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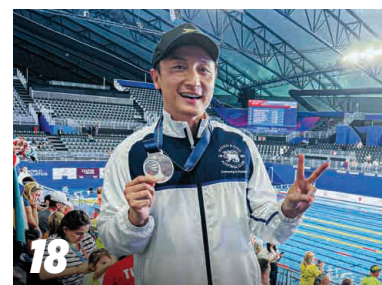
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THE THOUGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

主席的話

Neil Jensen
Chairman



April gets off to a flying start... straight out of the Easter break we head into **Rugby Week**, with one of our key signature sports events, the **Tradition HKFC Rugby 10s**. Widely regarded as the "World's Best 10s" tournament, and with the continued growth of the women's game, it promises to deliver yet another fantastic two days of rugby action in the Club.

Hot on the heels of the 10s, the **Hong Kong Sevens** hosts its final Hong Kong Island spectacular before the tournament moves across the harbour to the new stadium at Kai Tak Sports Park. We anticipate there will be a special buzz around the Club, across Causeway Bay and Happy Valley all week. Be sure to note all the special changes to facility operations and F&B outlet offerings. We also highly recommend taking taxis or public transport to and from the Club to avoid long waits for car parks.

It's also the Sport of Soccer that shines. Last March 6th, I was down on the Club's main pitch to announce Standard Chartered Priority Private as the new title sponsor of the **HKFC Standard Chartered Soccer Sevens**. This prestigious partnership heralds a new chapter for the event, which is set to celebrate its 25th year and will further captivate fans at the Hong Kong Football Club from 24 to 26 May 2024 **with the addition of a Women's Tournament for the first time**.

The HKFC Soccer Sevens has been a highlight on the Hong Kong football calendar since its inception in 1999 and the 2024 edition promises to deliver unparalleled excitement and competition. Twenty-six teams will be split between the Main Event and the Masters Tournament while an eight team Women's Tournament will also be introduced. With 16 teams vying for the title in the Main Event, including 10 overseas-based clubs making the journey to Hong Kong, this year's competition is poised to be among the most fiercely contested yet.

But in the meantime, there are 2 **Hong Kong Soccer Premier League home matches** for our HKFC 1st Team to win. First on the 14th vs. Lee Man and then on the 28th vs. Tai Po. We need you to gather all your friends and family, fill the stands and cheer them onto victory.

Finally, we are planning the first ever **HKFC Annual Sports Gala Dinner on Saturday, 7th September**. There will be announcements coming out as we prepare for all the details of the event, but this is the first opportunity for you to Save the Date!

Neil Jensen
Chairman

一踏入4月，復活節假過後，我們便馬上迎來**欖球周**其中一個重要而著名的體育盛事，就是**港會十人欖球賽**。作為廣受認同的「世上最佳十人欖球賽」，加上持續發展的女子比賽，這兩天十人賽肯定會為本會帶來悅目的欖球對決。

緊接港會十人賽而來的是最後一年在港島舉行的**香港國際七人欖球賽**，其後賽事將移師至維港另一邊的啟德體育園新球場。因此，今年的國際七欖別具意義，估計從本會上下到銅鑼灣及跑馬地，整個星期將會是一片熱鬧的景象。緊記留意設施開放時間及餐飲服務的特別變動，我們也強烈建議乘搭的士或公共交通工具前往及離開本會，以免花長時間等候停車場泊位。

除了欖球，足球同樣是本月的焦點。本人3月6日在主球場宣布渣打優先私人理財成為**港會渣打七人足球賽**的新冠名贊助。這個享有盛譽的贊助夥伴為慶祝25周年的七人賽揭開新一章，而且七人賽更**首度增設女子錦標賽**，將會令5月24日至26日匯聚在香港足球會的球迷看得更加入迷。

港會七人足球賽自1999年成立以來，一直都是香港足球賽程中的精彩一環，而2024年的比賽保證帶給大家前所未有的刺激及較量。26支球隊將分別出戰主賽事及名人賽，有8支球隊參加的女子賽亦將首次登場。今屆共有16支球隊爭奪主賽事的冠軍，其中包括10支遠道而來的海外勁旅，因此七人賽勢必成為目前競逐最激烈的賽事。

不過留意七人賽之外，與此同時可以支持一下我們的足球隊一隊，球隊今個月也要贏得兩場**香港超級聯賽主場賽事**，14日先對理文，然後28日再對大埔。在此呼籲大家召集所有親朋戚友坐滿看台，一同為球隊打氣至勝利一刻。

最後，我們正籌劃於**9月7日（星期六）**舉行首個**港會年度體育晚宴**，在準備活動細節時，亦會陸續有更多公告，請大家為這盛會先預留這個大日子！

主席 Neil Jensen

OBITUARY

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

Martin King

Our thoughts and prayers go to his families and friends. May he rest in peace.

