in a series of proud performances that totally transcended their seeding.

All three of the teams performed with passion, verve and absolute commitment. Once again they were a credit to HKFC and Hong Kong with their unstinting sportsmanship and fair play. They made their Club, coaches – special thanks to on-field supremos **Mark Coggins, Jim Dubow** and **Marcus Lee** – and parents proud. In time-honoured tradition they may have left some things on tour. But they brought home memories that are certain to be treasured for a lifetime.

Tony Shale

U8

After a first mixed day of wins, draws and losses, the Bulls and Stormers went through to the finals on Sunday.



The Bulls drew 0-0 with SCC after four minutes of extra time (and then lost the final by coin toss) in their final. A huge defensive effort by the whole team. Very impressive.

The Stormers were defeated in their final, by Tanglin. At times we were playing with six players.

Special thanks to the players who played in both finals to make up numbers. It was hugely appreciated, especially in that heat, and with all the delays during the morning.

U8 coaches

U7

Eighteen matches, 10 of which were back to back, 180 minutes of rugby, two quarter finals, two semi finals, two finals, second overall, 41 tries scored - I could go on. Absolutely exhausted, our band of 10 six year olds fought and fought and fought, never giving up. From the

quarter finals on, they were down to eight men and a lady, when most teams had 12 or more and had played half the games. They finally succumbed to a well drilled Royal Selangor Club in the final of the Cup, but I have no doubts they would have won it if they'd only played the expected nine games. In a burst of early season enthusiasm, we had entered two teams into the tournament, so to fulfil our obligations we asked the guys to play for both teams and I could not be a prouder coach - awesome is the only word for it. The ten super stars were **Kate Howell; Stirling Keogh; Liam Young; Sam Nicolle; Tom Fabiani; Jake Goulter; Wilf Murphy; Will Fox-Smith; Josh Barnhurst** and **TJ Moser**, coached by International referee **Richard Barnhurst; David Howell; Andrew Fox-Smith; Paul Keogh; Matt Goulter; Marc Fabiani** and **Ron Moser**. ■

David Howell



Tanglin Jumbo Doubles

24th - 26th February *By Elliot Froidevaux*



Above (L to R):

James and Nick hard at work during their first match;

Tim and Kenny win the Classic Plate Final;

Dallas and Brian in the Final of the Veteran Competition;

George and William looking sharp in their HKFC Squash kit!



Elliot and Francois pictured with a Indonesian team in the 1st round



Matt and Keith cooling down after another long and tactical match!



William, George, Lita and Tim

The Tanglin Club in Singapore hosted the 13th Jumbo Doubles Squash Tournament on the weekend of the 24th to the 26th of February 2012. Since its beginnings, the tournament has gone from strength to strength, now fielding more than 80 entries from Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, Indonesia and Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Football Club was well represented with 8 competing teams. Those included **Phil Head** and **Glenn Hitch** as the No.4 seeds in the tournament, **Keith Frith** and **Matt Robinson** as the No.8 seeds, **Tim Fan** and **Kenny Foo**, **Dallas Reid** and **Brian McDougall**, **George Chan** and **William Fan**, **James Harley** and **Nick Stearns**, **Jon Pipe** and **Greg Christison**, and **Francois Dubois** and **Elliot Froidevaux**. With four teams completely new to Doubles Squash, let alone Jumbo Doubles, it was a very steep learning curve but well worth the experience!

For those of you who have not played Jumbo Doubles, here's what to expect.

The ball used is a double dot yellow and there are three walls and one glass back just like our singles squash courts at the Club. The big difference lies in the size of the Jumbo Doubles court. It is MUCH bigger. Actually, it's HUGE, in length, width and height! I'll spare you the court dimensions, but imagine this:

Walking on to the court for the first time, you feel as though you have just been shrunk to half your size, a mini-me version of yourself! The grandeur of the court becomes overwhelming and confusing as you hit your first drive that never makes it back past mid court!

Unlike Singles Squash requiring a player to possess a solid front and back game, Jumbo Doubles is more about splitting the tasks in two.

The player in the back must be able to drive consistently high, deep and tight, whilst the player in the front must be able to put away anything within his/her reach when the opportunity presents itself. It requires a great deal of patience (some rallies can reach well into 100+ shots), communication, and trust (especially for the guys in the front court).

Now to the business end of the tour! The HKFC brought back some silverware!

Tim and **Kenny** won the Classic Plate competition!

Dallas and **Brian** finished 1st Runners-up in the Veteran's competition!

Congratulations to both teams!

Other results include **Phil** and **Glenn** making it to the Quarters of the Cup, losing eventually to the overall tournament winners, RSA1 from Malaysia. **George** and **William** reached the Semis of the Veterans' Competition. **Keith** and **Matt** reached the 3rd round of the Cup.

Jon and **Greg**, and **Francois** and **Elliot**, lost in the first round of the Plate whilst **James** and **Nick** did one better advancing to the 2nd round of the Plate after a come from behind win.

A big thank you to **Ross Mackenzie** and the organizing committee at the Tanglin Club for an excellent event! Not only was the level of squash of a very high standard and the organization flawless, the hospitality was warm and friendly! Next year's dates have not been finalized, but preliminary dates are 24th - 26th January 2013. So mark your calendars, as this is one event not to be missed!



After Squash drinks with our HK friends from the AMC, HKCC and RHKYC

The Annual HKFC Squash World Cup 2012

Each year, the best Squash nations in the Squash Section contest fiercely for world domination in the Annual HKFC Squash World Cup. This year, the event was held on Saturday 4 February. For this year's event, we had a total of 8 teams of 8 players, representing Australia/New Zealand, China, England, Europe, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia and Scotland. The tournament was held in a running team format for which each player had to play against the corresponding player in the other 7 teams and tried to win as many points as possible within a span of 21 minutes (28 minutes for the Number 1 player). The competition was split into both regular and handicapped categories.

