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HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

MISSION STATEMENT

Vision: To be recognised as the leading Sports Club in the Territory.

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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Vice President	: Bobby Lawson
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Squash Officer	: Martyn Russell
	: David Reeves

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The Thoughts of the Chairman

Dear Fellow Members,

Happy New Year To You All!

Please see the photographs of the current General Committee (GC) members as well as their portfolios on page 4 of the magazine. The Chairmen of the five Standing Sub-committees were appointed last month and are shown with their portfolios.

You will see next to my article a Disclaimer, that has been legally drafted, as regards the use of social networking sites. Given that there has been a substantial growth in the use of Facebook, Twitter and other websites over the last 18 months or so, we have decided that it makes sense, to ensure that the Club has no liability for social networking sites that are not authorized by the GC.

Also, on this page, you will see the **Club closure dates** and times for both Chinese New Year as well as the Annual Staff Party.

The **Christmas Carols** on **20th December 2010** were, as always, very well attended with the Hong Kong Male Welsh Voice Choir providing the entertainment with a lot of young children joining in the traditional Christmas sing-along.

The Club will be launching its **125th Anniversary celebrations** this month and as previously mentioned at the Annual General Meeting, it will begin with a press conference on **14th January 2011** to announce the celebrations, as well as to launch the 125th Anniversary Commemorative book.

At the time of writing, the **New Year's Eve Party** is still to come, and, of course, the now traditional **Youth Rugby Tournament on New Year's Day**.

See you at the Club!

FOOK AUN CHEW
Chairman

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Club Closure during Chinese New Year

The Club will close on the eve of Chinese New Year, **Wednesday 2nd February at 5pm**, and will be closed all day on Chinese New Year **Thursday 3rd February** and re-open the day after, on **Friday 4th February at 9am**.

Club Closure for Annual Staff Party

The Annual Staff Party will be held on Sunday 27th February which will mean the Club will close its facilities (including the Car Park) at **5pm on Sunday 27th February**. The Club will re-open at 9am on Monday 28th February.



From the Desk of Mark Pawley

As the very busy month of December draws to a close a big “Thank You” is in order to all the Management and Staff of the Club not only for their efforts throughout the festive month but also for all their hard work throughout the whole of 2010.

January, as ever, brings with it those resolutions, normally made at around midnight at a New Year’s Eve Party, which revolve around drinking no alcohol for at least a month and cutting down on food intake to a cracker a day until Chinese New Year! That being the case, our F&B department’s promotions for the month of January are seemingly in vain – let’s hope not!

In the Restaurant this month (except Sundays) we have the return of our “**Sweet Candy from the Sea**” promotion where we cook up a selection of dishes (for dinner service only) featuring scallops. And, on Sundays in the Restaurant with the popular **Sunday Brunch** we have introduced a Jazz theme where a musical duo will perform throughout service. On Sunday evenings in the Restaurant we have an “**Alaskan Seafood Festival**” **Dinner Buffet** where King Crab, King Salmon, Halibut and Cod, amongst other things, will be available. Don’t forget too, **Chef Julian’s Discovery Menu** evening on Saturday 22nd January where the menu theme is popular dishes from the “70s”, for those who remember those days, of course!

On the sporting front, albeit in February, we are hopeful that we will be able to show the first **6 Nations Rugby** matches “live” on the **5th and 6th February**. And, for American Football lovers, we will be putting on the **Super Bowl** in the Sportsman’s Bar early morning on the **7th February** (5:30am to be exact).

Lastly, in line with the Club’s 125th Anniversary celebrations this year, please have a look at **page 27** of the magazine where the **Rugby Section** is looking to get hold of some rugby memorabilia.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

MARK PAWLEY
General Manager



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The Club General Committee 2010-2011



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**David Howell
Honorary Treasurer**

PORTFOLIO DETAILS OF STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES

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

POLICY WORKING GROUP – Fook Aun Chew

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

FINANCE – David Howell

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

CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS – Desmond Ko

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

DEVELOPMENT – Mark Clift

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

DISCIPLINE – Mike Wood

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

MEMBERSHIP – Maurice O'Brien

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

SPORTS & RECREATION – Lynn Edwards

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

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To celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Hong Kong Football Club, we have specially selected two wines from New Zealand's Mud House, with private labels exclusively made for the Club:

- Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, 2010
- Merlot, Hawkes Bay, 2009

Both wines will be available in all the Food and Beverage outlets, by the glass or bottle, as well as for take away if you wish to offer it to friends, colleagues or just for yourself to enjoy at home.



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SPECIALLY SELECTED TO CELEBRATE THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY

◆ GENERAL PROMOTIONS ◆

CHINESE NEW YEAR COUNTER

Ground Floor Lobby

14th January to 2nd February

This year, the Chinese New Year counter will open from Friday 14th January to Wednesday 2nd February.

We will offer a wide selection of wines, cookies, candies, dried seafood and more!

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday: 5pm to 9pm

Saturday and Sunday: 10am to 9pm

LET'S DO LUNCH AT THE CLUB

The Restaurant

Monday to Friday
Noon to 2.30pm

Set Lunch with Starter Buffet

2 Courses: \$150

3 Courses: \$170

The Coffee Shop

Asian and Western Buffet

Monday to Sunday

Noon to 2.30pm

\$120 (Adult)

\$70 (Child)

The Chairman's Bar

Express Set Lunch

Monday to Friday

Noon to 2.30pm

4 Courses: \$98

LI N DANCE
at the Club
Sunday 13th February 2011

We will be holding our special Lion Dance at the Club which starts at the Front Entrance of the Club at 12.30pm.

For those of you that have not seen this spectacle then do, try and make a date to watch it! A must watch entertainment for all our Members.



◆ RESTAURANT ◆

SWEET CANDY FROM THE SEA

in the Restaurant

available in the evenings (except Sundays)

from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

The Restaurant is all about scallops this month. Chef Julian is offering a selection of dishes that feature the excellent-fleshed molluscs from oceans around the world.

As an example taste the scallop’s natural sweetness in a Carpaccio paired with king fish and fresh beets, then move to a more potent part of the meal featuring saffron and broad bean risotto with Italian scallops and beef jus reduction.

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



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SUNDAY BRUNCH WITH LIVE JAZZ

in the Restaurant and Chairman’s Bar

every Sunday from 11am to 2.30pm

throughout the month of January

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

Enjoy your Brunch while being entertained by our performers.

\$238 per Adult (with sparkling wine)

\$128 per Child (with soft drinks and chilled juice)

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.

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



ALASKAN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL DINNER BUFFET

in the Restaurant

every Sunday for dinner

from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

throughout the month of January

The Restaurant is proud to present a special “Alaskan Seafood Festival” during the Sunday Seafood Dinner buffet hours throughout the month of January.

Alaskan seafood is renowned for its lean, firm texture and superior flavour. Our festival encompasses distinctly fresh seafood including King Crab, Sockeye Salmon, King Salmon, Halibut, Cod fish and more!

\$258 per Adult

\$158 per Child

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



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◆ RESTAURANT ◆

CHEF JULIAN'S *Discovery* *Menu*

in the Restaurant

Saturday 22nd January

from 7pm to 11pm

This very popular monthly event is a great way to spend with family and friends.

This month, the theme is Nostalgic Food – a menu featuring classic popular dishes served in the 70's.

A 4-course menu inclusive of 2 selected wines served generously with your meal.

Do you yearn for the days of good and honest food, before celebrity chefs and health conscious eating took over? If so, you'll need to stop by the Restaurant this month.

The event was completely sold out last month, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

****There will be no A la Carte available on the evening.**

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

Saturday 22nd January

1st Course

Vol-au-vent with Fruits of the Sea, Forest Mushrooms

Chef Julien pairs the luxury of Lobster, Prawn, and Scallop with a lavish Creamy White Wine Cream sauce

2nd Course

French Onion Soup

Slow cooked onions make a fabulous foundation for this tasty version of the traditional French Specialty

3rd Course

Steak with green peppercorn sauce

A classic Restaurant dish from Chef Julian:
Thin Fries, Peas with Bacon

4th Course

Crepes Suzette

A classic recipe for Flambéed pancake
from Pastry Chef Ricky

Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee

Wines Selected From Australia and Spain

White Wine: **Tyrrell's White Label Chardonnay, 2008**

Red Wine: **Torres Sangre De Toro Tempranillo, 2007**

\$398 per person

(Inclusive of dinner and free flow of 2 selected wines)

or

\$350 per person (exclusive of wine)

**** Please note: Every diner will enjoy a glass of
Château Carbonnieux red, 2005 – France
(Rated 90 by Robert Parker)**

COFFEE SHOP



SHABU-SHABU WINTER WARMERS

**in the Coffee Shop
Friday and Saturday
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

Shabu-shabu was traditionally served with tofu and vegetables. Nowadays, a great variety of ingredients is used.

This month we are offering a Shabu-shabu experience with beef, pork, leafy vegetables, mushrooms, noodles, dumplings, prawns, fish, squid, crab legs and more!



AFTERNOON CRÊPES

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

Freshly Baked Vanilla Pancakes prepared in different ways.

◆ CHAIRMAN'S BAR ◆

OYSTERS WITH SPARKLING WINE IN THE EVENING

**in the Chairman's Bar
every day from 6.30pm to 10.30pm**

The Chairman's Bar is offering a happy-hour special.

- *Get two jet-fresh oysters and a glass of Angove Sparkling for just \$98 or*
- *6 oysters for \$100 or*
- *12 oysters for \$190*



“WINE-DERFUL” WINE CAROUSEL

**in the Chairman's Bar
every day from 6pm to 10pm
throughout the month of January**

From 6pm until 10pm daily, you can enjoy 2 hours of free-flowing wines specially selected to match this winter season at a set price of **\$130 per person**. Alternatively you can select any two wines for only **\$68**.



◆ THE LOUNGE ◆

HIGH TEA SET

**in the Lounge and Chairman's Bar
everyday from 3pm to 5.30pm**

The Lounge and Chairman's Bar's High Tea Set is not for people in a hurry, as the set is prepared and served in sequence.

The High Tea begins with savoury finger sandwiches. Crusts are removed from freshly baked white and brown breads and the delicate slices are filled with an assortment of smoked salmon, egg, chicken, cream cheese and cucumber.

Warm scones arrive next, made from a secret recipe that our Pastry Chef has used for more than 20 years. They are served with glistening homemade jam and Devonshire clotted cream.

The final course is the pièce de resistance, the platter of cakes and tartlets, served with tea or coffee.



JANUARY IN THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR

On the big screen:

With soccer, the English Premier League takes the spotlight with plenty of important games on. Please make sure you check the notice boards for updated dates and times.

With rugby, the **Heineken Cup** and **The Magners League** continues throughout January.

In tennis, we have the **Hong Kong Tennis Classic 2011** right here in town starting from 5th – 8th January, held at the Victoria Park tennis stadium. The **Australian Open** is on from 17th to 30th January – can world number two Roger Federer win the Australian Grand Slam title? Federer recently revealed he does not have an age or number of Grand Slam titles in mind for when he might retire and says he is not afraid of “facing off against the best”.

In cricket, there is the **One-day international series** and **International Twenty20 Series - Australia vs England**.