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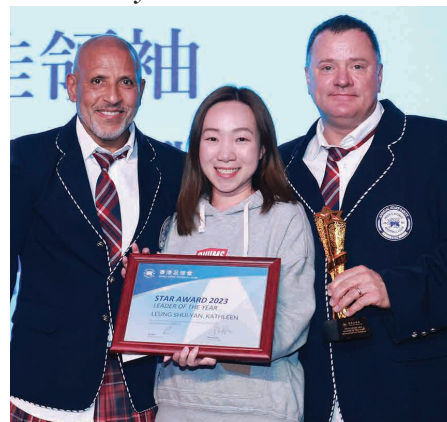
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30 years



GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

總經理的話

Randal Linhart
General Manager



Reflecting on March, we started the month off with the **HKFC International Lawn Bowls Open 2024**. There were 96 teams in total enrolled in the unisex triples and fours competition. There were international clubs coming from China, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Canada, Macau as well as local teams. Also in March, the blue multi-purpose pitch was the host venue of The 12th Hong Kong Men's Quadrangular Hockey Tournament as well as the 7th Hong Kong Women's Hockey Invitational Tournament. Both tournaments ran concurrently.

At the end of the month, we had a big party at the BBQ stations at the back patio of the Sportsman's Bar. The occasion was to launch HKFC's very own beer, crafted by Moonzen using a blend that was chosen by our many beer enthusiasts. **Lockhart's Lager** truly is our beer, "By the Members, For the Members." Lockhart's Lager now available in Sportsman's Bar, Chairman's Bar, Captain's Bar and Kiosk and we are looking forward to some special beer promotions coming so please keep your eyes and ears on our website.

Speaking of our website, one especially important note to those new Members or who haven't started using our **online facility booking system** yet, be sure to use online booking through the Club's website. Login details can be checked via: it@hkfc.com.

Also online is the **Kiosk's new selection of ready to cook items** from the butchery. There are 10 different items to choose from, called Ken's Favorite Cuts, featuring Chicken, Pork, Lamb, Fish or Beef. If you're a lazy cook like me, these are sure to make you quickly look like a celebrity chef in your own home. Drop by the Kiosk to snatch them up!!

If you don't want to mess up your kitchen, why not dine in with us, we always have several promotions and features in all the outlets to tempt you with. A promotion that I think you might find extremely attractive is the American Dream wine dinner in the Restaurant on the 26th of this month. If you're guessing that the wines featured in this event are from the United States, you have guessed correctly. Book now, there are only limited seats available for this 1 night only event.

Finally, gentle reminder for all Members to please **be mindful of guests that you bring to the club** as you are responsible for their behavior and that they should not be left on their own. Although it's not realistic to recite all of the bye-laws to them, you can however cover the most important ones, such as mobile phone usage, smoking, dress code and behavior. Smoking, including vaping, indoors is strictly prohibited and even against the law.

I look forward to seeing you down at the Club soon!

Randal Linhart
General Manager

回望3月，我們月初迎來**2024年港會國際草地滾球公開賽**，總共有96支球隊參加男女混合三人及四人賽，當中有來自中國、日本、新加坡、泰國、加拿大及澳門的球會，再加上本地球隊，陣容鼎盛。此外，本會的多功能曲棍球場3月曾是第十二屆香港曲棍球四角邀請賽及第七屆女子曲棍球邀請賽的主辦場地，兩項賽事亦在當時同步進行。

到3月底，我們在Sportsman's Bar後方露台的燒烤站舉行了盛大派對，慶祝港會自家獨特啤酒的首次亮相，由門神用本會一眾啤酒愛好者選出的混合物所釀造而成。**駱克淡啤**確實是我們的啤酒，「為會員而生，為會員而設」。現在駱克淡啤已經進駐Sportsman's Bar、Chairman's Bar、Captain's Bar及Kiosk，我們也很期待日後推出的特別啤酒推廣，所以請大家留意網站的最新消息。