Spirits were high on tournament day. Team India (the defending Champion) was the first to gather a full team before the tournament, with members donning their favorite National Cricket Team shirt. To no one's surprise, Team India started off very strong, closely followed by Team Australia/New Zealand, Team Scotland and Team Europe. Team India managed to hang on to the pole position with a 17-point lead at the halfway mark. In the mean time, Team England and Team China were slowly gathering momentum, and crept into No. 2 and No. 3 positions, while Team Scotland and Team Europe quietly dropped out of the top

3 spots. However, with only 3 players to go, Team India started fading and was overtaken by Team England. The leading teams were closely contested by Team China and Team Scotland in No. 3 and No. 4 spots. The top teams fought to the very end, with Team England emerging as the new Champion this year with a total of 535 points! Team China also did well and came a close second at 522 points, followed by Team Scotland at 491 points. The top scorer award went to **Tim Fan** of Team China with 103 points, followed by **Jon Pipe** of Team England with 84 points and **Amarik Khosa** of Team India with 78 points.

With the handicap points adjusted, the picture was a bit different. But not by much! It was pretty much a race amongst, Team England, Team China and Team Scotland throughout. At the end, Team China edged out Team England to take the title for the handicapped category with a total of 645 points. The top scorer award for the category also went to **Tim Fan** of Team China with 103 points, followed by **Jon Pipe** of Team England and **Simon Ng** of Team China, both with 84 points.

A hearty congratulation to all the winners this year. No doubt powerhouses like Team India and Team Malaysia will be planning for a grand comeback in next year's event.



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3.	Hong Kong (503 pts)	Scotland (491 pts)

HANDICAPPED CATEGORY		
	2011 Winner	2012 Winner
1.	China (643 pts)	China (669 pts)
2.	England (634 pts)	England (654 pts)
3.	Hong Kong (623 pts)	Scotland (645 pts)



Team China



Team England

Upcoming Events:

Jumbo Doubles Bangkok

Friday 27th to Sunday 29th April

Please contact Keith Frith for details

End of Season Party

Saturday 19th May

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 19th May

Player of the Month:

James Watson

Junior of the Month:

Lewis Kerr

Soccer News



Scott Semple,
Soccer Section
Captain

Section Captain's Report

Hello Hello to one and all.

In this month's edition we've got a review of the **Lucky Mile** season as the HKFA Division 3A has already come to a close.

In the 2nd Division the **1st Team** had their terrific run of six victories in a row come to an end by way of a narrow one-nil defeat to other title hopefuls Southern and that result effectively ended their hopes of a potential return to the top division. They have really shown some great consistency and form of late, but with only one final league match scheduled for April it seems like it was just a bridge too far.

Getting onto the Yau Yee League sides, **Wanderers** have yet again made it to the final of the Cup having managed to defeat HKDC Mobsters by penalties in a very tense affair over at King's Park. They held their nerve though and with the league title almost certainly being wrestled away from Sports Road, as KCC Dragons romp to the title, we wish all the Wanderers squad the very best of luck in the final which will be held at King's Park on **Sunday 6th May**.

As mentioned above, the league challenge is pretty much over now and with only a handful of games remaining it's all about finishing as high up the table and with as much respectability as possible. Certainly **Albion**, under the recent stewardship of

Tony Hamilton-Bram, have started to hit a bit of form of late and even managed to gain some bragging rights in the Sportsman's Bar following a 3-1 victory over Wanderers in a thoroughly entertaining derby match. And with all of the remaining fixtures played against other "top six" sides the undoubted target for each of our sides will be to finish as the top Club side!

Following the traditional rugby month of March in Hong Kong, the entire Club focus will slowly shift over to the round ball as we look forward to the annual **HKFC Citibank International Soccer Sevens**. It has all the makings of being the biggest and best yet as a total of eight professional overseas teams will compete this year. The official launch and press conference is scheduled for **Tuesday 10th April** and the actual tournament draw scheduled for Tuesday 24th April, so look out for both of those!

More information on the tournament can be viewed on the newly launched and excellent Soccer 7s website: <http://www.hksoccersevens.com/>

Finally, just a quick "save the date" for everyone associated in the Soccer Section as our annual **End of Season Party** will be hosted at the Club on the evening of **Saturday 2nd June**.

Cheers, *Scott*



Going the Extra Mile

Lucky Mile 2011-12 Season Review

Relegation from the HKFA 2nd Division, the previous season, presented new challenges for the Lucky Mile squad. Albeit football of a lower standard, restrictions on the eligibility of non-resident players and the requirement for match-day, age related quotas, meant much had to be attended to during the close season.

The pre-season training sessions were extremely well attended. Satisfactory performances in friendly fixtures, played against superior opposition, provided the players and management with optimism for the new season. So much so, that the initial team objective was to gain immediate promotion back to the 2nd Division.

At this point it should be understood that it is the intention of the HKFA to re-introduce the 4th Division, after a fifty-year absence, for the 2012-13 season. As a consequence teams finishing in the bottom nine places of this season's 3rd Division "A" will be relegated to the 4th Division.

With this in mind but much more focused on the other end of the table, Lucky Mile played its first competitive league game, at home against Kwok Kueng, in mid-September. In a very competitive game, which ended 1-1. Lucky Mile had taken the lead through a **Sebastian Page** first half strike; the advantage being quickly wiped out when the opposition equalised within five minutes.

During the game a regrettable and what ultimately proved to be a damaging trait emerged. Lucky Mile was reduced to

ten men after a player received a red card for two bookable offences. In each instance the player was guilty of dissent towards the match official.



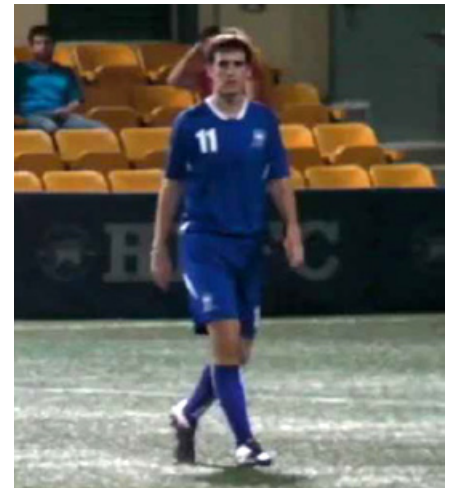
Dissent - a damaging trait

In fact, the record shows that Lucky Mile only finished two, of their first five league games, with a full compliment of players. Five dismissals in as many games had set the season's objectives on the rocks. Under the circumstances the team had done extremely well to remain undefeated. However, four draws and eight points dropped had left the team, ninth in the league table and with some soul searching to do.