For the Golf enthusiasts, the **European Tour** will be played from 20th to 23rd at the Abu Dhabi Open.

For American Football lovers, the **Superbowl 2011** will be shown in the early hours of February 7th HK time, just a week before Valentine's Day, so mark your calendars! Join us for the traditional early breakfast including all the Mary mixes and full breakfast buffet selection on February 7th. The Sportsman's will open at 5:30am for the complete build up to what some say is the most watched final in the world. Not just a game but a party, join us early by booking early! Please call the Sportsman's Bar at 2830 9531.



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On the Food and Beverage side:

FRESHLY-MADE EGG PASTA

in the Sportsman's Bar

every Friday from 6pm to 10.30pm and
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During this cold season, enjoy a steaming plate of carb-rich, comfort-heavy pasta at the Sportsman's with family and friends. Rich and satisfying. Any of our freshly-made egg pasta dishes will put a smile on your face.

BAKED DELIGHTS: HOT PIES

in the Sportsman's Bar

every evening
throughout the month of January

No matter how cold it gets outside, a delicious hot pie will always keep you warm. Throughout the month of January, the Sportsman's Bar offers a selection of baked pies that are hard to find in the territory, each one accompanied by mashed potatoes and greens peas.

WING DING 2010

The Spirit of Generosity - HK Squash community and friends raise more than a million bucks for charity in Wing Ding 2010!



The motto for the twelfth annual Wing Ding Squash Tournament held at HKFC was “going balls to the walls for Hong Kong’s most needy.” Organisers and participants certainly didn’t disappoint, staying true to the slogan, playing competitively and collecting an astonishing amount of money through auction bids, raffle ticket sales, playing fees and donations.

The annual Wing Ding charity squash tournament is a fast-paced affair with 14 teams of 10 players dressed in fun costumes competing for eight hours, racing from court to court in between games. The running style adds a twist to the game of squash and although it’s for charity there’s clearly an element of competition.

Paul Errington was wearing a full chicken costume and was drenched in sweat. He had just played 40 continuous minutes of squash on the courts of the Club as part of the city’s most colourful charity event.

“You’ve got to be playing in it or watching it to really appreciate the tournament,” said Errington. “It’s good fun, and the cause is absolutely fantastic.”

Another Wing Ding player, **Dale Hanson**, an Anglican Church minister, dressed as Superman for his team, United Services Recreation Club. Hanson said “Wing Ding is a lot of fun, a real carnival atmosphere. It’s great to see people coming along and doing what they really enjoy, from which others will benefit.”

It was Errington’s second year participating with his team, the Island Squash Rackets Club. “Chickens, we’re sturdy things. We’re made of tough stuff. You baste us, you eat us, but we still keep coming back for more.”

That’s a good thing for Wing Ding. The gang of chickens and 130 other squash players - who dressed as sailors, Hellenic-style warriors, pink-wigged Geisha cross-

dressers, cavemen, bikers, fireman and more - helped raise a whopping HK\$1.1 million for Operation Santa Claus, the annual holiday fundraising campaign jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

“Going for a million, and doubling it from last year was a really big ask, but people dug deep,” said Errington. “That’s Hong Kong.”

Eleanor Sackett, of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, and her team mates wore white sailor outfits. Sackett, a charity fundraiser for nine years and long-time Wing Ding participant, has watched the Wing Ding become bigger and better each year.

The Wing Ding event “brings the squash community together for a very good cause, and it’s the only charity squash event in Hong Kong. So this is an amazing thing,” she said. “I’d really like to thank the



organisers because it's something that is very special, unique and very colourful."

And what can the Wing Ding tournament achieve next year? "I don't know," she said smiling. "Where do we go from here?"

This year's achievement of HK\$1.1 million was raised through a combination of entry fees, raffle ticket sales, auction bids and kind donations from many different sources, including American Legend, Cathay Pacific, Finnish Fur Sales, Aviva, Elegant Watch & Jewellery Co, Kopenhagen Fur and also from generous individuals / families.

As well as being closely connected with Operation Santa Claus, Wing Ding also celebrates the life of Kam-Wing "Wing" Yuen, an inspirational, physically disabled Urban Council Squash Centre employee who passed away in 1998. Since 2003, Wing Ding has honoured Yuen and his family, and has gathered an astounding

HK\$2.7 million for charity - with HK\$2.6 million of that amount going to Operation Santa Claus.

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 The Wing Ding event
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 event in Hong Kong"

Wing Ding is always an exciting event, but for the 140 participants and the others spectators the presence of one man made the day even more special. During a break in the action, the tournament participants gathered for a group photograph, and

their hearts swelled and smiles widened when a special guest named **Darren Chan** entered the room.

Chan is the project officer for Direction Association for the Handicapped, one of several beneficiaries that will receive funds from Operation Santa Claus. Chan, 38, is handicapped himself, paralysed from the neck down after a traffic accident a decade ago on the mainland. Still, he managed to cradle a squash racquet in his hands, pose for photographs with the group and beam.

He was taken by the warmth and the actions of Hong Kong's squash community, and was honoured that so many people were raising money for his charity and for others in the city. "It's great," said Chan, of Wing Ding. "I've never joined a party like this before." **Tim Everest**, organiser of the tournament, was especially moved. "We're here for you. The whole purpose of Wing Ding is to recognize the pride of others."



Everest described the day as “fantastic” and “awesome” - crediting the different sports clubs and squash leagues for helping to raise a record amount of cash for Wing Ding.

He reminded Hongkongers that it’s not too late to give to Operation Santa Claus, and that donations can still be made up until New Year. “After that, there’s next year,” said Everest, hoping to hold mini-squash and sports tournaments at other clubs to gather even more donations. “The best is yet to come. We’re just getting going.”

After the main sporting event drew to a close, the prize giving and charity auction followed. The winners of the 2010 Wing Ding event were Team Wing, captained by **Bjorn Fjelddahl**, dressed in silver Gladiator costumes. Only a few points behind in second place were hosts, Hong Kong Football Club. The American Club were third. Special mentions were made of the following :

- * **Max Kerr** - youngest competitor, who played this year for Team Discovery Bay
- * **Jennifer Tang** - for time keeping and “sounding” the horn at the start and finish of every match
- * **Evan Fowler** - for initiating mini-Wing Ding at Kowloon Cricket Club

- * The wardrobe heads for HKFC and The American Club for achieving maximum points for their respective team costumes
 - * **Simon Ng** for organising the referees
 - * Team HKFC for achieving the largest team donation
 - * **Dave Murray** for organising the logistics and adding up all the scores
 - * Team Spankers, for interpreting the colour brown (a notoriously difficult colour) in an imaginative way
 - * **Adam Wilson** for assisting with the catering arrangements
 - * Those who generously contributed prizes to the charity auction, and those who actively participated and who helped to swell the funds donated to Wing Ding
- ... and all others who were involved in some way and whose contribution helped to make this year’s event such a huge success. ■

Crocodile Challenge Cup 2010 - Excellent result for Carmen Lee

The Crocodile Challenge Cup was held at the end of October and is a well known tournament held annually in Hong Kong. The event attracts many national and elite club players from around the region, including our own Carmen Lee.

The first match was a home team rivalry against fellow HK national player, Karman Siu. Carmen overcame Karman without undue drama, confidently winning 3-0. In the Quarter finals, things stepped up several notches, and Carmen came head to head with fourth seed, Sharon Wee, Malaysian national player, currently world number 44, and nearly 30 places

higher in the WISPA rankings. Carmen approached the game like any other, and quickly got ahead. After 35 minutes and a succession of long rallies and accurate winning shots, Carmen won 3-1 to take her through to the semi-finals against second seed and world number 17, Joelle King, from New Zealand.

Unfortunately for Carmen, Joelle's fast reactions, long reach and quick pace were just a little too much, and she lost 3-0. However, despite losing, Carmen had a successful tournament, a great win in the Quarters and has all the potential for doing even better next year. Great effort and good luck for future events!



Carmen on the far right hand side, kneeling, with her runners-up cup.

Annual match - HKFC versus HKCC



The annual match against Hong Kong Cricket Club (HKCC) is always an enjoyable event in the Squash Section's calendar and, looking back, we have had more than our fair share of wins over the years.

This year, Match Convenor, **Mike Belbin** organised a team of 28 players to battle it out against HKCC during the afternoon of 27th November, a week after the hugely successful Wing Ding charity squash event. There were a number of excellent and closely contested games - all played in good spirits, without exception. Despite the commendable efforts of all home team members, we didn't come out on top this year, losing by 17 games to 11. Next year will be our year again!



After the match, players and guests were treated to a fabulous barbeque dinner on the patio outside the Sportsman's Bar. The drinks flowed and the buffet was excellent by any standards. It made for a thoroughly enjoyable way of concluding the annual fixture.

Matt Robinson, organiser for HKCC, thanked HKFC for hosting the event and for the generous hospitality. He congratulated his team on a fine victory and was rightly complimentary of the strong efforts made by the home team, and the spirit in which the match was played. Mike Belbin was duly gracious in his response, and unexpectedly broke into verse:

*For the Football Club I must say
That not all really went our way.
While food and wine was here to sup
Some of the team didn't even turn up!
Results in groups, it was "all square"
Three all, but I really must be fair.
In games Cricket Club won 17-11
Not bad I think, but not quite heaven....
However, graciously this cup I must award
And as convenor fall upon my sword.
Enjoy this cup for just one year
And now, please enjoy the food, wine and beer!*

We look forward to recapturing the cup next year. Thanks go to Mike, the players and the Football club for hosting the event. ■

MINI SOCCER COACHES TAKE LEVEL 1 COACHING COURSE



ABOVE:

The HKFC level 1 participants together with Coaching Educators Tom Stack (back row far left) and Barry Powell (back row far right).

BELOW:

Tom Stack takes some of the course participants through their paces

As part of the ongoing strategy to ensure that all of the volunteer coaches who help to run and operate the HKFC Mini / Youth / Junior Soccer Programme are provided with the education to deliver a sound basic level of coaching to the players in the programme, 27 of the current coaches attended a 3-day Level 1 coaching course on Friday November 26th to Sunday November 29th at the Club.

The course was managed and run by **Tom Stack** and **Barry Powell**, two coaching educators from the Birmingham County Football Development Scheme (BCFDS) who travelled to Hong Kong from the UK. Highlights of the course (other than Tom and Barry's sparkling repartee) appeared to be the buffet lunch provided by the Club, which all the coaches tucked into then regretted after the

following energetic three-hour practical session. Joking a-side the highlight, as with every Level 1 course so far, was the way in which a diverse group of people came together to learn about coaching young players the game of football and have fun while doing so. Progressing on from last year, this included seven of our own young players who have gone all the way through the mini soccer programme and are now putting something back.

In addition to the Level 1 course the BCFDS coaches started off the following week with a coaching session for the Crusaders team of special needs players at their Monday evening training followed the same night by the regular Monday evening "Coach the Coaches session" where a group 20 or so coaches/players benefited from Tom and Barry's tender care.