提到網站，新會員及還未開始使用本會的**網上設施預約系統**的會員要特別注意，緊記要登入本會網站以使用預約系統，登入詳情可以透過it@hkfc.com查看。

同樣上線的還有Kiosk的「Ken至愛推介」易煮餸菜包，共有10個款式任君選擇，主打雞、豬、羊、魚或牛這幾種肉類。假如你像本人一樣懶得下廚，以上的餸菜包絕對能令你搖身一變成為住家名廚，趕快去Kiosk掃清這些新貨！

要是不想炸掉廚房，我們的餐廳經常都有推出不同的餐飲推廣及特色菜引誘大家，不如就來本會大快朵頤吧。其中一個大家或許會垂涎三分的活動，相信就是本月26日Restaurant的美國夢美酒晚宴，看到這裡，如果你正在猜測本次活動的葡萄酒來自美國，那麼你就猜對了。及早報名，免失良機，美國夢只在這一晚。

最後，溫馨提醒所有本會會員，**請對各位邀請到本會的訪客多加留神**，皆因大家要為訪客的舉止負責，而且不應讓訪客獨自一人。儘管大家不可能把所有附例都說給訪客聽，但也可以節錄最重要的部分，例如手提電話的使用、吸煙、衣著準則及舉止等等。其中，包括室內吸電子煙在內的吸煙行為是嚴格禁止，甚至是違法的。

期待與大家在本會相見！

總經理 林克朗



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U14

PREMIERSHIP GRAND FINAL

The HKFC 1 team had won the league undefeated and so went into the grand final full of confidence.

However, Sai Kung Stingrays, as always, proved to be a tough opponent and the early exchanges were nervy with HKFC 1 unable to get on top. However, a try in the corner from **Jairo Wong** calmed the nerves and our forwards started to get on top. Four more tries from **Fox Flowers**, **Noa Lane**, **Charlie Charnwood** and **Ejay Aschmann** extended the lead. Xavier Cos converted 4 from 5 on the day for a 33-0 victory. A well-deserved league and grand final double for the U14 boys!!

U16

PREMIERSHIP GRAND CHAMPIONS

HKFC were facing Kowloon Barbarians in the Grand Final having lost twice to them in the regular season. The second game was losing to a last-minute try.

This had a classic written all over it and it didn't disappoint. Club scored a try in the first few minutes by **Lucas Lafontaine** which was converted by **Ollie Phillips**. Kowloon levelled the scores through a converted try of their own before another try through Club hooker Lucas again. 14-7 at half time.

In the second half Kowloon had some sustained pressure near the try line and eventually scored to make it 14-14. The excellent kicking from Ollie Phillip's allowed Club to gain momentum and territory in the Kowloon half. This pressure paid off and Ollie himself picked the ball from a truck and with a quick sidestep set most of the Kowloon players in the wrong direction allowing him to drive over the try line. A missed conversation and the score were 19-14. Ten minutes later Club was awarded a penalty on the 22. Ollie slotted over for three more valuable points. 22-14. Kowloon took a quick restart and retained the ball and scored almost immediately 22-21, with only a couple of minutes remaining. From the restart

we kept the ball in the Kowloon half until the final whistle blew. Winning 22-21. A fantastic game by both teams, showcasing the level of U16 Boys league. Well done FC1 a great victory.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

After a season where the HKFC 2 Team lost only to Kowloon Barbarians and finishing second in the league to Kowloon the Grand Final was on everyone's mind for revenge.

Kowloon Barbarians, who had not lost all season in their campaign for the title were certainly the favourites in this well anticipated game.

The setting was King's Park on a glorious sunny day in February and the teams were well prepared. After watching the Prem side narrowly win by 1 point it was time for HKFC 2 to put the demons behind them and go for glory.

The whistle blew and off we went. The Kowloon team came out of the starting blocks like a hound after the rabbit. Within 5 minutes they scored their first try, conversion and were 7 points in front. Shouts of "heads up!" from coach Higgo and Gibby rallied around the ground. Nerves had set in, but HKFC started again with a little more

aggression. The ball was moving well until a slight fumble and Kowloon were in again, second try and all feelings of a whitewash start to gather speed.

Missed conversion so the score was 12-0. A frantic first half ensued, and both teams were pushing each other. A few fumbles and Kowloon struck again this time in the corner with a well-executed run by their fast winger. The score was 17-0 after another missed conversion by the Kowloon kicker.

All hopes are fading but the HKFC boys were not going to let this slip without a fight. Some great work by the pack and



SPORTS

we were on the 5m line, ruck after ruck and the young scrum half Micah saw a gap, picked up and dived over the line. Boom! First try in, and heads were up. The conversion was successful, and the score is now 17-7.