On a more positive note, new signing **Michael Hampshire** was starting to find the back of the net on a regular basis, notching six goals during the same period.

Things didn't improve, for different reasons, in the next game against Tung Sing. Originally scheduled at the HKFC, the venue was changed at the eleventh hour to the So Kon Po Recreation Ground. A 'cabbage patch' in the shadow of Hong Kong Stadium.

Unable to adjust to the uneven surface and despite finishing the game with eleven players, Lucky Mile lost to the



Michael Hampshire — leading scorer with ten goals in sixteen league appearances

only goal of the game. Missing a great opportunity to equalise, late on, from the penalty spot.

Next up it was an away game to Solon and with the Mile looking to change their fortunes the team duly obliged with a 2-0 win. The goals coming from **Niall Cox** and **Louis Doctrove**. Clean sheet, courtesy of goalkeeper **Lee Brown**. With one yellow card for good measure.

The remaining two results before the midway point of the season, a 3-1 win against Ornament and 0-2 loss to Fu Moon, left the team in it's by now accustomed ninth position in the league table. With relegation now seemingly more likely than the realisation of the promotion objective, it was appropriate to revise the team's expectations. The first half season statistics:

P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pt
9	3	4	2	16	10	6	13

The numbers became the measure by which the team and management would judge performances during the second half of the season. The revised season objective was:

P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pt
18	10	4	4	36	18	18	34

At the time of the revision and based upon historical data, it was anticipated that such a performance would yield a top five position in the final table.

The second half of the season began with a win against Blake Garden. Rallying, from a two-goal deficit, the charge was led by the then Team Captain and Lucky Mile stalwart, **Jamie Milne**, converting coolly from the penalty spot.



Ex-Lucky Mile stalwart - Jamie Milne

When **Sebastian Page** scored the equaliser the scene was set for **Matthew Patterson** to strike a thirty-yard rocket and complete a remarkable comeback win, in what

turned out to be Jamie's last league start for the Mile. The armband passing to Sebastian Page.

Consistency had eluded the team. Never able to win three games consecutively, throughout the entire season. However, it showed great resilience by always bouncing back from defeat and never losing back to back league fixtures. Unfortunately, the former quality held true in the next game against New Fair Kuitan. Losing 2-0 to a team that were clearly inferior, in all but the score line.

The other relegated 2nd Division team Fukien, provided the next opposition. Like Lucky Mile they had struggled to adjust to life in the lower division. An endorsement of the quality on show within the Division 3 "A". This game marked the turning point of the season. Not least because of the introduction of **Mark Grainger** to the Lucky Mile ranks. Metaphorically speaking, he picked up the baton in centre midfield, orchestrating by pulling strings that made music to the ears. **Robbie Scott**, hopefully one for the future, sealed a great individual performance and team victory with a rasping finish from eighteen yards.

Easy victories followed. 5-0 against St. Joseph's save a prayer. Sai Kung Friends were true to their name by gifting a 4-0 victory. Whilst Telecom, who at one point flattered only to deceive went down, don't call us we'll call you, 4-2. Lucky Mile were scoring goals for fun

whilst not conceding too many into the bargain. Happy days.

The good results were of course interspersed with the inevitable defeats. Losing 2-3 to Fire Services, another red card incident being a deciding factor. Comfort can be taken from the 0-4 loss, the season's best performance in defeat, to current champions Eastern. Fielding two Hong Kong ex-internationals, Lee Kin Wo and Au Wai Lun complemented by younger but similarly talented players. Lucky Mile remained competitive but eventually the opposition's quality prevailed over the Mile's method and industry. A 0-0 draw against Lung Moon closed the season.

The table at the bottom of the page shows a series of indicators and the frequency of each event during the first and last nine games of the 2011-12 season.

It also shows the team's improvement or deterioration in form in percentage terms. Form improvements in **black** and deterioration in **red**. ■

LUCKY MILE SQUAD 2011-12:

Blake Harding, Dane Francis, Donny Tse, Eddie Chambers, Jeremy Gill, Johan Cammareri, Lee Paul Brown, Louis Doctrove, Marco Jorge, Mark Grainger, Mark Virjmoed, Matthew Paterson, Matthew Nuttall, Michael Hampshire, Michael Morton, Niall Cox, Peter Harrod, Robbie Scott, Ronnie Chow, Seb Page, Shinn Kawasaki, Syd Ho, Thomas Wu, Tim Phillips

INDICATORS	Game 1 - 9	Game 10 - 18	TOTAL	VAR.	% VAR.
Win	3	5	8	+2	67%
Draw	4	1	5	-3	(75%)
Loss	2	3	5	+1	50%
Goals For	16	19	35	+3	19%
Goals Against	10	13	23	+3	30%
Goal Difference	+6	+6	+12	0	0%
Points	13	16	29	+3	23%
Clean Sheets	2	4	6	+2	100%
Yellow Cards	18	11	29	-7	(39%)
Red Cards	5	1	6	-4	(80%)
Top Ten Opponents	4	5	9	+1	25%
League Position	9	7	19	-2	(22%)

Junior Soccer News



Visit from Chelsea Soccer School

Some good competitive friendlies

While Y7's Teams 1, 2, and 3 were playing Junior League matches in Tung Chung, the remaining half of the year group had the opportunity to play matches against Chelsea Soccer School at HKFC.

Coaches **Jamie Spence** and **Nam Nguyen** were assisted by U15 player **Thomas Spence**, and by Y7 players **Marc Chan** and **Nicholas Spence**, in running the event. They organised six 11-a-side matches – running two matches at a time, each on half of the main pitch – which gave each player three 20-minute matches. Chelsea came with 25 players roughly on par with the Club's own players, which resulted in some very closely fought matches. This made for a positive competitive spirit among the kids. A number of the players from Chelsea and HKFC have had fewer opportunities to play in competitions against other clubs during the season, and this provided them a great opportunity for some real match time. Both groups of kids enjoyed the day tremendously and played some great soccer. Equally, the large number of parents accompanying the Chelsea players enjoyed watching their kids in competitive matches. There was an enthusiastic bunch cheering the action on both pitches, contributing to the great atmosphere.

As a community soccer programme, the Club is fortunate to be able to give all the players, not just those on the top competitive squads, the opportunity to grow through soccer played against quality clubs. Feedback on these friendlies has been positive from all, and we look forward to more opportunities to battle it out against Chelsea and other clubs around town.