Then on through the rest of the week, Tom and Barry also held coaching sessions for the HKFC U13 squad, the P4 and P5 mini-soccer age groups and the senior mens' teams. Once again Tom and Barry showed how worthwhile their contributions are by providing a high level of coaching education. Thanks goes to both of them as well as our own **James Penny** who undertook all the important organization and coordination to make the course and their visit to HKFC so successful. ■





P6 Hong Kong Junior League tournament at HKFC

On Saturday 4th December HKFC hosted the Hong Kong Junior League (HKJL) P6 tournament for players born in 2000. HKFC had four teams playing in the tournament and although the teams were seriously weakened due to a mini rugby tournament in Singapore plus a number of other reasons, the teams competed very well. The first team lost the quarter-final on penalties and then won the play-off decider to remain in the Cup competition. (The cup was won by the Hong Kong Football Academy). **Timothy Breuer** performed really well in defence in his first outing for the first team.

The second team played very well in the group games and lost a semi-final penalty shoot-out to the HKFC third team! **Kai Miles** starred in defence and goal for the seconds. The third team built up momentum during the tournament and

did really well to reach the plate final - in which they played well but lost 3-0 to DB Dragons 2. **Olivier Muh** was the player of the tournament. The fourth team competed very well with many players in their first HKJL tournament and did the Club proud. **Stephen Lee** played well throughout and was their player of the tournament.

The event ran very smoothly and a special thanks to the HKFC Ground Staff and the P6 coaches who organised the event and coached the teams to deliver a great occasion for all.

*Mark Dale
HKFC Mini Soccer P6 Head Coach*

ABOVE (L to R):

P6 Players receiving their Player of the Tournament medals

Challenging for the ball against Discovery Bay

BELOW (L to R):

A HKFC P6 player in full flight

Nervously watching a penalty shoot-out



HKFC Under 12s lift the first Cup trophy of the season at DEA Festival

November 14th saw the first Mini Rugby Festival of the 2010/2011 season take place at King's Park, hosted by the DEA Tigers Mini Rugby Club. A bright sunny day greeted the HKFC players from age groups which ranged between the Under 6s playing the first ever competitive rugby of their short lives, up to the seasoned campaigners at Under 12 level. Of course, HKFC was very well represented in their new blue & white hoops, just like their older colleagues in the senior teams, and sporting the logos of main sponsor, National Australia Bank and associate sponsors, CLSA and Kennedy's. There was plenty of great action throughout the day but here are just some of the highlights.

Under 12s - Cup Winners and the only club competing in all four competitions

After their fine performance in the Guinness World Record Tournament, losing out narrowly to Tanglin in the final there was much anticipation as the FC1 Blues One players took to the field. Suffice to say the players did not let us down and indeed did the Club proud by lifting the DEA Tigers Cup trophy with no tries conceded and convincing victories over the hosts DEA, HKU Sandy Bay, Discovery Bay and Valley Fort. Special mentions for the strong running and hand-offs of winger **Jack Robinson**, the organization and terrier-like tackling of Fly-half **Ned Lyndsay**, and the powerful forward play and try-scoring runs of **Max Denmark**. However, the day was a triumph for the whole team and the result of a lot of hard work on the training ground and a belief in themselves that, one day, it would all come good. HKFC was the only club to field Under 12s teams in each of the four competitions, with teams also competing for the Plate, Bowl and Shield, showing the depth of our rugby talent but sadly, despite some tremendous performances on the day, we were not able to nab any other silverware



The Under 12 Blues 1 celebrate their DEA Tigers Cup Victory

this time around. The Cup won once. The Plate, Bowl and Shield to come!

Chris Plowman –
Under 12s Head Coach

Under 11s

The DEA Festival saw five Under 11 sides participate, although narrow pitches meant limited space and it was to be a day of tough forwards' play. The intensity of

rucking has stepped up and it took some time for our forwards to get to grips with the effective rucking and counter-rucking from some of our rivals.

Blue A suffered two defeats and a win, whilst Blue B won two and lost one, beating a Sai Kung side that had earlier bested Blue A. Excellent performances on the day by **Luca Ekins** and the combative **John**

Simpson. Red A played 3, won 2, lost 1, beating Shatin Sha Pei and Sai Kung Stingrays but losing heavily to DEA in a match, which saw some disappointing refereeing of the advantage laws. Highlight of the day for Red A, was **Oliver Ruffly's** flying winger's try and the excellent contribution from **Lucy Lindsey** and **Joshua Lam.** Red B also enjoyed a couple of wins, with **Oliver Graham** prominent. Purple lost their first two against HKU2 and VF2 and struggled with an ever changing line up, but finally clicked in the last match and won this match v FK2 by 7 tries to 1. **Oscar Royds** as fly half stood out.

The day highlighted the need for a greater focus upon concerted teamwork at breakdowns, and the importance of the team defending along a single organised line.

Russell Henderson – U11s Head Coach

Under 10s

Under 10s won most of their games across all teams. Magstrike and Stampede both won more games than they lost. Vulcan had a crisis when only 5 turned up in time for the first game, their coaches did a great job getting players into positions but it was a last minute scramble. **Libby** scored a classic in the first game with 4 Stingrays on her back. They then had two easy games with the same team, which they strolled through at the end.

Hornets, who were playing the best sides of the other clubs went undefeated. They beat DeA 2-0 and routed Tai Po 7-0. They had a really positive day both in terms of how the team has improved technically, driving over the ball in the rucks, protecting the ball, laying the ball back in the tackle, general tackling standard across the team, and the better cohesion between forwards and backs...as one mother said, "I cannot believe the difference between this year and



Under 10 Christian McAteer powers through a tackle

last, and the sheer determination to attack until the final whistle." This was truly demonstrated in the final game when the team struggled to raise themselves from the previous game, a really hard fought contest with VF 1 where we had the majority of the possession only to let slip their lead with a few minutes to go. We were losing 1-0 to a technically very good HKU side and were struggling to find our previous cohesion and commitment. Despite being injured in the VF game, **Nicholas Teague** came on with only a couple of minutes remaining. We had a penalty, Nicholas Teague drove to the line but was held up, we recycled the ball and with a renewed desire not to lose, **Elliott Topping** drove over the line to secure the draw with the last play of the game. Simply put, a fantastic testament to the team's spirit,

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 difference between this
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which truly shone through last Sunday. The whole team played really well and gave it all but special mention goes to Nicholas in the forwards (personal level of performance and how he inspires the team) and **Nathan Sweeney** in the backs for some blistering runs and great commitment in defence.

*Alastair Murray –
 Under 10s Head Coach*

Under 9s

The sun was out, we got to sleep in that morning and everyone was in a good mood as the Under 9s entered the DeA Tigers Festival. All the kids played well and showed much more tackling skill than was demonstrated at the previous week's friendly practice matches against Sandy Bay! Our standard of play was high and all the players are running well with the ball.

The FC1s won two, drew one and lost one match. **Iain Carmichael** has continued

to demonstrate his tackling prowess and seemed to be everywhere on the field, preventing much gain from our opponents. **Will Harris** lead the way in the backline with tremendous running. The FC2 won one and lost three in very tight matches. **Finn Twomey** led the charge for the FC2s with a great performance all around. **Harry Lee** had a few very aggressive tackles, particularly in the last game of the day against Valley.

In the FC3 and FC4 teams, we had a lot of new players who were playing their first tournament. Both teams did exceptionally well. FC3 was on fire, and won every game they played! **Ben Delf** scored two tries in their hardest game vs. Sai Kung, as well as a number of other tries in the other games. **Braedon Donohoe**, who hikes over from Macau every week to play, displayed some brilliant attacking and running! The FC4 team won three and lost their last game to the Monkeys. Several girls who are new to the game were real standouts, including **Maia Heath** who tackled ferociously, practically taking down all the opposition ball carriers who dared to come within three metres of her. **Nicola Yu** scored a memorable try dragging 3 or 4 players on her heels.

Michael Phillip – Under 9s Head Coach

Under 8s

Such is the popularity of mini rugby at Under 8 level, with more than 65 registered players, that we entered a record number of six teams in the DEA festival. That's two more than we had last year as Under 7s. This both created a near insolvable problem for the group's intellectually-challenged head coaches – to come up with the names of two more animals to be used for the new teams' sobriquets – and added still more colour, faces to paint, and excitement to the pageant that marks this excellent season-opening tournament.

Fortunately the kids – and able administrator **Ping Lam** – came to the fauna-naming rescue with the falcons and the dragons. These joined the crocs, sharks, foxes and bears and a record 25 parent-volunteer coaches as we contested 18 games against mini rivals old and new. We won more than we lost (just about), took part momentarily in our first ever competitive scrums, laughed more than we cried (just about) and had a fabulous sun-soaked day of team bonding. And candy floss.

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MINI RUGBY

Special mention goes to **Joe Denmark, Morimasa Wong, Kai Luk-Laughton, Dylan Hughes, Sophie Bater, Caitlyn Maguire, Kee Lok Fong, Alessandro Suarez, Leighton Harris, Charlie Edkins, Cornuaille Yoen** and **Thomas Delf** for their particular passion and skills on the day. Though their 50-plus comrades all deserve credit for the excellent spirit with which they played. It is no idle gloat to say that the HKFC Under 8s gave their opponents the loudest “three cheers” and firmest handshakes throughout this tournament.

DEA did a marvelous job – as ever – in hosting this festival. The bar is raised higher than ever before for the clubs that will play host to the rest of the season’s tournaments. Well done indeed and many thanks!

*Tony Shale and David Cheung –
Under 8s Head Coaches*

Under 7s

A great day out for the Under 7s with the Bulls, Typhoons and Hurricanes firing on all cylinders. Notable performances for the Bulls were provided by the trickery

of **Tomos Lewis** and pace of **Oliver Nicholle**, the highlight being a particularly memorable thrashing of Valley Fort by five tries to two. Strong running by the “Blonde Flash” **Hamish Hulme** and the ever-dependable defensive qualities of **William Broomhead** took the Typhoons to some sound victories. The Hurricanes players were led by **Marco Conti** who provided good support running and earned extra points for teaching his team mates how to say “pass” in Italian, and **Dhruv Kapoor** for actually passing the ball in play (shock horror!), which led to a great try. All the Under 7s performed admirably with progress being made by all. The next challenge is to follow Dhruv’s example and to keep the passing going..

Arwel Lewis – Under7s Head Coach

Under 6s

The Mighty Under 6s had a great day in the morning sunshine at Kings Park. The four teams, the Dragons, Scorpions, Mini Selects and Bulls all performed very well in what was the Champs first major festival. The development of the players in learning the structure and skills of the game has

surpassed my pre-season expectations. Each team are gelling well together and in a short while with a clear improvement in basic skill levels and the desire to get their hands on the ball can be seen. It is even pleasing to see that within the teams, players are supporting and encouraging their teammates. The encouragement from the large coaching group and parents is also great to see. As scores are not officially kept, all teams finished with a majority or clean sweep of their matches and tries scored were well spread out. Players who have been relatively quiet in previous training sessions, stood out for their participation and performing well in the moment. The standout players were the entire teams. As usual we presented our player of the week at the end and it is pleasing that each week we recognise a different player for their enthusiasm, listening skills and enjoyment of playing mini rugby. Special thanks to the Head Coaches and **Sergio Maestri** (Under 6 Manager) for ensuring a smooth day.