Half time, a deep and meaningful chat with Higgo and Gibby and the boys were ready to give this a go. Whistle blew for the second half and this time it's HKFC who came out the starting blocks like a sprinter on acid. Boom and it's another try by HKFC's Max B who drove over the line and the deficit was down to 5 points, 17-12. Game on boys.

Some great rugby was played by both teams, subs on the pitch and a new belief was shown in these young men. Kowloon rallied again and with a sloppy penalty given to Kowloon they opted to kick. The distance is perfect for them, they went for it and the ball flies over the posts, score now 20-12.

"Heads up!" again from the sidelines and all the squad players were routing for a turnaround. More pressure and HKFC have the ball again. Drive after drive and they hit the 5m line again, pressure and determination and the young Micah had his second try of the day. A swift move from the ensuing scrum and he dive over the line again. These boys didn't give up.

Restart and the game was poised for a final few minutes, but again the Kowloon side drove hard and grabbed a loose ball, off they go and score in the middle of the posts. A conversion seals the game and Kowloon Barbarians come on top.

A great game of rugby and the boys should be proud of their achievements and all in all a great season. We will be back.

Thank you all for a great season,
Robin, Richard, Higgo and Gibby.



U18

A great result all round for Club's U18 Boys. Our Champs won the XV's league and came runners-up in the grand finale, while our Prems had the opposite result and lifted the winner's prize on finals day.

Sweet victory after the hard work put in this season and throughout many years of youth rugby at Club! and Gibby.

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HKFC U10 BOYS AT BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL 10'S



HKFC U10 boys fielded a 14-player side for the Bangkok International 10s Tournament held on 17th-18th February 2024.

Held at Patana School in the Bangkok suburbs, the team played 5 games against 3 other teams from Discovery Bay, the Bangkok Lions, and another Thai rugby club, Omnoi. Day 1 was made more challenging (or fun, depending on your view) by torrential rain throughout the games.

HKFC won 4 out of 5 games, only going down 1-0 to Discovery Bay's finest in a closely fought contest. We finished as Plate Winners, which was made more special as it was presented by former All Blacks flanker, **Adam Thomson**, who attended as the Guest of Honour.

The team tackled hard all weekend, including against much larger opponents. Passing combinations are coming together well. We scored almost all our tries on the outside, which has been a key goal for Season 2023/24. It was

entertaining rugby to watch.

Standout performance from Eden, who joined HKFC Youth Rugby this year from Tung Chung. Eden scored his first try (followed by one more!) and tackled relentlessly, including an epic try saver. Special thanks also to our teammates playing up from U9s – **Brennan Buchanan** and **Caspar Natter**.

The kids and parents all had a blast. The team hotel offered great hospitality, which was fully utilised!

We express our gratitude to **Steve Jones** and our pro Coach **Westyn Cobb** for helping the group prepare.

Finally, well done

Abraham Chow, Alexander Ussani, Arthur Ting, Daniel Arsiriy, Eden Frelet, James Irvine, Kingsley King, Markus Lee, Norman Mui, Theo Ng, William Butcher and **Zachery Lau** as well as Brennan Buchanan and Caspar Natter (from U9 who played up).



Kids arm in arm walking back to the hotel and one of parents having drinks on the first night

Matteo diving mid-air



35 players from HKFC Rugby's U7 and U8 squads travelled to Malaysia for the KL Tigers International Rugby 10's - a well-organised and well-attended event played in very hot and humid conditions against clubs from Singapore and Malaysia.

U7

A busy weekend (2nd-3rd March) for the Under 7s! We sent teams to both the Valley Fort Festival and the KL Tigers Tournament. Our players had a lot of fun (and ice cream) packed with games of rugby. Every one of them fought very hard and gave their best, all the coaches and parents were enormously proud of them!

U8

A first tour for many of the players, U8 entered two equally strong teams to take part. This was also a revenge mission for many from U8, having come up agonisingly short at last year's TRC Junior Cup in Singapore.

At the qualifying pool stage, U8's two teams ended with an aggregate record of W7, D1, L2.

FC A finished first in their pool qualifying for the Cup Final. FC B

came agonisingly close, with one controversially disallowed try in their last game dropping them from first to third in their pool, narrowly missing out on an all HKFC Cup Final.

In the final itself HKFC A faced hosts and reigning champions KL Tigers. The tension was palpable and the home crowd raucous but built on a solid defence marshalled by William Bundy, tries from Jay Hazarika and Aiden Hou saw HKFC close out the final 2-0, driving some wild celebrations and bringing the cup home to Club.