– *Jamie Spence and Thomas Tarala*

P6 Hong Kong Junior League Round 4

We deserved so much more...

On Saturday 3rd March, the P6 squad were in action in the 4th round of the Junior League. This is a 6 a side competition played on ¼ size pitches over a 12 minute period. The lads have had a good season so far, winning the Cup once and the Plate once, and teams making the semi finals at least in both trophies on every occasion.

This time we had two teams in the Cup and one in the Plate. Following Club tradition we have renamed the teams as Club, Lucky Mile and Wanderers, these having a much better feel than 1sts, 2nds etc. And frankly, most of the players in the '2nds' are 1st team players anyway, it is the format of the event that restricts their participation.

The event is organised so that each team plays 3 mini league games. The draw for Lucky Mile looked particularly difficult, placing against the two finalists from the last event, as well as the Brazilian Soccer Schools 1st team. Still, it turns out this was not really going to bother the lads, they won 2 and drew the third game finishing top of the group, scoring 6 and conceding just 2 on the way.

Club sauntered to three straight wins, scoring 7 and not conceding at all. Wanderers, in the Plate did equally well winning all three and not conceding a goal again. Indeed the goalkeeper was moved to complain he had not touched the ball in the first two games!

Into the quarter finals, and whilst the games were harder all three teams were confident and given the quality of football they had shown, should have been.

Wanderers and Lucky Mile both needed to fight hard, and eventually came through 1-0 winners. Club had battered their opponents, HKFA (Cup holders) but could not get the all important goal. So a penalty shoot out was needed – which despite regular practice has proven to be our downfall on too many occasions. This time however, the nerve held and all the lads scored and 1 of the HKFA lads did not, so on to the semis.

The semis saw the two teams in the Cup playing teams we had already beaten. Hopes for an all HKFC final were high. Wanderers in the Plate had the toughest game on paper, but had every reason to feel they had a great chance of making the final.

Skipping the next 12 minutes of action, brings us to the extremely frustrating news that all 3 lost 1-0. What went wrong was, and still is the subject of conversations in the bar (coaches I hasten to add.....), inspired goalkeeping, some strange refereeing (obligatory complaint) and some action that would have graced You Tube – witness Lucky Mile hitting the post or cross bar 3 times in the last two minutes.

I have to say that – and opening up to charges of favouritism – that for much of the event we had the best teams in each competition. In 15 games we conceded just 5 goals (name checks for the goalkeepers due here – **Justin Wong** for Club, **Zaheu Jacota** for Lucky Mile and **Ben Lee** for Wanderers), in the Cup we had the two highest scoring teams and the second highest in the Plate, we even won a penalty shoot out!

We have to continue the hard work on Saturday mornings, and take encouragement from the great work that was on display and go forward to win the final event of the season.



There were 24 lads playing in the event in total, all should be proud of their efforts. Other than the keepers, I will mention only the three who were awarded the player of the tournament awards, Yison Fong for Club, James Orchard for Lucky Mile and Max Irvine for Wanderers.

Phil Cook, P6 Head Coach ■

Netball News

Message from the Chairman



Karin Loram,
Netball DSA
Chairperson



HKFC Supernovas



HKFC Meteors



HKFC Comets

Happy Easter!

Hope everyone is recovering from the 7's and a busy month or so of netball in Hong Kong.

We are winding down the season this month and the Senior ladies are going into the semi and finals of the League. We have many teams in the play-offs again this year, so keep your fingers crossed.

Finals will be played at the HKFC this year on the 5th May. We welcome everyone down to support teams and see some quality netball.

Our Junior players also wound down their **Sunday Junior Netball League** competition and I have to say what an amazing job all the teams did this round!!

Not only do these girls play outside in the cold for a full hour, they sometimes play 2 games back to back! HKFC were lucky enough to be able to enter 4 teams this round. The finals were played on the 18th March, and after some very tense moments they pulled everything out and did an amazing job.

HKFC Supernovas 1st
HKFC Meteors 1st
HKFC Comets 2nd
HKFC Rockets 5th

A big effort was put in by all the players and a big thanks goes out to **Amanda McPherson** for her hard work and commitment to the girls, both in their Junior programme and at their games! We are seeing some great continuity and progress in the girls performance which is really paying off both at HKFC and in their school netball.

Last month saw the first ever 'Beach Netball' here at Repulse Bay. By all accounts it was a great weekend and luckily the weather finally decided to be kind by giving us a hot and sunny weekend. Many of the HKFC ladies played in the tournament and said what a workout they

got playing in the sand, not to mention the very painful sand grazes they got if they went down! Check out the photos from the weekend which was played along side the 'Beach Rugby'.

The HKFC Beach Netball team placed 3rd going into the semis against Valley. Great effort ladies. Looking forward to the next one.

The last social event we have for the year is the **AGM on the Thursday 10th May**. You all should have this advertised on your Social calendar prepared by Dee. Don't forget this is a compulsory event and a time in which we vote in members of the committee. We are looking to fill some spots this year, so please let us know if you are keen.

Keep up the good work and commitment over the next few weeks. You may be required to attend an extra training session by your coach, so look out for times and dates. Keep up the open and positive communication going forward and I look forward to seeing some great results after all the hard work!



Match Reports

Monday 13th February **HKFC Club (52) vs Devils (16)**

Club kicked off this match with Devils fighting hard, both teams scoring baskets one after the other. With several Club players out of commission, we were lucky to have **Millie** (returning player) and **Annie** step in to support us in this match. Devils played well in the first quarter with the first quarter score being 11 - 10 to Club.

Club stepped it up big time in the second quarter with **Jess**, **Alex** and **Millie** challenging every ball and picking up intercept after intercept. In centre court, **Vanessa** made a significant amount of tips that allowed for many turnovers in Club's favour. Di's feeds and persistent defence caused the Devils to make several errors. **Natacha** and **Stephanie** worked well in the circle, putting up easy baskets for the team. Club ended the quarter with a 16 point lead against Devils.

With a few minor changes in the third quarter, it took the Club a bit of time to adjust. Annie stepped into WA and allowed for some easy feeds into the circle. Alex shined in this quarter with more than a few tips allowing for the turnover. Jess's defensive rebounding added to Club's possession of the ball. Club made several unforced errors mid-court, but Vanessa was quick to recover the ball when necessary. Stephanie shined in the quarter with her agility and speed into the circle and Natacha's shooting accuracy helped widen the point difference.