James Manders – Under 6s Head Coach ■

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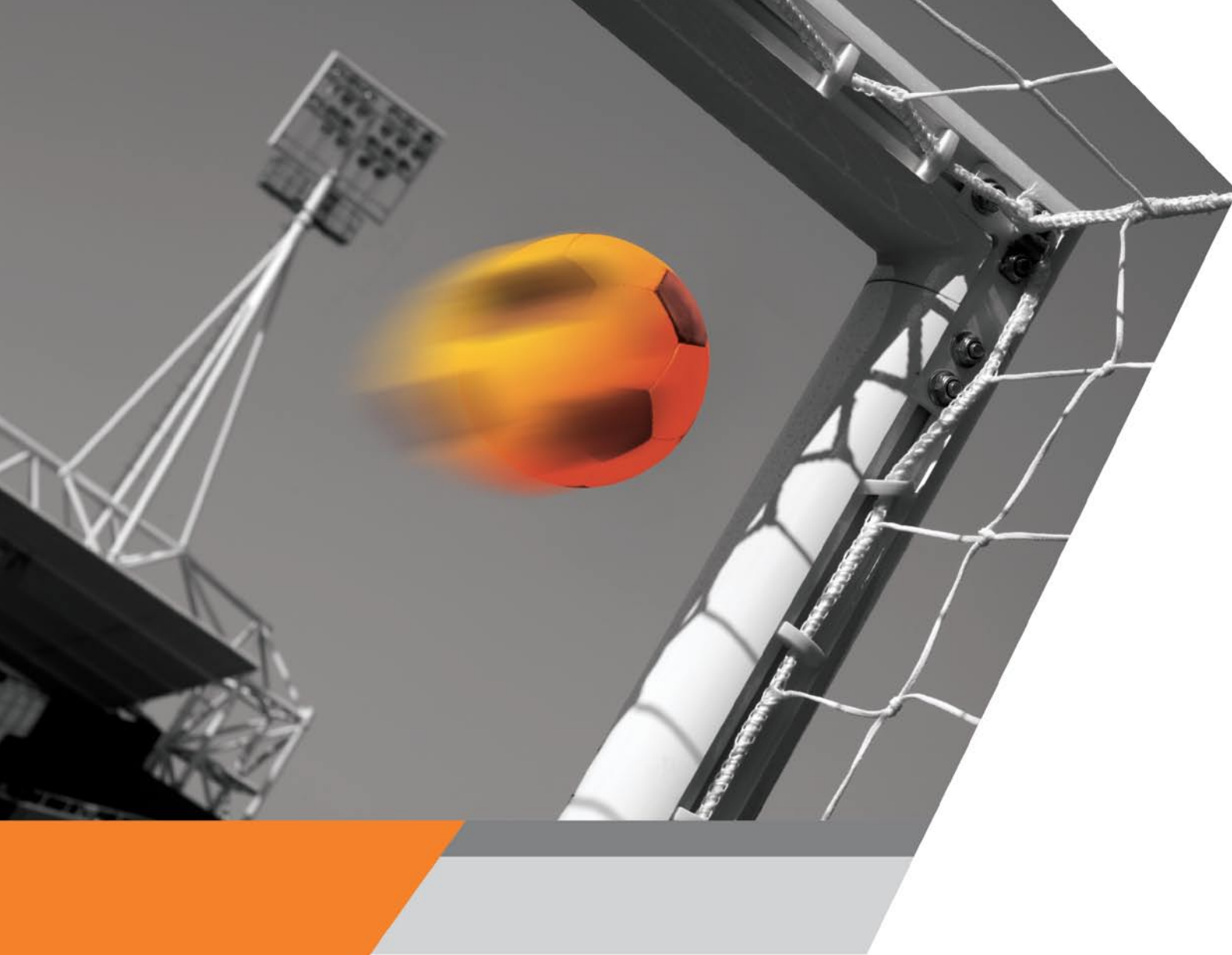


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Mini Hockey News

HKFC Mini Hockey Tournament Saturday 11th December 2010

The 11th December saw the new, revamped HKFC Mini Hockey Tournament take place on both the Hockey Pitch and the Main Pitch for the first time. Teams from 9 different clubs and schools, playing across three age groups (Under 8, Under 10, Under 12), numbered close to 500 participants in total. All teams vied for Division medals and trophies, but clearly the Hockey Carnival atmosphere created was also rewarding for most. In between matches the children had fun on the bouncy castles, and were able to relax in the Tournament Village. Out on the pitches however, the competition was hot and several games were highly competitive and played right to the final second, in some cases the winning goals scored on the final play of the game. With much cheering and support from the sidelines, it was pretty obvious that everyone was enjoying the new tournament format.

The eventual division winners were:

Under 8 Div 1 – KCC A	Under 8 Div 2 – GSIS C
Under 10 Div 1 - GSIS A	Under 10 Div 2 – KCC A
Under 12 Div 1 – GSIS A	Under 12 Div 2 – Kennedy School

Well done to all the participants and a special mention to the tournament organizers, **Neil and Fiona Galloway, Rob and Ros Barker, Rhona Barr, Deepali DeBlank** and **Simon Chapman**.

A big thanks to all parent volunteers, coaches and to the Senior Hockey Section members who umpired all tournament matches.

Finally, to all our HKFC Mini Teams, a HUGE thanks to all those who played (and glad so many chose to play for the Club team and not their school team). The success of HKFC's Mini Hockey is growing and we are now seeing signs of improvement across all age groups. Our teams are becoming far more competitive and we look forward to winning our own fair share of medals in the upcoming tournaments. Have a wonderful Christmas and see you in the New Year!

Singapore Tour – January 15th-16th



At last, the time has come for HKFC Mini Hockey to take its first Mini Hockey Tour. There has always been a strong tradition of touring amongst the senior Section, however, in January, the Mini and Youth section will head to Singapore for its inaugural tour. HKFC will be hosted by Stingers Hockey Club and will play in a tournament arranged specifically for the tour. A full report and photos will appear in next month's magazine. Safe travels!



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Captain's Corner

Happy New Year!!! So, as ever, the predictions for 2011 are as follows:

1st team to retain 1st division status.

Lucky Mile to retain 2nd division status.

A CLUB team to win the YYL (yeah yeah, sitting on the fence I hear you cry)

Colts for the YYL Cup

Last month I predicted a shock win for the 1st team against South China and they were close to pulling it off, going down narrowly 2-1, but a great effort nonetheless. With **James Beacher** having opened the scoring in the 63rd minute. Bragging rights between Wanderers and Albion will also need to be deferred to later in the season, as they drew 1-1 in a fast and exciting game with **Dave Brennan** scoring for Albion and **Neil Horton** for Wanderers.

As usual, the fixtures for January are listed, however there are a number of cup games on during the month; therefore my advice would be to keep an eye on the Section Notice Board for further details, as these were not available at the time of writing.

Whilst on the subject of the notice board, it would be great to get some comments as to what you want to see on the boards on an ongoing basis. As usual, the address is growler11@yahoo.com

Thanks to all those who have provided feedback over the last few months. It seems the CLUB magazine is a favourite bedtime read for some; therefore if you are reading this before turning out the light, please don't have nightmares!

Once again, please accept my best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2011 and I hope you have a great month.

Neil Jensen – Soccer Section Captain



Saturday the 4th of December 2010 saw the Soccer Section Christmas Party take place at the Club. The theme this year was 80's and a great effort was made by all, including Michael Jackson, Ghostbusters and Pac man (Lucky Mile), Miami Vice (1st team), Ruud Gullit (Albion) and 80-year-old women (Wanderers).

Everyone had a great night and thanks as ever goes to **Tony Hamilton** for all of his hard work in arranging the night along with his team including **Scott Semple** and **Dave Shaw**.



Player's Profile: John Carl Pimlott



Pimmy and striking partner (he wishes!)



Pimmy back in the days.... (back row, 3rd from the right)

“

Most memorable HKFC moment: Winning my first 2nd Division title in 98 against our 2nd team with a goal from Andy Hunter. ”

Nickname: Pimmy

Age: 36

Place of Birth: Manchester

ON FOOTBALL:

HKFC team represented: HKFC 1st Team 1997 - 2006 and 2008 - 2009, Wanderers 2010

Position: Centre Midfield

Favourite team: Manchester United

Standard reached as a youth:

School boy trials with Manchester City and Blackburn, Salford Boys (with Nicky Butt) and Manchester County.

Best goal scored: Header to make it 3-3 against Bolton Wanderers in the FA Youth Cup at Burndon Park (Tewy was probably there)

Best goal seen: Ole Gunnar V Bayern Munich 99 - What a night, still makes the hair on the back of my neck stand up every time I see it...

Most memorable HKFC moment: Winning my first 2nd Division title in 98 against our 2nd team with a goal from Andy Hunter.

Least memorable HKFC moment: Losing the 2nd division trophy after celebrating with Lanty, Dyer and Wilkin after the game. I'm sure Lanty's still

got it sat on the toilet at home...

Boyhood hero: Bryan Robson

Pre match meal: I don't really eat much these days :-)

FAVOURITES:

TV Show past and present – Tooty Fruity (a great German game show) / Max and Paddy's Road to nowhere

Music: Stone Roses, Oasis, Charlatans, Happy Mondays, Primal Scream (young kids should have a look on YouTube)

Film: 24-hour party people

Holiday destinations: Toss-up between Manchester and Phuket; both have great weather and food.

Any Food: Yes please.....

Any Drink: Guinness

What would be your perfect day? Winning a game at the club then going on the lash with the lads until 4am.....

If you could have any 10 guests for dinner, dead or alive who would they be?

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Club Nearly Upsets South China In Thriller

Club produced one of its best performances so far this season in the away game against Hong Kong football powerhouse South China. However, **Tony Sealy**'s boys left the Siu Sai Wan SG empty-handed after suffering a narrow defeat (2-1).

"It's for games like this that we decided to accept promotion to the First Division," Tony Sealy told his side minutes before kick-off. With the gaffer's words still ringing in their ears, Club went out and delivered.

After a shaky first 10 minutes in which South China missed a spot-kick (great save by Club goalkeeper **Carl Ng**) and rattled the crossbar from 20 yards out, Club took control of the game. South China dropped off, giving Club the opportunity to enjoy a fair share of possession and creating some half-chances. The back four proved to be solid and turned the game into a frustrating encounter for the South China forwards. With both sides unable of breaking the deadlock, half time arrived with the scores level at 0-0.

Club continued its fine display in the second half and managed to go one up when **James Beacher** finished off a fine **Jack Sealy** pass. With **Liam Brannan** and new boy **Carlo Dilibero** bossing the midfield, things looked very positive for Club. Unfortunately, South China managed to equalize within minutes. The pressure on Club increased but some fine defending by **Jason Tack**, **Martin Rainer**, **Gary Gheczy** and **Stephen Liu** kept the score level. Unfortunately, Club ran out of steam as the second half progressed and South China managed to go 2-1 up with about 15 minutes to go. Club responded immediately by bringing on the fresh legs of **Freek Schipper**, **Nick Sandor** and **Max Poon** replacing Liam Brannan, **Reda**



Chaouch and **James Ha**. However, South China managed to hang onto the lead and Club was left empty-handed.

Despite the loss, a great display by Club against possibly the strongest side in Hong Kong. Club will keep battling to achieve its aim of, being an amateur side, avoiding relegation from the (fully professional) First Division.