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Alex Fong's outstanding performance in Doha with 200m back in a time of 2'19'86 where Alex took 2nd position. Further, in 100m back stroke event he took 4th place in a time of 1'03'23. In 200m Individual Medley he took 3rd place and set a new Hong Kong record in a time of 2'17'83. Finally in 400m Individual Medley he took 4th place in a time of 5'04'90. Congratulations Alex for this stellar performance.

RUPERT WINS GOLD AT INDOOR ROWING COMPETITION

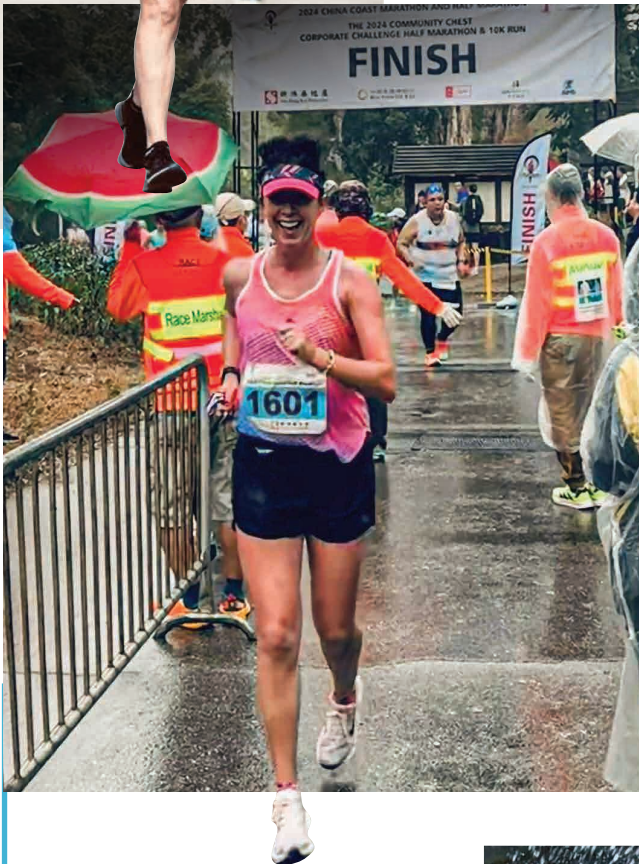
In a super fast and powerful indoor row, **Rupert Edgerton Puels**, set a Hong Kong record and secured 1st place in 2000 mtrs in a time of 06:37:20.





THE ANNUAL COLDHALF OPEN WATER SWIM

On 4th February, S&T society members, **Begum Demiral**, **Simon Holiday** and **Mayank Vaid** joined the annual 14km open water swim from Stanley to Repulse Bay. Begum won the women's relay with Simon taking 2nd position in non-wetsuit category. Mayank finished 7th in his category.



S&T JOINS STANDARD CHARTERED MARATHON

Debbie Hanley, **Braedon Sharp** and **Vasco Van der Flier** joined the annual event and competed in the Half Marathon. Debbie finished in 02:08:55, Braedon in 01:28:25 and Vasco in 01:25:55. Congratulations team!

CHINA COAST HALF MARATHON

Debbie Hanley joined the annual event and competed in the Half Marathon. She finished the gruelling hilly course in a time of 02:23:12. Congratulations Debbie!



BREAKING 60 AT HONG KONG FOUR TRAILS ULTRA CHALLENGE

After retiring in 2022 and surviving in 2023 (68hrs 04min) in this 298km with 14500D+ event, **Mayank Vaid** came back in 2024 and became a Finisher Breaking 60hrs in a time of 59hrs and 43mins. Receiving the coveted black HK4TUC tee at the green postbox is a lifetime dream come true for Mayank.

HKFC SWIMMING TEAM MAKES A SPLASH WITH IMPRESSIVE MEDAL HAUL



The Swimming and Triathlon association got the year off to an incredible start with 9 athletes competing at the prestigious Hong Kong Short Course Masters Swimming Competition on 28th January, showcasing their skills in 19 events, winning an impressive 14 medals including 7 gold.