Club finished the game off strong, pulling in as many points as they could to finish the game off with a 36 point gap. Both Club and Devils played in a clean and sportsman-like manner, walking off the courts with smiles on their faces.

Big win for Club! Well done ladies!

HKFC Tornadoes (23) vs Aussie Redbacks (34)

A narrow loss this week for the Tornadoes after a slow start saw our opposition, the Aussie Redbacks storming ahead. However, it was definitely a 'game of two halves' and the second half of the game was all about the Tornadoes. We managed to completely turn the game around, and the Aussie Redbacks were now playing 'our game'. Being aware of our positions on court and talking more to one another really helped the flow. **Hayleigh Davies** worked particularly hard as centre and fed the ball forward and successfully into the goal circle. Once in the circle there was no stopping our shooters **Cheryl White** and **Jodie Price**, both players scored some excellent long range shots! Our defence was also having an excellent quarter and we confidently won the quarter and went into the fourth and final quarter with all to play for. Despite our best efforts the lead the Aussie Redbacks had achieved in the first half of the game was just too great to close and the game ended 34-23.

Monday 5th March **HKFC Club (49) vs Valley Tigers (13)**

Club played the second Division One Valley team on Monday and like all Valley teams, the opposition came out firing with high intensity and strong presence on court. Despite this, Club quickly found good flow with **Vanessa Cuvelier** controlling the centre court and **Diana Pizzari** and **Millie Polglase** providing strong drives across the attacking transverse. Smart feeds were made into **Kristy Hutt** who worked tirelessly with **Natacha Cuvelier** in rotating the attacking circle and shooting a high volume of goals. **Kate Babington** also provided a strong option in the shooting circle. In defence, strong pressure over the opposition's shot and a zone style defence saw **Alex Weston** and

Jessica McCauley pick off numerous intercepts and rebounds which reduced Valley to just 4 goals at half time. Club was boosted this week by **Amanda Macpherson** who was elevated from Typhoons and we congratulate her on a strong defensive game.

Club finished with a convincing win 49 - 13. It should be noted that the final score didn't reflect the intensity of play so all credit to the girls for maintaining four consistent quarters. Looking forward, we still need to work on releasing an early ball, providing better options and maintaining control and possession of the ball to ensure we'll be well prepared come finals time.

Monday 5th March **HKFC Tornadoes (22) vs Kowloon Sapphires (37)**

The game started off fast and furious with the play running well from the centre to the goal circle, there were some great centre breaks and intercepts by the centre player and the game was nice and tight. We took the lead at the end of the 1st Quarter 8 - 7. During the 2nd quarter the Sapphires found their stride and ran away with the play, converting even the smallest of our errors to a goal and took the lead 20 - 13 by half time.

The 3rd quarter was a bit scrappy from both teams with lots of errors and turnovers but the Sapphires managed to increase their lead by 10 goals finishing the quarter 27 - 17. The final quarter saw the Sapphires have another bit of a run on but we gave it everything we had and tried to pull back the difference. The final score was Kowloon Sapphire 37 - Tornadoes 22. **Jodie Price**

HKFC Whirlwinds (26) vs Aussie Kookaburras (17)

After a few losses on court and off court at the Happy Valley Races, we were facing the top team in the division at a venue we'd never played at before

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with 'bouncy rings'. We were not the favourites to win. There were only 11 of us and with only one umpire, the odds were against us. 'Lucky 3' aka **Roimata Harmon** stood in to umpire for the first quarter. Still not looking good.

The 2nd umpire showed up. Thanks goodness 'Morning Star' aka **Sue Y's** tips to the ball were better than her tips on the horses. There were impressive zoning intercepts by 'Silent Witness' aka **Tracy Hackston** to keep us to 9-9 at half time. Fresh legs came on as we rounded the second bend.

'Red Rum' aka **Charlotte Thompson** made shooting look like a walk in the park. 'Teamwork' aka **Heather McKay** kept her stride and received the rebounds to help pull us to the lead. We were leading by a head as we turned into the home straight.



FIRST PLACE! 26/17 Great support from the stands and as always, awesome jockeying by 'Red Rover' aka **Captain Kathryn Curley**. The payouts were compliments being dished out and smiles on the faces of the team. Here's to a winning streak! **Roimata Harmon**

Monday 12th March **HKFC Tornadoes (20) vs** **DOGA (28)**

On Monday 12th March Tornadoes took on DOGA. This promised to be a close match as last time these two teams met the game was extremely close with DOGA winning by a mere goal.

The first quarter got off to a great start with Tornadoes shooters **Jodie** and **Cheryl** popping the first few goals of the game in quick succession. This combined with great teamwork in defence from **Ange** and **Marie** meant that Tornadoes were four nil up after only the first couple of minutes of the game. DOGA then found their stride and made a come back to make the score at the end of the first quarter eight all.

Unfazed by the score Tornadoes came out strong in the second quarter. **Hayleigh** seemed to be all over the court intercepting loose balls and

providing options for the rest of the team to pass to. More good shooting from Cheryl and Jodie meant that DOGA struggled to keep their cool on court and found Tornadoes in the lead again. Unfortunately, a few great passes that they converted into goals in the last minutes of the quarter pulled them up to match and then overtake Tornadoes, making the half time score 15/13 to DOGA.

During the third quarter Tornadoes kept up the pressure in defence. **Debbie** intercepted some awesome balls and **Dawn** and **Hayleigh** found some great space in the mid court to carry the interceptions up to the shooters. Unfortunately, this was not enough to pull back on DOGA's lead. The score at the end of this quarter was 20/18 to DOGA.

During the final quarter, despite great efforts from Tornadoes, DOGA managed to extend their lead bringing the final score to 28/20 to DOGA.