Don't hesitate to come down to Club's games; the support from within the Section and the Club in general is much appreciated!

Freek Schipper ■

“ It's for games like this that we decided to accept promotion to the First Division ”



SOCCER FIXTURES - JANUARY 2011

(Fixtures subject to change. Please visit www.yauyeeleague.com and www.hkfa.com)

DATE	COMPETITION	TEAM	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME
9th January	YYL 1st Division	Wanderers	Antonhill	HKFC	15:00
9th January	YYL 1st Division	Albion	HKDC Mobsters	HKFC	16:30
9th January	YYL 1st Division	Colts	USRC	HKFC	18:00
21st January	HKFA bma 1st Division	HKFC	South China	HKFC	20:00
23rd January	YYL 1st Division	Wanderers	HKDC Mobsters	HKFC	15:00
23rd January	YYL 1st Division	Albion	Swiss XI	HKFC	16:30
23rd January	YYL 1st Division	Colts	Antonhill	HKFC	18:00
28th January	HKFA bma 1st Division	HKFC	Citizen	HKFC	20:00



Peter Tattersall, Rugby Section Captain

Captain's Message

From the Rugby Section to all members, readers and the wider audience, we hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As our members return to Hong Kong from their festive travels like a long herd of cows making their way back to the milk shed, now, we really do start to gear up to the business end of the rugby calendar. At the more elite end of the playing spectrum, Club and Drags have truly placed a marker down this year and showed the many facets of their playing ability, with a high proportion of players wearing both jerseys as injuries and improvement in players skills open the window to step up to the next level. Club finished the 2010 matches in the top spot of the premier league and the Drags managed to secure 5th place before the Christmas break, which is a feat in itself. Kowloon started strong at the beginning of the season under the guidance of **Joe Shaw** et al with a win over Club but seriously took the foot off the gas losing to Valley and the return leg with Club. Valley have been even less of a threat as we have completed five out of six wins against their two top teams so far this year – it feels great to be able to write this!!!

For our 2nd team to be able to step up into the 1st Division and be able to hold their own and topple some 1st XV teams is outstanding, well done boys to the boys, **Ant Phillips** our skipper and also the coaching team. The Scorps have had a mixed bag this year, the excellent win over the Nomads was tainted by the loss to Kowloon II's and currently stand with four wins and four losses. **Shane Wallis** is still taking his anger management classes funded by the Union and is still not allowed within 10ft of the pitch. Under the watchful eyes of **Messrs Wallis** and **Nieto**, they will end the season in good form and won't go down without a big fight – **Bouch** will be proud of you. Select and Sequins, both in Division 3 have been tussling with the usual opposition from across the harbour. The two Kowloon outfits are proving strong at the top of the table closely followed by the University team full of young agile players and a few Frenchies thrown in the mix to add some flavour. Nine points separates the two Club teams and hopefully Select can push up the table to make the Grand Champs. The infamous Bulls in Division 4 are smack bang in the middle of the table and have the same performance record as the Scorps. They need a big push in the early Jan/Feb games to ascend up the ranks and are only four points behind fourth and fifth place (The two Police teams) who are tied on 24 points.

The ICE girls also sit in a mid-table position, some wins, some losses and hoping to finish the season with some more of the former. They smashed RICE, 71-0 before the Christmas break

and will certainly be in the play-offs when it comes to the end of the season. I already look forward to your rendition of "Alouette" with Mr **Dan Brown** at the May Ball, I feel this song is now as synonymous with our formal Balls as "Bread of Heaven" is for the adoring Welsh fans on match day in the Millennium stadium.

After several months to show their worth on the pitch and also on the social front, congratulations to several of the new players who have comfortably slipped into life at Sports Road. **Will Jones, Will Hunt, Johnny Whittle, Ciaran Daneilis, Hugh Baggie, Ed Bracken, Rob McDermott** to name a few. As a slightly different feature this month we have interviewed one of the new stars to touch down at Sports Road. Will Jones, joined us at the beginning of the season after finishing his studies at University and playing semi-pro for several seasons in Wales, he decided to start afresh and come to Hong Kong to don the White and Blue hoops. We took this opportunity to get to know him a bit better with a Q and A session of 10 quick fire questions. Ladies and Gentleman, **Will Jones**.

About Will Jones

1. What had you been doing before you joined the club? Bit of a player background please. Didn't you just graduate from Oxford?

I was actually studying at Cambridge, Tatts. I also played for a club called Ebbw Vale in the Welsh Premiership out of term time.

2. What does HKFC mean to you?

I'm very proud to be involved at such an amazing club. Fantastic facilities, ZZ beer, good mates and somewhere to have a de-brief on a Sunday morning when it's all bit of a blur (the pool ledge)

3. Beef/Chicken Fajitas or Ribs and Man Chips?

Ribs and man chips served by Raymond.

4. Best rugby moment?

Winning the Varsity Rugby Match last year against Oxford University at Twickenham. The celebrations went on for over a week and I still don't know where the cup got to.

5. Highlights of the season so far?

Seeing Dave Tibbott waddle out on to the pitch week in week out in his condition is a huge highlight for me. Well done Dave.

6. Lowlights of the season so far?

Losing to Kowloon on my debut. Becoming facebook friends with Jonny Whittle was a close second.

7. Who would you least likely room with on tour?

Johnny Whittle – anyone who has ever met the bloke will understand.

8. Scenario: Junior catches you in Solas at 3am on Saturday morning before the Grand Final, what would your excuse be for being out so late?

Its simple, just like Big' Bill Werbeniuk the snooker player, I need to drink before a major sporting event to settle the nerves, by my

calculations, Sam will just about do it, Junior will understand.

9. You have to choose 3 famous people, dead or alive. One to go for dinner with, one to go on the lash with and one to be on a deserted island with for a week? Reasons please...

This is a hard question – Clint Eastwood for dinners, might even push the boat out and host him in the Chairman's. Winston Churchill for a drink, anyone who consumed a bottle of Pol Roger per day for the entire length of WW2 would have a few interesting lash stories and Kate Middleton for the desert island, don't say you wouldn't!!!

10. Do you have any nicknames?

Yes of course I do, with a Barnet like this, I get called "Cloons" a lot, after Martin Clooney. ■

Rugby Section – 125 Years

As part of the 125th anniversary celebration the Rugby Section is seeking memorabilia from current and former Section members showing life at the Club. Team photos, tour photos, photos around the Club - new and old, old programmes and anything else that helps show the vibrant life of the Section and the community is welcome. You can email **Alex Duperouzel** at hkfcrugby@complianceasia.com or leave it at Reception marked to Alex's attention.



Zen and the Art of the Oval Ball

20 reasons why it's time you retired...

1. You can't tie your own bootstraps.
2. You can't tie your shoelaces on the day after.
3. Playing rugby is a penance as well as an excuse for your debauched lifestyle.
4. It's fatigue, not injuries, that's killing you.
5. You have to pace yourself during the warm-up.
6. In a warm-up, you play with the ball when everybody else is stretching. When everybody else is doing handling skill exercise, you stretch.
7. Your teammates call you "an impact sub" and you believe them.
8. You can't help but smirk in the pre-game huddle as you have heard all the clichés and pep talks before.
9. Your captain urges you to "Look each other in the eyes!" and you think, "That's a poor Al Pacino impersonation..."
10. In a game, you lose your voice first before your legs stop.
11. You know all the refs, but not necessarily to your advantage.
12. At the kick-off and each re-start, your primary job is to shout "Behind the kicker!"
13. When a player is injured, your teammates automatically presume it is you.
14. You hardly make any mistakes in a game, because you are nowhere near the scenes of action to make any serious dent on your team's performance.
15. For the similar reason, you don't get injured. Truth be said, all your recent injuries are self-inflicted.
16. Your team is winning an one-sided game: you have the urge to strangle the first person to say "It's nil-nil, boys".
17. Your team is losing badly but you are secretly confident that you are actually playing OK, personally.
18. Your wife/partner is suddenly encouraging you to take rugby more seriously.
19. Your wife/partner insists that you make every training session.
20. Your wife/partner books you on a rugby tour behind your back.

Yutaka Yazawa

Men's A Team Report: HKFC A vs Elite A, 21st October

Apologies for the lack of a match report for our previous game against SSSC A (aka "Bullets" - a name clearly deserved). The reporting inadequacies were, surprisingly, not as a result of our scribe's debauched and permanently hung-over student lifestyle (not jealous), but rather for fear of legal and HKHA recrimination. Put it this way, the match vs Bullets was called off after 30 minutes and some of the most unbelievable scenes that many of us have ever witnessed on a hockey pitch - the less said the better...

So it was with a little fear and trepidation that we returned to the wastelands north of Kowloon, the battle ground of Bullets vs Umpire, in a game to take on Elite. Having taken an enforced break from hockey for a few weeks as a result of the mid season Asian Games extravaganza, we were a little short of fitness, touch, guile and practice. It is probably best to forget the first half, including "that" miss from **Russell**, although we had taken a 1 goal lead courtesy of a fine strike from **Owen**.

The second half was a vast improvement as we re-established some of our patterns of play and crafted some good opportunities. The stand-out moment came from **Carl**, our young German forward (every team should have one), as he again found the net with a classy drag flick from a short corner. Further goals from **Alex** and **Jonty** secured a comfortable 5-1 victory. We remain unbeaten in the league (having drawn with Pak A), however things remain very tight at the top of the league and maximum points seem to be required from each game to stay in contention. Our new recruits are now firmly established and the squad was bolstered by the return of **Oli** (fatherhood, seemingly, has not softened him and he has lost none of his ability to take the man and ball). Rumour has it that the squad may be strengthened again in the November transfer window with the arrival of some further young talent - watch out the old guard...

Big game against Shaheen coming up next - another must win game!

Men's C Team Report Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 4

The start of the season brought about the usual mix of new talent, big aspirations, sore backs and stiff thighs. **Mike Giblin** influenced the creation of an award for man-most-flustered in front of his own goal and **Dan Smith** and **Sam** have both staked a claim in the golden stick standings. New only to the Cs, **Rob** has even saved his first ever penalty flick, albeit from the dubious flick taking talent of **Wongy**.

We've scored quite a lot of goals too. **Donny Berbatov** scored 5 in one match! **Rhodsey** has had 2 hat tricks, they lead the

way with 9 each. **Chappie**, **Sam** and **Oli**, yes Oli, have got 3 apiece and there is a sprinkling of goals for several others.

We've been full court pressing, half court pressing, cross-dressing (pink sleeveless shirts) and cointreau caressing. **Ben**, **J-Dog**, **Gilson**, **Dave** and **Nick** continue to chew up the opposition attacks and spit them back out again. The midfielders have run themselves ragged. **Chappie** and **Sim** controlling the centre and a chorus of others; **Charlie**, **Tim**, **Oli**, **Sukum** to name but a few, have controlled the flanks like a well trained infantry regiment.

Special mention for **Matt T** for coming in on the wrong side and having his leg broken, literally, by the subsequent clearout airshot.

Congratulations **Sim**, **Rene** and **Dave** on becoming Dads. Roll on Christmas and brace yourself for the second half of a season that's looking not half bad.

P.S. Anyone seen Ralph?!