Craig Nortje continued his excellent form from 2023 with a clean sweep of gold medals in 50m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly and 25m Freestyle. Backed up by teammates **Edmund Wan** (silver 25m Freestyle and bronze, 50m Freestyle), **Wing Ka Wu** (gold, 50m Butterfly), **Lik Sun Fong** (gold, 200m Freestyle), **Chris Cheng** (silver, 50m Butterfly), **Patrick Ip** (3rd, 200m Freestyle) and **Shek Pui Lo** (5th, 50m Butterfly and 50m Freestyle). In a highly competitive 4 x 25m relay team, the men's team finished 5th - with less than one second separating 3rd, 4th and 5th place.

Leading the ladies in a fine display of swimming was the evergreen Farah Master, winning gold, silver and bronze medals in the 50m Breaststroke, 25m Backstroke and 200m Butterfly respectively. **Lou-Salmon Chou** also had a great swim to finish 2nd, 25m

Backstroke. The ladies were joined by Christina and Janet for the 4 x 25m relay and just narrowly missed out on gold but as this is the first time these ladies raced together, they will no doubt contend for the top spot on the next occasion.

Well done to the entire team and to coach Dominic Tsui.



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HKFC JUNIOR HOCKEY FESTIVAL 2024

The HKFC Junior Hockey Festival was back for its annual edition on 3rd February. The eagerly awaited event brought together young hockey enthusiasts from across Hong Kong to our beloved club to showcase their skills, foster camaraderie, and share in our mutual love for the sport.

The hockey section welcomed 66 teams across U6, U8, U10 and U12 age groups from 13 clubs and a school in Hong Kong and attracted more than 400 talented young athletes and future generations of Hong Kong hockey stars to play. It was a perfect day for hockey with mild weather and clear skies. The competition was spirited, the laughs were loud and the smiles were bright. The standard of hockey was once again extremely high as were the level

of sportsmanship on display. Families, friends, and hockey enthusiasts all gathered at the Club to cheer on the young athletes and enjoyed a fantastic day of hockey.

The hockey section is thrilled that the festival continues to provide a valuable opportunity for young athletes to compete to the best of their abilities and create memories that will last a lifetime. A big thank you goes to the overwhelming support from the local community, our sponsors - Odin Partners, CAPCO and Wycombe Abbey School, organisers and 80 volunteers from the hockey section that allowed the festival to be a success and remain a key event in the local junior hockey calendar. We look forward to seeing you again next year.





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HKLBA WINTER FINALS DAY

Remarkable achievements in HKLBA Winter Finals day on the 18th February 2024 are listed as follows.

It was a good day for the Men's Bowlers at CCC yesterday, HKFC are the **Men's National Fours Champion**, and **Men's National 2x4x2 Pairs Champion**.

It was a good day for HKFC Men's bowlers. Both our champion teams won their finals against CCC teams who were playing on their home green!

In addition, **James Po** of HKFC became the Men's Bowler of the Year 2023 after the finals.

Out of the 6 players who represented the Club on the Finals Day, 4 are under 30 years of age, 2 of them are no more than 25. No doubt our Club has got strong groups of young men and women in this sport.

RESULTS

Men's National Fours Champion

Lyndon Shum, Kenny Tam, Anthony Yip, Longinus Ha

Men's National 2x4x2 Pairs Champion

Tony Cheung, James Po

Men's Bowler of the Year 2023

James Po

Women's Novice Pairs 1st Runner-Up

Peggy Fai, Celina Leung



National Four Champion



2-4-2 pairs Champion

BOWLER OF THE YEAR

JAMES PO

James Po being a China Hong Kong team player, he performed really well in 2023 and won his first title of Bowler of the Year. James joined the HKFC last year. With continuous training and many overseas competitions, he has accumulated valuable competition experience. Having laid a good foundation, he won two championships and one runner-up in the national competitions this year, making him the Bowler of the Year in 2023.

Our section is very proud to have recruited such an outstanding player. I hope he will win more awards and honours for our Club and Hong Kong in the near future.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Men's Bowler of the year 2023

Men's National Pairs Champion 2023

Men's 242 Pairs Champion 2023

Men's National Singles First Runner-up 2023

ASIAN LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Hong Kong Football Club's bowlers who participated in the 15th Asian Lawn Bowls Championship 2024 in Thailand were:

Coaches

Danny Ho, Sunny Chung

Umpires

Rita Shek, Erica Wong

Players

James Po, Yu Yee Sin, Gloria Ha, Christina Yeung, Kenneth Yiu



DRAGON YEAR FAT CHOI CUP 2024

Over 70 bowlers joined our Dragon Year Fat Choi Cup 2024. The games were full of laughter and fun, and we hope we have a good start in the Dragon Year of 2024.