A well fought game by Tornadoes with great play form all their players. Player of the game must go to Debbie for her 'catch of the day!' ■

Golf News

19th Hole with the Chairman



Andy Ho,
Golf Society
Chairman

Congratulations to our ex-Golf Society (GS) Chairman **Desmond Ko** who had his first hole-in-one in February: *"My first hole in one. HKGC New Course 13th hole. 120 yards. 9 iron straight shot for the pin across the small pond. Pin set back. One bounce. Another bounce. Then the ball seemed to be stationary but eventually disappeared! My HKFC tennis buddies all saw it. We shouted like mad men on the tee box with clubs flying everywhere. Life is good!"*

April continues to be one of the busiest months for GS. This month, we have organized a Taylormade Demonstration Day with the following details:

Taylormade Demonstration Day and Wine Tasting sponsored by AIA
Date: Saturday April 14th 2012
Venue: HKFC Simulator Room 3/F
Time: 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Some of you have informed me that you have not received any emails from the GS. If you have elected not to receive Club emails, you will not receive any emails from the Club (this includes emails from GS). If you fall into this category but wish to receive emails from the Society, please inform me (andyho@hkfcgolf.com) or Club Staff Gary Choi (gary_choi@hkfc.com)

hkfc.com). Email is our main channel of communication other than the Society Notice Board.

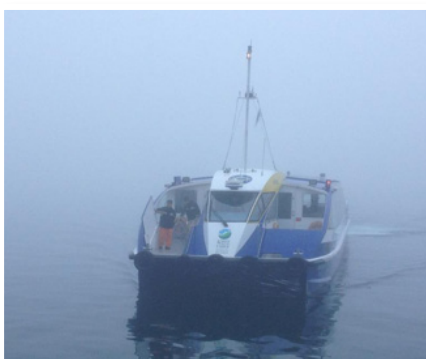
This Easter, we have 16 keen golfers signed up for a tour in Kunming, China, organized by **Candi**. Unfortunately, I could not make it but I know it is a very good deal! They will be playing in three of the most beautiful courses in Kunming, including the Sunshine Golf Club, Lakeview Golf Club and Wanda Golf Club. We look forward to their reports next month!

Happy Easter!! **Andy Ho**



KSC South Outing

Tuesday 6th March 2012



A determined group of GS members set off early on Tuesday 6th March hoping to play on KSC South Course. However given the dismal Spring weather, things were not looking too good when we left Central, and when we arrived at the Sai Kung ferry pier, visibility was down to about 100 yards and a sad notice announced that all courses were closed.

Undeterred, we boarded the ferry and drifted through the ghost-like fog towards the golf course, hoping that the "Solar Birdie" we were sailing in did not actually need sunshine to operate.

When we arrived it was clear that the fog was lifting, but Kau Sai Chau have a system for fog which basically cancels all tee time bookings and makes players register again. **Candi** had her work cut out to get our tee times organised, but she did a sterling job and we were able to tee off only about 30 minutes later than scheduled. The weather was gloomy,

but visibility was acceptable and of course the conditions were cool which is something we will miss when we start playing there in the summer months.

Annoyingly the driving range was closed, and there was some insane woman lurking around the putting green aggressively trying to stop me making 5 yard chips on the grass next to the practice putting green. I duly ignored her and left her babbling into her walkie-talky in impotent rage.

Scores were satisfactory if not stellar, with Candi winning with a relatively modest 37 stableford points on what is a very easy golf course (especially off the ladies tees).

One of the ladies managed to drop a 50 foot bomb from the edge of the green but sadly a) she had not asked for the flag to be tended and b) she was in Candi's flight and so was immediately given a two stroke penalty for hitting the flagstick while playing from on the green. Firm but fair I say! Hopefully the lady in question (and indeed anyone reading this) will not make the same mistake again.

Other prize winners were:-

Longest Drive - **Isaac Davis** and **Mimi Tso**

Nearest To Pin - **Gary Wong, Dallas Reid, Shauna Davis** and **Candi**

2nd Runner Up - **Terry Wright** (35 points)



Runner Up - **Dallas Reid** (35 points)
(Count Back)

Many thanks to Candi for handling a difficult outing very efficiently.

Dallas Reid

KSC South Outing on 3rd January 2012

Our winner and event organizer **Candi Anna Chan** had a spectacular round with a stunning nett Stableford score of 41 points, which she won't forget soon – particularly because of the 5 penalty points (more than 36) she will have to work off in future events! The runner-up prizes went to **Andrew Wood** (33) and **David Connolly** (32 points).

More congratulations to Candi for winning two of the near pin prizes as well as the ladies longest drive. **Allan Homeming** and **Andrew Wood** won the other two near pins, and guest **Zac Rosenberg** won the longest drive prize. But the player of the day by a long way was **Candi!**

Tennis News



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Parent and Child competition



Junior C team

Parent and Child Competition

The ever-popular Parent and Child competition took place on 11th February with 24 pairs of mums, dads and kids ranging in age from around 10-15 years. The emphasis was on fun and good-natured competition, with many of the junior players 'carrying' their parents! In the end, the father-son duo of **Sean** and **Raef Purdie** were victorious with **Eric** and **Ethan Tsea** a close second.

Coach and Social Evening **Free!**

Don't miss the next *free* coach and social evening on **Friday April 27th** from 7-10pm. There are limited spaces available on a first-come, first served basis so book early! This is open to all Members. Contact **Colin Butterfield** at colin56@me.com to register.

Junior League Update

The Junior C team completed the winter league with a record of two wins and five losses, which means they've secured their place in the C league once again for the next season. There were some very close matches throughout the season, often against slightly older and more experienced players. Everyone in the team continues to improve and there is a fantastic team spirit. Special thanks to team Captain **Belinda Law** for taking care of the squad along with **Kris** of ATA and the parents-in-charge who helped encourage the players and take them safely to away matches.

The Junior B team is having a great season and has so far won three matches out of eight with two more matches to play. Best of luck!

Upcoming Events

Start of Season Party Friday 13th April

We will be holding our first ever **Start of Season Party** at the Poolside on **Friday 13th April** from 8pm. We wish our men's and ladies' league teams the best of luck with the upcoming summer league!



Charity Doubles Tournament Sunday 29th April

Please note the date has changed to **Sunday 29th April** (instead of 22nd April) from 1-6pm. Get your entries in early (please email tennisociety@gmail.com)! This is great event for a fantastic cause.



Funds raised will go to the Jordan House, an orphanage in Kampala, Uganda

Annual Tennis Society Ball

Saturday 16th June

Mark your diaries for the second annual Tennis Society Ball on **Saturday 16th June** in the Restaurant. The theme is 'East Meets West'. There'll be great food, dancing, a quiz, a variety of games as well as some excellent lucky draw prizes.