By Tim Cairns (aged 36)



Back row (from Left): **Nick Studholme-Wilson**, **The J dogg**, **Dan Smith**, **Sim Archer Perkins**, **Charlie Poulton**, **Matt Burke (VC)**, **Sam Ritchie**, **Ollie Spensley**

Front Row (from Left): **Tim Cairns**, **Mike Giblin**, **Sukum**, **Rob Wilkinson**, **Dave Mahendran**, **Chappie**

Ladies A Team Report: HKFC A 6 - 0 Elite A 27th November

Saturday morning started out with some frantic calls as our once strong squad had been reduced to 10 through personal reasons, work trips, injuries, babies and food poisoning....so a couple of lucky B's stepped up to give us a full squad to face Elite A.

We all knew that we should win the match but we did make hard work of the game. By half time we managed to put away 3 goals and by full time 6. Scoring for us this week was **Hannah** (2), **Lara** (2), **Babs** (1) and **Nic** (1). Thank goodness Hannah finally scored but I think you might find yourself back at left back next week!!!

Nicky Russo had a great game as centre back and **Becky** played really well when she came on the pitch and stepped it up to not look out of place.

A win - not a great win - but 3 more points and 6 more goals!



HOCKEY SECTION CHRISTMAS PARTY



The annual Hockey Section Christmas Party was held in early December. Breaking with tradition, the party was held on a Saturday, rather than a Friday night, and was held “offsite”. We had a huge turnout for the party and the chosen theme of “uniforms” made for a colourful affair with all the teams making a fantastic effort with their costumes: Freddy Mercuries rocked with the Brownies on the dance floor; Chilean Miners celebrated with the NYPD girls; and the US Army let loose with the help of the Jaegermeister Girls. The “best dressed” award was a combined award to the Men’s and Women’s C teams who turned out as Pilots and Air Hostesses (Airline name withheld by the censors), with an honourable mention to the Ladies’ F team for their Santa’s Little Helpers outfits. More importantly, amidst all the high jinx through our raffle and donations for shearing **Simon Chapman’s** long locks (thanks Chappie), we raised almost \$25,000 for Pathfinders, the Hockey Section’s chosen charity for the 2010-2011 season. The night was a roaring success - congratulations and thanks from the whole Section to **Cristina Wilkinson** for putting together a wonderful evening. ■



Lawn Bowls News

5TH ASIA PACIFIC MERDEKA INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP 21-26 NOVEMBER 2010



TOP: Hong Kong Team at the Asia Pacific

ABOVE: Tammy with 2nd Runner Up Medal and Prize

This competition has been held annually since 2006. It comprises of a Singles and Mixed Pairs competition with competing nations sending one male and one female player.

The countries in this year's competition were: Australia, Brunei, China, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

Tammy Tham, as Hong Kong Indoor Bowls Champion, participated in this competition together with Stephen Sy of FC Club.

Both Singles and Mixed competitions started by dividing players into two groups, with each team playing each other in a round robin competition.

In the Mixed Pairs, Tammy and Stephen took a while to find their form and unfortunately did not progress to the next knock out stage. The same was true for Stephen in his singles. In the Women's singles however it was a different story.

In Tammy's group were Brunei, Fiji, Philippines, Thailand and two Malaysians. Over a period of four days, Tammy played each of the women in her group and won

every game. As winner of the group she went directly through to the semi finals while the women who were second and third in each group had to play in a quarter final to decide who would go through.

One semi-final saw two Malaysians playing each other, while in the other was Tammy and Claire Duke from Australia.

The semi-finals were played in a set format with each set being nine ends. A tie break of three ends would be played if things were equal after the two sets.

Tammy had a nightmare of a first set losing badly to Claire, but in the second set she bounced back. After eight ends Tammy was winning 8 to 5. All she had to do was hold on in the last end to take things to a tie-break. Sadly it was not to be. Claire managed to get the three shots she needed to tie the set and therefore win the match. Claire then went on to win the final.

For Tammy, it was a great achievement to end up with a bronze medal, and a very proud moment when she went on stage to collect the prize and see the Hong Kong flag being raised.

FILIPINO CLUB (FC)'s 60TH ANNIVERSARY INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The tournament was held on 21st November 2010. Twelve teams from FC along with 12 teams from fellow clubs participated in the tournament. HKFC entered a mixed team comprising of **Victor Tong**, **Clarissa Wong**, **W Y Lau** and **Stanley Luk** (**Philip Sze** was the reserve player and assisted in the morning by replacing **W Y Lau**).

It was a beautiful sunny day and the tournament started in a round robin format. We lost the first two games (it would seem that we need longer to warm-up!) but gradually picked up the game. We tied the third game and won the last two.

Based on the results of the round robin, teams then entered into the cup, plate or bowl competitions in the afternoon. We played our first game against CdeR, and won by just a shot to proceed onto the semi-finals where we faced KCC. We won the match and headed for the finals. The final was played against one of the FC teams being skipped by **Wanis Sze**. A good performance by our team saw us winning the Plate.

The whole tournament was very well organized, and every participant went



away happy, having enjoyed a great day of bowling. Of course we were especially happy to bring home a beautiful trophy with us.

We would like to thank the FC for their hospitality.

By Stanley Luk

SOCIAL GAME WITH THE TENNIS SOCIETY



It is always a good thing when two different Club sports get together for a social and this event on November 12th was no exception.

Sixteen tennis players braved the challenge of being taught the basics of the game of Bowls, and once this was achieved, mixed teams of tennis players and bowlers took part in a friendly game.

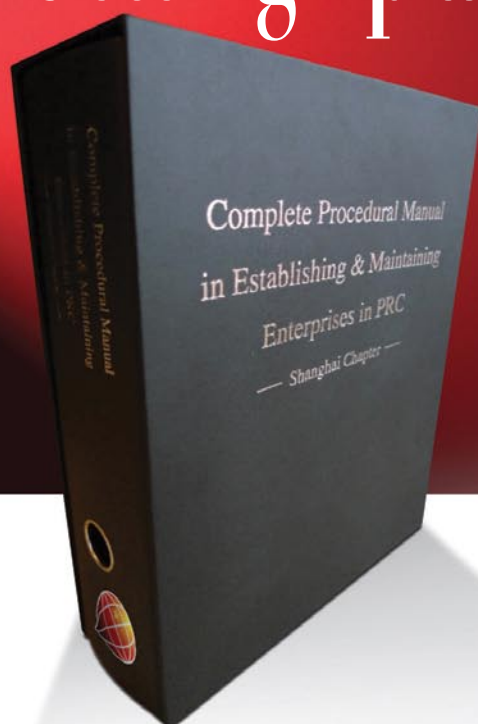
The determination and enthusiasm that the tennis players brought to the evening was fantastic, and everyone had a great time. It was refreshing to play in a game where the end result wasn't important but the fun along the way was.

Hopefully this may prove to be the first of other such events for the Bowls Section, and the Tennis Society have hinted that they might invite us for a go with them. Anyone for a game of tennis? ■

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRACE CHU

Congratulations to Grace Chu on reaching the finals of the Women's National Singles Competition. The final will take place at the Club next March. Grace will be playing against Queenie Lai of SBSC.

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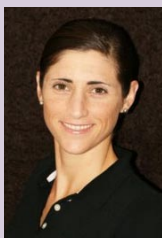
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Comments from the Chair



Karin Looram,
Netball DSA
Chairperson

Happy New Year Everyone!

Hope you all ate a lot of mince pies (fruit ones that is) and BBQ if you were down under or turkey if you were up above here in Hong Kong!

We are going into the second half of season. Commitment is vital so all teams can play to their full potential and get to the finals.

Not long now until the Netball World Championships in Singapore in July. If

you haven't got your tickets, then check out the website soon. There is a large contingent of us going from Hong Kong, so I know that with a week of netball, food and shopping it's going to be an event you don't want to miss out on. Not to mention the fantastic netball you will be witnessing.

We celebrated Christmas with a fun "what you wanted to be when you grew up" theme Christmas Party and saw some interesting costumes. As to be expected, we had Wonder-Woman, they all looked amazing in their tight outfits, all with their own spin on WW. Also as expected, we had flight attendants, all blonds I must add...where were the brunettes?

Winning best dressed were the clowns who were an unlikely entry, but all looked amazing with so much effort going into

their outfits! Big thanks to the social convenors for organizing the event and thanks also to **Wilma** for her lovely prizes.

The Junior netball teams, the Rockets and the Comets, are once again into their season. They finished in the top of their pools and we look forward to a repeat. They are still training at the same time but are now playing on Sundays at Aberdeen. If you are around and get some spare time, come down and check them out in action. They are all improving in leaps and bounds, thanks to the junior programme and their hard working coaches.

We are also on the look out for coaches and assistants to help in this program, so if you can spare some time, contact us at the Football Club.

As we get later in the second half of the season, injuries are an underlying threat. Your body is being pushed harder for longer, and with finals looming, you need to take all precautions. To ward off injuries and look good at the same time get some compression gear to help. There are several brands in Hong Kong, but I know first hand that 2XU have awesome gear, such as the ankle socks, whole leggings and tops. If you want more advice, check with Heidi, our physiotherapist for more information.

Take care, be safe and play hard!

MATCH REPORTS

Monday 15th November

HKFC Whirlwinds 22 vs HKCC Griffins 18

It was with a fuller squad than we have often had recently, that the Whirlies took on the HKCC Griffins and earned a hard fought victory. The game got off to a slightly scrappy start, and with goals difficult to come by, Whirlies led by just one goal after the first quarter. Fortunately our game improved in the second quarter. Our circle defence, **Heather McKay** and **Nadia Cuvelier** (swapping the attacking circle for the defensive one this week!) were made to work hard against a tall shooter but combined well, and centre court players **Gemma McAuley** and our captain **Kathryn Curley** ensured that we were moving the ball down the court much more effectively. Combined with **Janie Grant** providing some excellent feeds into the circle and some sharp shooting from **Elaine Morgan** and **Charlotte Thompson**, we had opened up a seven goal lead by half time. We extended this lead in the third quarter with some fresh legs helping us to keep the momentum. The Griffins came back strong in the final quarter but we were able to maintain our concentration and hold out for a well-earned victory in a low scoring game.

Monday 29th November

HKFC Tornadoes 29 Vs Magpies 23

The Tornadoes had a solid start to their game against the Magpies on Monday night at Western Park. With some excellent short sharp mid-court passes by **Dawn Cheng** and **Hayleigh Davies**, **Michelle Cairns** and **Penelope Hamilton** dominated the circle with their accurate shooting to leave the score at 4-15 to the Tornadoes at the end of the 1st quarter. The opposition came back strong in the 2nd and 3rd quarter, but with a number of excellent interceptions by **Marie Farry** and **Kaleigh Leonard** in defence, and the addition of **Rachel Corthorn** in the mid-court, enabled the Tornadoes to hold their ground into the final quarter. **Michelle Robinson** also worked hard to convert a number of rebounds, with a final winning score of 23-29. Go Tornadoes!