ANDREW WILLIS

Rest in Peace

Lawn Bowls Section was profoundly saddened by the passing away of our senior member, **Andrew Willis**, on 26th January 2024.

Our deepest condolences to Iris and Andrew's family!








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HKFC VS. HKCC

SQUASH 57 TOURNAMENT

On Saturday 24th February 2024, for the 2nd year running, was the rematch of the HKFC vs. HKCC Squash 57 tournament. This year the Football Club were hosting, and the team were looking to avenge the previous year's tightly fought contest. With 18 participants from each side, with representation from all divisions, it was a great turnout for both teams and was well set up to be an entertaining and competitive event. The challenges of playing 'Squash 57' (aka Racquetball), a vastly different game to vintage squash (with a shorter racket and a much bouncier ball), were adeptly taken up on both sides resulting in some great, long and tactical games being played out. There were lots of offers for the many players and spectators watching, with lots of closely fought battles along the way [feel free to add specific names in here if you want to. E.g. Dave R's game was a quality game], with the massively bouncier ball providing a very different mindset and tactics to be employed. The result is a game which can be harder for the opponent to kill and tends to lead towards longer rallies ensuing.

Unfortunately, the Cricket Club turned out victorious on this occasion, beating

the Football Club 5 - 13, which I think all would agree was not a fair reflection of the close contests seen across the board. But the consensus was that it was great fun, and an interesting challenge to adjust playing techniques, a good spectacle and one that everyone at the FC was looking forward to hopefully turning the tide on for next year.

Afterwards, the great camaraderie across both clubs was on full show as

the Football Club hosted both teams for dinner and drinks, so it was great to see everyone enjoying the refreshments, reliving the games, and hanging out over curry and beers afterwards at the club.

We would like to thank all who came along, whether to participate or to support the team and look forward to the rematch next year and instilling this as a regular feature in the HKFC squash divisions fixture list.





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HKFC NETBALL

SENIORS MATCH REPORTS

HKFC TORNADES

LOCATION HKFC

OPPOSITION Giants

FINAL SCORE

HKFC Tornadoes **28 - 34** Giants

KEY MATCH MOMENT

In an exciting netball match between Team Tornadoes and Team Giants, it was a close battle that ultimately saw the Tornadoes falling short. The game was highly competitive, with both teams displaying impressive skills and determination.

Throughout the game, Team Giants showcased their defensive prowess by effectively implementing a zoning strategy. Their players maintained tight positions, making it challenging for the Tornadoes to find open spaces and execute their offensive plays.

Overall, the match between Team Tornadoes and Team Giants was an intense battle, with the Giants emerging victorious.

TEAM WORK-ONS

Attack to work hard from Defence and to score from all the turnovers.

HKFC HURRICANES

LOCATION WCH

OPPOSITION Simba

FINAL SCORE

HKFC Hurricanes **33 - 25** Shimmer

KEY MATCH MOMENT

Executing our set plays in the attack end, not forcing passes through providing safe options, and always converting our centre passes into goals.

TEAM WORK-ONS

Discipline with our bodies and playing to the umpires calls. If our three feet are being called for obstruction, give our players four feet.

MVP/WHY?

Aqru! Not only did she show incredible athleticism playing the full match at centre, Aqru was able to control the pace of the game with 4 interceptions in defense, strong passes through the court and fantastic feeds into our shooters. Amazing job tonight Hurricanes and especially Aqru.

HKFC WHIRLWINDS

LOCATION HKFC

OPPOSITION HKCC Devils

FINAL SCORE

HKFC Whirlwinds **22 - 15** HKCC Devils

KEY MATCH MOMENT

After a tight first quarter, the whole team re-grouping, adjusting and finding our rhythm.

TEAM WORK-ONS

Transitioning through the court and looking long when it's on.

MVP/WHY?

Tilda & Emma - our slick shooting unit who worked it in and out of the circle, scoring goal after goal like the champs they are.



Thunder

JUNIORS MATCH REPORTS

HKFC OPENS 4

LOCATION Fa Hui

OPPOSITION ISF Qilin

FINAL SCORE

HKFC OPENS 4 **38 - 19** Red Rain

KEY MATCH MOMENT

This was the first match with a new coach and they had 5 new players that had never played with the team before. They fought until the very end. Excellent effort for some players that had only started with netball a couple of weeks ago.

TEAM WORK-ONS

Shooting technique and accuracy in the goal circle.

MVP/WHY?