HKFC
Tennis Society
Annual Ball

EAST meets WEST

Saturday 16th June
7pm until late.....
HKFC Restaurant

Members: \$590
Guests: \$650

RSVP:
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Sunday Social Tennis

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

Visit the Tennis Society Website:

www.hkfctennis.com

Be sure to check out the Tennis Society website which is updated regularly with lots more photos from all of the recent events. www.hkfctennis.com

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions for the Tennis Society, please email the following address:
tennisociety@gmail.com

ATA COACHES' CORNER

Off the Court with

Toby Clark

HKFC /ATA Head Tennis Professional



Three words to describe myself:
Athletic, Adventurous, Driven

My favourite tennis player is:
Roger Federer. I admire his athleticism, prowess, presence, all court game; Ana Ivanovic and Maria Kirilenko - for obvious reasons!

My favourite holiday destination:
A road trip in New Zealand, especially Christchurch. Loved the scenery, extreme sports like skydiving/heli rafting, wake boarding, mountain biking, partying - with friends and new people I met.

Most interesting experience: Getting bitten by a highly venomous snake in Zimbabwe.

If I wasn't a Tennis Professional I would like to be:
A singer / songwriter.

My life's motto is:
Dream, Live, Enjoy!

*'Dream as if you'll live forever,
live as if you'll die today'*



INTERESTING FACT:
Toby competed in the recent 'World Championship Hong Kong Salsa Festival' - and he made the semi-finals with his partner!

ATA Junior Tennis and Pizza Nights

Fridays: 6th, 13th, 20th April from 6pm - 8pm

Cost: \$220 (Members) / \$260 (non-Members)

The evening includes lots of tennis, pizza, drinks and prizes!



All ages welcome, Intermediate level and above. If your child can rally, he/she is welcome to join, if you are not sure of your child's level please contact one of the ATA Tennis Professionals to discuss.



Recent Parent/Child Challenge event

Parents and Tiny Tots

The ATA/HKFC coaching team plans to do one of these fun days every term, giving our often busy Hong Kong parents the chance to get out on court and share in the enjoyment their sons and daughters have when playing tennis.

Swimming and Triathlon News



Tokyo Marathon

26th February 2012



Congratulations to our Vice Captain Guy Horne for successfully completing his first marathon and here's how he got on.....

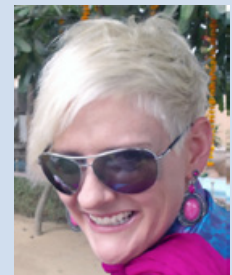
There is a strong vein of emotion that relates to marathon running in Japan. Marathon races are so popular that Nagoya, Tokyo and Osaka all boast women's only elite races. Inter-university ekidens - a 26 mile relay are broadcast prime-time on New Year's Day and Japan has had home grown Olympic, World Champion and

World record holders to cheer over the years. I remember reading about Toshiko Seiko who had a resting heart rate of 31 which allegedly rose to 51 after a race such as his Zen like mobility. The ultimate control of heart rate, focus and pain tolerance.

Such was the calm as 36,000 of us assembled on the start line in Shinjuku with immaculate precision in a brisk 5°C. The choir struck up, the gun went off and Haile Gebreselasse, the world marathon record holder, and the rest of us bolted. As a novice marathon runner, I tucked in behind a

Captain's Report

I gained a nickname with my new position as Captain of the Swimming and Triathlon Society. Now affectionately known by my teammates as the "Whale Shark"



Michelle Robinson

(hopefully with reference to a large mouth, able to talk underwater, rather than my girth), we are setting ourselves up for a fun year.

There was a mix of old and new faces elected to the committee at our recent AGM and the enthusiasm is high. This is reflected in the solid attendance at training sessions despite the refreshingly crisp air temperatures over winter although the heated pool compensated for the 6.30am starts.

Planning is well underway for a multitude of events and galas and you will be able to catch up on all the details on our dedicated Society website. We are engaging our traditional foes the LRC along with other inter-club meets so please make contact and show your support in 2012.

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man dressed as a Suntory whiskey bottle, close to a couple decked out with Petronas Towers scaffolding on their heads. The thronging crowds loved it and shouted 'Ganbate Whiskey!' with glee and roared at the numerous men in tutu's and running tights. I gathered confidence and speed hitting 5km and easily passed two Asahi Dry Cans and gained on a gangly Samurai. Meanwhile the Imperial Palace brass band struck up the theme from Rocky and 15,000 people around the Palace foot stomped in the cold. Ginza and Hibiya followed with designer stores and spectators' ten-deep all bobbing to pumping disco and baseball cheerleaders doing dance routines. I kept up the beat until 21km perhaps a touch fast until the realization that I was only half-way.



Haile G came back down from Shinagawa at full-stretch at 35km in 1 hr. 44 minutes as I passed the 23km marker suddenly aware of the difference between my gait and this astonishing athlete. The next 9km were mentally tough but 30km was a revelation; since 12km remaining was the same distance as the run leg for Laguna Phuket Tri. Familiar territory! Piece of cake! At 35km I finally nailed the Samurai despite the crowds roaring 'ganbate' at his splendid flowing golden cape. The four bridges after 38km with a slight rise were an absolute joy to a man from Hong Kong since they involved different leg muscles. With the sea air off Tokyo Bay, we bolted into Tokyo Big Sight, to be greeted by Kodo drummers and a cheery crowd. Crossed the line in 3.56.52 was funnelled along with the other finishers with a fluffy towel, a banana and a rather tasty Amino drink. Top marks to the Marathon organisers, the people of Tokyo and a fantastic experience. Haile Gebreselasse finished in 2.08.13. Normally this would be enough to win but with the Japan's Olympic Men's trials happening and other keen African runners, this was only good enough for 4th place. If he makes the London Olympics, look out for a 40 year old man with an effortless flying gait coming down Pall Mall and imagine you are him! *By Guy Horne*

An Impressive Hall

Congratulations to **Richard Hall** for his great performance in the Laguna Phuket Triathlon in November 2011. Richard finished 9th in 2 hours and 53 minutes and five of the triathletes ahead of him were professionals. This feat was acknowledged by the February 2012 edition of the *UK's 220 Triathlon magazine*, where Richard was placed in the 'supernova' category on their monthly performance barometer. Richard, we even forgive you for wearing the wrong kit!