Monday 29th November

HKFC Hurricanes 14 vs Fielders 8

Back on form and another winning performance from the Hurricanes with a convincing score of 14 - 8 on the final whistle. The Fielders are a good team and played a clean game, but Hurricanes didn't allow them to find their stride. We took a 5 - 1

lead by the end of the first quarter, and 10 - 2 lead by half time with excellent shooting from **Wilma** and notably **Debbie** who, out of her normal mid court position, has taken to shooting like a duck to water! **Dayna** also put in a sterling performance in the centre third throughout, allowing the rest of the team to play to their best up and down the court, and whilst the Fielders did gain a few goals in the second half they were never allowed to threaten our winning lead. Great work guys, it was a true team match!

Monday 6th December

HKFC Hurricanes 14 vs HKFC Tornadoes 24

Report from HKFC Hurricanes:

After a poor start and finding ourselves 2-12 down after the first quarter, we got back to basics and tried to find our groove. We were struggling to find space - especially in the mid court where there was lots of bunching, and we were giving away too many passes. Finally it started to come together and we had a storming 3rd quarter – with good solid defence from **Ange** and **Yvonne** really chasing down every ball and everyone moving the ball much better down the court with some great leads from **Dayna** and **Kas**. Some fantastic play from our rookie shooter **Debbie** who moved well in the circle and helped us to win the 3rd quarter and we held it steady in the 4th to finish 14-24. It could have been better - had we got off to a more assured start - but we'll get our chance to avenge in the next half of the season!!

Report from HKFC Tornadoes:

Since this is our last game for this year, Tornadoes needed this win to try and get to the top of the table. It was a smooth 1st quarter of the match for the Tornadoes with Centre court players, **Hayleigh Davies**, **Rachel Corthorn** and **Dawn Cheng** all having smooth transition of the ball down to the goal circle where **Penelope Hamilton**, as accurate as always, did some great shootings together with **Michelle Cairns**. Our play and tactics in the 2nd quarter were almost the same as the 1st, but in the 1st quarter of the 2nd half there were some great interceptions from our defence, **Kayleigh Leonard** and **Michelle Robinson** reaching up for the rebounds, then transitting the ball down the court into our goal circle for our shooters to do their usual great shooting. Good work girls! Well done Tornadoes and a big thanks to the Hurricanes for giving us a great game to finish off our 1st half of the season.

Monday 6th December

HKFC Whirlies 26 vs HKCC Phoenix 22

It was a great start for us with Phoenix only fielding 6 players for the first 5 minutes which gave us an excellent opportunity to play fast netball and notch up the goals. **Wandy** made some stunning interceptions and **Charlotte** and **Elaine** scored 10 goals in the first quarter bringing the score to 10-4. In the second quarter **Kathryn** and **Janie** worked well in centre court giving the shooters lots of impressive feeds into the circle. We found ourselves 14-9 up. There were a few changes at half time and **Nadia**, **Eva** and **Manu** came on. Eva and Janie provided some excellent feeding for the shooters and the whole team played fast netball which resulted in some stunning play but also a few errors. At the end of the 3rd quarter it was 21-15. In the final quarter **Nadia** and **Angela** mixed up the defence with some double marking, Eva, Manu and Janie passed the ball well through centre court and Charlotte and Elaine added another 5 goals to our score. We won the match 26-22. Well done Whirlies! ■

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Island Challenge Cup

The Football Club recorded its best performance in recent years at the prestigious, season-ending Island Challenge Cup on 5th December at the Ladies Recreation Club (LRC). Featuring six of the leading clubs on Hong Kong Island, our team of eight men and eight women drawn from our A, B and Premier teams finished a narrow third behind LRC and Aberdeen Marina Club (AMC) respectively, only a few points shy of picking up the silver medal.

In the afternoon, we were scheduled to play against HK Cricket Club, HK Jockey Club and AMC. All three matches were tied at 2-2. However, we beat the Cricket Club and Jockey Club by winning more games. According to co-captain **Ringo Leung**, we lost one of our sets to HKJC in a very controversial manner but we managed to beat them in a more dramatic fashion in the A mixed doubles. We were 5-6 down with the game point at 15-30 when the hooter was blown. According to the rules, we had to finish the last point in play. We won the point and the game was tied at 30-30. Another point had to be played to determine who would win the game. Then we won the point again and we found ourselves tied at 6-6. Another point was needed to determine the ultimate winner. Well, we won three points in a row after the hooter was blown. Justice prevailed!



Congratulations to co-captains **Ringo Leung** and **Celina Leung** for pulling together a great team and motivating them to deliver a terrific result. Last but not the least, thanks to all the players and supporters. Our team spirit was second to none. Most importantly we deserved to win the sportsmanship award (if there was one). Our players were too nice. We always gave the benefit of doubt to our opponents on line calls and never challenged any questionable calls. We should be proud of our players.

Parent and Child Challenge

The annual 'Parent and Child Challenge' took place under perfect conditions on 20th November. Eight pairs did battle in a round-robin format over four hours of friendly competition. Despite the wide age range with children from 9-16 years old, the competition was very close. Third place went to **Helen Ormerod** and son-for-the-day, **Shaan Bohjwani**. **Greg** and **Alex Brutus** were runners up behind eventual champions **Eric** and **Ethan Tsea**.

Special thanks to **Kris** for putting on yet another successful event and making all of the arrangements -- look out for the next event, the Australian Open Challenge on 22nd January 2011!

League Wrap up

Many of the leagues have already drawn to a close with only a few postponed matches remaining. Across the board Football Club teams have done us proud as we continue to go from strength to strength.

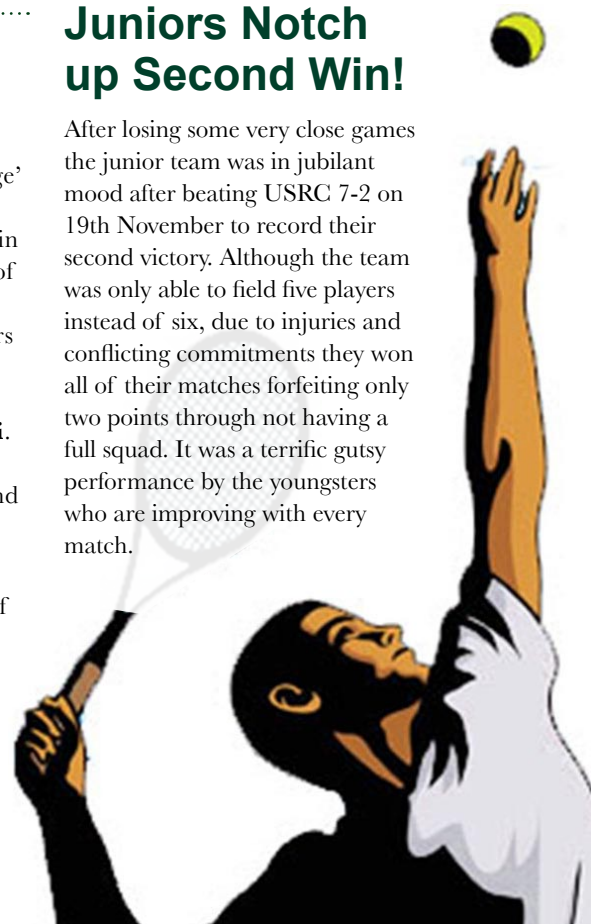
Our premier ladies in the morning league had the best result of all teams finishing in second place with six wins and 1 draw — congratulations ladies!

LEAGUE RESULTS

A-League - 4 wins, 6 losses
B-League - 5 wins, 4 losses (finished third)
D-League - 3 wins, 4 losses
B-League (Ladies) - 5 wins, 3 losses
Premier - 6 wins, 1 draw (finished second)
Division 2 - 2 win2, 1 draw, 6 losses (finished ninth)
Division 4 - 3 wins, 1 draw, 5 losses (finished seventh)

Juniors Notch up Second Win!

After losing some very close games the junior team was in jubilant mood after beating USRC 7-2 on 19th November to record their second victory. Although the team was only able to field five players instead of six, due to injuries and conflicting commitments they won all of their matches forfeiting only two points through not having a full squad. It was a terrific gutsy performance by the youngsters who are improving with every match.



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Junior Programme

The NEW but booming HKFC/ATA Junior Tennis programme resumes back on the court full steam ahead on January 3rd. If you are interested in joining and you would like the schedule information, please email HKFC/ATA Tennis at australasiatennis.hkfc@gmail.com or call **9104-7839**.

General Notice

Be sure to check out the NEWLY REVAMPED Tennis Society website which is updated regularly with lots more photos from all of the recent events. http://www.hkfc.com.hk/sports_sub.asp?cat=tennis

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

ATA on the court

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS OF TENNIS

1. Thou shalt not drop-shot from the baseline (yeah, it may come off now and again...but not consistently)
2. Thou shalt not swing on one's volleys. (Come on guys and girls – short sharp punch or block is enough with good footwork)
3. Thy feet are not made of cement nor are they cemented to a tennis court. Move your feet... Move your feet... Move your feet.
4. Thou shalt not blame one's partner for losing a doubles match; it is always a joint win or a joint loss...if you want to play singles...then play singles 😊
5. Though shalt not blame one's racquet for a missed shot. (Remember, it is the person wielding the racquet that the finger should be pointed at)
6. Thou shalt not rip one's opponent off – when in doubt, the ball is in, not out 😊
7. Thou shalt always encourage one's partner, even when you think they missed a sitter. An unlucky between gritted teeth normally works...
8. Thou shall always expect the ball coming back at them over and in – be surprised when it doesn't. That way you will always be prepared for any shot that comes at you on the court while playing.
9. Thou shalt not expect your partner to read your mind on the tennis court. Call "mine" and "yours" if you are in trouble, keep communicating.
10. The Final Commandment: THY COACHES ARE THY KINGS ON THE TENNIS COURT – TREAT THEM AS SUCH 😊



Andy Ho,
Golf Society Chairman

19th Hole with the Chairman

Happy New Year to you all, and I hope you had a great time enjoying the festivities with plenty of golf! Hard to believe Chinese New Year is just around the corner!

2011 is upon us already, and the Golf Society has been busy arranging many upcoming fixtures. We will have a fixture list for 2011 posted on the notice board as soon as it is available. Please note that one of our notice boards has been relocated to the third floor just outside the Golf Simulator room, so please take a look next time you stop by the third floor.

A gentle reminder about keeping your email contacts up-to-date, as we send out notification when calling for teams to play for the Club in 2011, as well as send updates on upcoming GS events. Please send your updated email address to golf@hkfc.com.

125th Anniversary:

Brief history about the Club: The Hong Kong Football Club was formed in 1886, following a meeting that was held at the Victoria Recreation Gymnasium on 12 February 1886. The name derives from its establishment as a club for playing Association and Rugby Football (now known as rugby union) - not just as an association football (soccer) club as many may think today.

The first sport the Club played was in fact rugby union on 16 February 1886, four days after the Club was formed. The first soccer match of the Club was played on 16 March 1886, against the Royal Engineer.

In 2011, HKFC will celebrate its 125th anniversary, and the GS Committee will be arranging a series of activities to celebrate this big event.

Golf Bag Tag

Again, I wish to remind all GS members to pick up your HKFC GS Golf Bag Tag at the Reception if you have not yet done so.

Happy golfing!



Walmsley Cup 24th November

The Walmsley Cup was originally scheduled in October but was postponed until the 24th November due to a typhoon warning. A total of 31 golfers with 12 ladies and 19 men participated in the event.

Candi Anna Chan was the first winner in the Walmsley Cup (Ladies) after the match at Kau Sai Chau South. This year, a new trophy was made for the ladies where 12 golfers took part. Very good results were achieved with Candi scoring 42 points in the stableford and **Rebecca Wong** coming second with 40 points. **Malou Ferrier** finished with 84 strokes to win the Best Gross award.

For the Men's, **Nick Grimshaw** played a brilliant game to capture the Walmsley Cup (Men's) Championship with 44 points. The Best Gross was won by **David Fargus** with 76 strokes.

At the conclusion, **David Connelly** presented the prizes to all winners.

The following are full results:

WELMSLEY CUP (MEN'S)

Winner – Nick Grimshaw
Runner – up – Gilles Bonnier
2nd runner-up – Paul Cheng

WELMSLEY CUP (LADIES')

Winner – Candi Anna Chan
Runner-up – Rebecca Wong
2nd runner-up – Kelly Liew

BEST GROSS EVENT

Ladies winner – Malou Ferrier
Men's winner – David Fargus

LONGEST DRIVE

Ladies – Bernice Fargus
Men's – K. L. Ting

NEAREST PIN

2nd hole – Rebecca Wong
5th hole – Bernice Fargus
11th hole – Paul Cheng
16th hole – Nick Grimshaw



Badminton News

Competition Matches for Juniors

Benjamin Chan, our head of the junior organizing Sub-committee, is organising tournament(s) for the juniors of the Club in the coming months. The internal competition matches will be opened to all our junior coaching participants. For external matches, Junior players from other clubs will be invited to join the competition. If your kids are interested to join please do let him know.

Friendly Match for Adults

A friendly match with the British Army, a very strong visiting badminton team, has been tentatively fixed for either 9th or 16th April 2011. Please reserve these 2 days and let **Stephen Ng**, our competition officer, know if you are interested to participate.

Development plan –forming teams for Open Leagues

It is also planned that one or more teams will be formed to participate in open leagues or other open competition. More



Hank, the star of the month and with the highest training attendance (junior under 13)



Alisia, the most improved player for the month (junior under 13)

details on this will be released in the next few months. If you are a keen player and interested please do leave a note at Reception for **Philip Woolf**, the Chairman or **Steven Ng**, the competition officer of the Badminton Society.

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Swimming News



Laguna Phuket Triathlon – the big one; the showdown; the final race of the season. It's a 1.8km swim, 55km cycle, 12km run in conditions hotter than a mahout's dhoti.

Below are three versions of the race report from **Richard Hall**, **Phil Shirley** and **Catherine Sen** who had their own demons to slay as did the full entourage of 21 HKFC Members.

From Richard Hall:

Whilst the race day rain may have kept the temperatures down, it did nothing to improve times overall. The hilly, twisty bike course was not for the faint hearted, with a number of competitors (self included) failing to keep to the simple cycling rule of "rubber side down", whilst the rain helped turn the 12 km run on the golf course of the Laguna resort into a bit of a quagmire.



Conditions aside, the racing was as good natured and competitive as ever, with a number of Football Club athletes placing well, including **Richard Hall**, **Ashley Dyer** and **Laura Walsh** all winning their respective age groups, with Laura the first non-professional woman overall.

From Phil Shirley:

Months of meticulous training in the heat went out of the window as I clambered out of the murky lagoon looking for my bike and realised that, yes, it was raining and yes, it was actually quite cool - is this a first for the Phuket triathlon?

After navigating the slippery downhill parts of the dreaded hills in less-than-lightning speed (and getting stuck in traffic at one point), I tried to make up for lost time on the flat roads winding through the rubber plantations. Anyone with any aerodynamic cycling bling (especially pointy helmets) became a target. This didn't include **Dave Watts** who, having shelled out a small fortune on a fancy helmet the night before,



decided at the last minute that it didn't quite match the colours of his bike frame. Plenty of fellow racers suffered crashes and mechanical problems on this section of the course, including ***Mike Sadler** who bizarrely allowed a chef from a roadside cafe to try and fix his bike (making the problem worse of course).

Trying to keep up with "the big dogs" proved to be a huge mistake as my running legs turned to jelly on the soggy turf of the Laguna golf course, and my hoped-for personal best soon became a lost cause. As major rivals came past me all I had left was my mantra "you must not walk" and even this soon morphed into "you must not walk but you can have a long slower-than-a-walk shuffle every now and again".

The race finished, as always for me, in the medical tent - with me trying to persuade the doctor I was dying and him handing me a bottle of Gatorade and telling me

someone else needed the bed - they are getting used to me by now! Great event as always with some fantastic performances by the HKFC crew.

** Mike's tips on making Pad Thai from the roadside chef: "By far, the trickiest part is the soaked noodles. Noodles should be somewhat flexible and solid, not completely expanded and soft. When in doubt, undersoak. You can always add more water in the pan, but you can't take it out"*

From first-timer: Catherine Sen:

Even getting a place in the infamous Laguna Phuket triathlon was difficult this year with over 800 athletes competing. I made sure to



sign up 1 year ago but when an old knee injury flared up in June I was seriously considering cancelling. In the end I decided to go ahead.

I based my training

mainly in the pool and thanks to **Lloyd's** fantastic early morning swim sessions, by October I was feeling fit enough to compete. I started cycling in September with **Laura Walsh** taking me out for some great training rides and before the actual race I had only done 4 runs. So when race day came around I felt pretty confident about my swim and bike, but thought the 12km run was going to be a slow disaster.

Much to my horror, as we were waiting for the swim to commence it started to rain. I hate cycling in the rain! The course was technically difficult and the narrow, winding and hilly 55 km bike course turned into a greasy ice rink. Due to 3 Tour de France like crashes I was seriously considering throwing in the towel before I had even completed 10km! But thinking of all those 6:30am starts in the pool made me get my bruised and battered butt back onto my bike and somehow I managed to slip and slide back to the

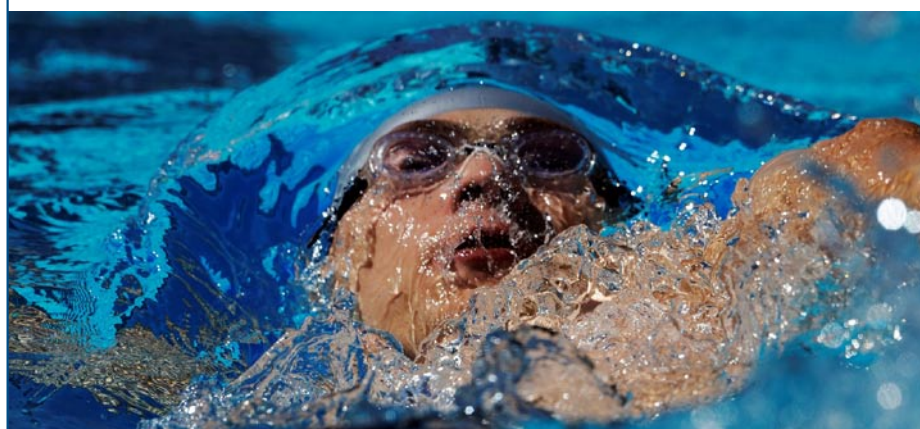


HKFC racers also in action in the 70.3 Asian Championships a week after the Laguna race.

transition area (with much cursing), and onto the run. I think I was so relieved to be back on my feet I completed the run in a reasonable time, considering the complete lack of run training.

Even though falling off my bike wasn't the most pleasant experience and the race didn't go as smoothly as I would have liked, I managed to complete the race with a few war wounds and a smile on my face. ■

WANT TO SWIM MORE EFFICIENTLY?



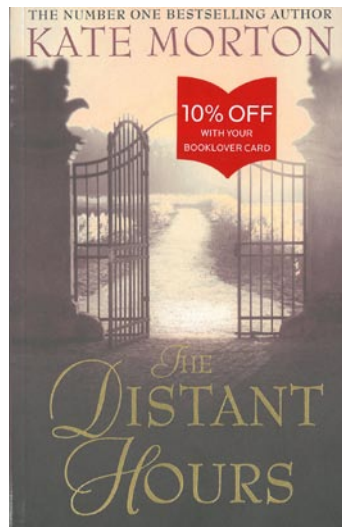
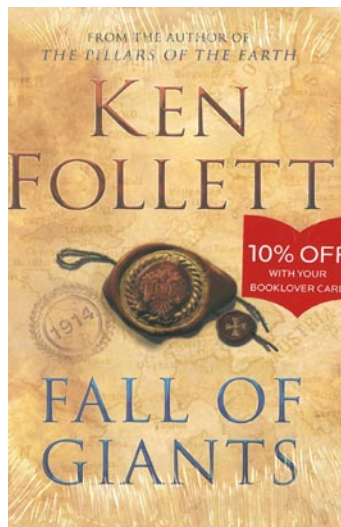
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OVERALL RESULTS OF HKFC MEMBERS

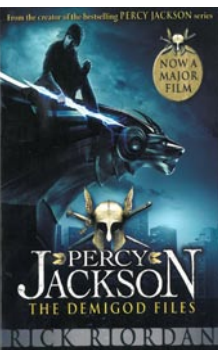
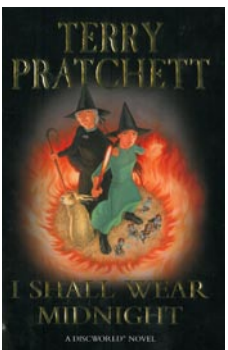
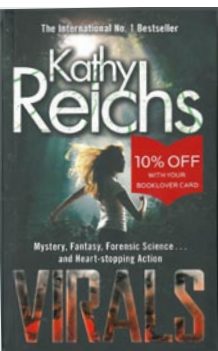
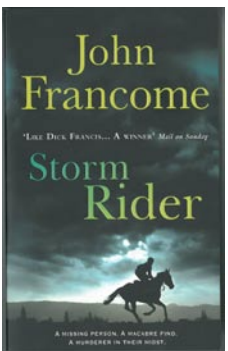
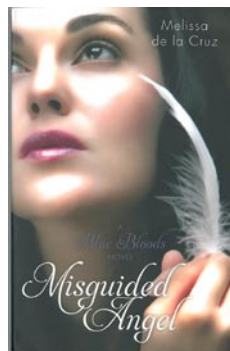
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David Watts	3.25.07
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Phil Shirley	3.31.06
Steve Wilmott	3.33.18
Ali Chaudry	3.36.49
Guy Horne	3.37.59
Matt James	3.41.27
Claire Darke	3.42.03
Catherine Sen	3.42.43
Neil Horton	3.43.49
Cordelia Dyer	3.49.58
Debbie Hanley	3.51.08
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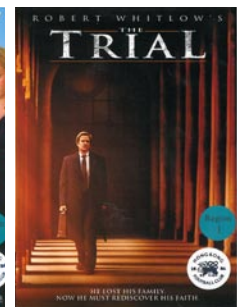
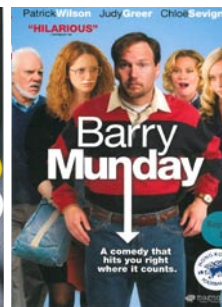
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