The Society had a good turnout, as usual, for this great event. The photo shows some of our competitors, with some even wearing the right kit!



Extracted from the February 2012 edition of the UK's 220 Triathlon magazine:

BAROMETER

What's hot and what's not in tri



Bracht in seventh heaven
Timo wins IM title number seven in Western Australia



An impressive Hall
GB's Richard Hall places in top 10 overall at Laguna Phuket





Full Outlaw
Places already gone for Nottingham iron-distance race

Ranking industry
WTC to introduce age-group rankings in 2012



Wiggle wonga
Online retailer bought for a cool £180m by private equity firm

Elite Youth Swimming Programme

The Swimming and Triathlon Society would like to seek a response from children and family to their interest in an Elite Youth swimming programme. The programme would offer training to children, aged between 9 to 14, interested in competitive swimming. The sessions would be coached by **Arthur Li**. Arthur was a multiple Hong Kong record holder and competed for Hong Kong between 1988 to 1999 in the Olympic Games, a World Swimming Championship, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.

To express your interest in joining this elite youth programme please send an email, indicating any preferred times, to youth@hkfcswimming.com. Your feedback would be welcome and much appreciated.

Badminton News



HKFC team with visiting RBSC team in purple

HKFC Badminton vs the Royal Bangkok Sports Club

Royalty came to HKFC on 10th February in the form of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club (RBSC). In our continuing campaign to put HKFC badminton on the regional map, we hosted a badminton team from the RBSC for a friendly match on 10th February, followed by a buffet dinner in the Happy Valley Suites. RBSC came with a large, strong team so the Badminton Society was out in force to meet the challenge. Eighteen doubles pairs, in the Mens, Veteran Mens, Ladies and Mixed categories took up the gauntlet thrown down by our visitors.

It was a very formal affair to begin with, speeches by the clubs' respective badminton chairmen and the familiar exchange of gifts against a background of an impressive array of photographic equipment. Everyone wanted a souvenir of the occasion. However, even the more serious business of badminton was soon under way, and the early exchanges were quite evenly matched. However, as the evening wore on, it became clear that there was only going to be one winner on the night. As there were so many games being played, the details aren't included here, but suffice it to say that HKFC ran out 12-6 winners.

Included here are one or two of the best photographs from the evening.

Notices to Badminton Society members

- **Date for the diary**
Junior Badminton Tournament
Saturday 5th May
- **Contact Details**
Could all members please confirm their current email address to the Society Secretary, **Paul Tso**, at hkfcbumtsociety@gmail.com. This will ensure that you get the latest updates, news and, not least, invitations to upcoming events.

Crushing League Victory for HKFC Badminton

On Sunday 4th March, in the second league match of the season, this time against the Tseng Kwan O Kwan Lok Club, HKFC recovered from a narrow 5-4 defeat in the first league match to deal TKOKLC a crushing defeat. The 8-1 thrashing of the Kowloon side eased the pain of that earlier loss and the team (**David McDonald** and **Jimmy Cardmaster**, **Khoo Boo Boon** and **Matthew Wong**, **Cheung**



HKFC vs TKOKLC

Yu and **David Man**) goes forward with renewed confidence.

After a close opening game, won 31-29 by David Mac and Jimmy, Boon and Matthew's 31-22 win calmed the nerves and then Cheung and David Man took a close 31-28 win to put HKFC three up. When Boon and Matthew took the next game comfortably (31-21), only one more win was needed to clinch the best-of-nine match. However, a 30-31 defeat for Cheung and David Man (due not least to a couple of highly controversial line calls) delayed the victory celebrations - briefly. David Mac and Jimmy then wrapped up another close game 31-26 (despite some rather confusing changes in tactics when leading 28-20) and then Cheung and David Man, in a truly brilliant display of skill, control and teamwork, thrashed their next opponents 31-19 to spark loud cheers. David and Jimmy and then Boon and Matthew duly won the two remaining games to complete the rout. ■

MOVIE OF THE MONTH:

J. EDGAR

Leonardo DiCaprio (Inception, Blood Diamond) stars as J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for nearly 50 years. Hoover was feared, admired, reviled and revered, a man who could distort the truth as easily as he upheld it. His methods were at once ruthless and heroic, with the admiration of the world his most coveted prize. But behind closed doors, he held secrets that would have destroyed his image, his career and his life. Oscar Winner Clint Eastwood (Gran Torino, Million Dollar Baby, Unforgiven) directs an all-star cast including Naomi Watts (21 Grams), Armie Hammer (The Social Network) and Oscar Winner Judi Dench (Shakespeare in Love) as Hoover's overprotective mother.



Ten Pin Bowling

April is a special month for the Bowling Interest Group, for we are currently leading in the Hong Kong Inter-Club Ten Pin Bowling Championships. Having achieved a 1st place in handicap, and 3rd in scratch, we are ahead of our long-time nemesis, the Kowloon Tong Club. We are also excited to introduce our all-new "Coach's Tips" from our resident coach **Catherine Che**. We wish to educate newcomers about the sport of Ten Pin Bowling, and we will be revealing a few of Catherine's tips every month. We hope you learn something new every month. Enjoy!



Catherine's Tip of the Month:

Please be courteous and aware of other bowlers. Bowlers who are in readiness may claim right of way only over a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately to their left. They shall yield to a player moving to the approach or preparing to bowl on the lane immediately on their right.

TOP DVD RENTALS

- JUST HENRY
- FOOTLOOSE
- JACK AND JILL
- LIKE CRAZY
- MR AND MRS INCREDIBLE
- HAPPY FEET TWO
- ALBATROSS
- MY FUTURE BOYFRIEND
- TURNING POINT 2
- THE DESCENDANTS

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

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- THE SIXTH MAN BY DAVID BALDUCCI
- LADY OF THE ENGLISH BY ELIZABETH CHADWICK
- THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT BY JOSEPH MONNINGER
- GOOD AS DEAD BY MARK BILLINGHAM
- ROBERT LUDLUM'S THE ARES DECISION BY KYLE MILLS
- THE LADY OF THE RIVERS BY PHILIPPA GREGORY
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