Alexis Chiu (GK): ISF Qilin had a very strong and accurate shooter, however, Lexi repositioned herself when there were minimal rebounds and safely passed the intercept down court. Her footwork was excellent and she picked up any loose balls in the goal circle.

HKFC U14A - STORM

LOCATION Fa Hui

OPPOSITION ISF Dragons

FINAL SCORE

HKFC U14A **26 - 17** ISF Dragons

KEY MATCH MOMENT

This was always going to be our toughest game of the season and without our star goalkeeper, the girls had to work hard on circle defence with a few playing out of position to cover GK/GD.

TEAM WORK-ONS

Driving onto the ball when the other team's defence is strong.

MVP/WHY?

Lois - she stepped way out of her comfort zone to play GD for 2 quarter before moving back into her regular shooting position, slotting almost all her shots!

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HKFC vs GOLF SOCIETY



MACAU GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB 19TH FEBRUARY 2024

A light sea mist greeted the golfers from both societies as we boarded the ferry to Macau. Good golfing conditions with cool temperatures and little to no wind. A group of golfers from both teams had taken the opportunity to play Macau on Sunday as a warm up so both teams were ready and looking forward to the contest. Kellett came away with a very strong win in the previous year's encounter so were coming into this year's event full of confidence.

First flight out had the Captains for the day competing with each other **Terry Wright** and **Phil Nunn** from HKFC up against Rene Theil and

Amr Elhenawy. Some good early form from Rene saw Kellett take an early lead and stretch it to 3 holes up at the turn. HKFC fought back well to be all square after 14 but a couple of loose holes saw that slip back to 2 down again and they eventually went down swinging 2 and 1 – first blood to Kellett!

Dallas Reid and **Bill King** were next out for HKFC and were quick to show the benefit of golfing the course the previous day and they got out to a lead and were never headed winning 4 and 2 over Chris Li and David Lee of Kellett. All square on one game each with 3 results to come.

HKFC's **Jonny Brock** and **Anthony Ford** certainly took a height advantage into their match with Albert Cheung and Andrew Wong. They used this to good advantage to get ahead in the front

nine and despite a minor fightback early in the back nine they were able to close out a comfortable win on the 16th hole by 3 and 2.

Jenny Chapman and **Andrew Wood** were up next flying the HKFC flag against Kellett's Will Hornby and Leroy Yue. They made very steady progress both playing good golf until a very uncharacteristic stumble on the ninth hole saw them both double bogey and hand the hole to their opponents. This was clearly a wakeup call and from that point on the HKFC pair had a better ball par on every hole on the back nine to win very convincingly 6 and 5. A very good team effort with both golfers in fine form.

At this point the match was safe not that HKFC's final pairing of **Eric DesGouttes** and **Colin Lunn** were

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GOLF SOCIETY



aware. They played a good consistent round to overcome Niels Jensen and Thomas Cheung 3 and 1 on the 17th hole. Again we saw the benefit for Eric of the previous days round with the continuation of his strong Sunday form to help gain this closing point.

A very good match played in friendly spirits by 2 teams enjoying very good golfing conditions. The final result a solid 4-1 victory to HKFC to reverse last years loss by a similar margin. Both teams looking forward to the next edition of this contest in a years time.

Minor spoils were collected by Anthony Ford (2 near pin prizes) with Jenny Chapman blasting the Ladies long drive and Terry Wright picking up the Mens long drive prize. Thanks to the Kellett Golf Society as this years host for the day.

ROUND WINNERS

1st Kellett **Rene Theil
Amr Elhenawy**

2nd HKFC **Dallas Reid
Bill King**

3rd HKFC **Jonny Brock
Anthony Ford**

4th HKFC **Jenny Chapman
Andrew Wood**

5th HKFC **Eric DesGouttes
Colin Lunn**

NEAREST TO THE PIN

Hole 2 **Anthony Ford**

LONGEST DRIVE

Women's **Jenny Chapman**
Men's **Terry Wright**

FINAL RESULT

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IRAN INTERNATIONAL SERIES 2024


CHAMPION

To upkeep her Olympic qualification ranking, Happy continued non-stop to grasp her last few tournaments before the final confirmation of Olympic entry at the end of April 2024 including Iran International Challenge, Sri Lank International Series, German Open, Orleans Open, Polish International Series, and finally Asian Championship over a span of the next 2 months.

ROAD TO OLYMPICS

UPDATE FEBRUARY 2024

Player

 **Happy Lo Sin Yan**

Olympic Qualifier
30 over 35

World Ranking
61

Her first stop was in the high altitude location of Iran, Yazd for the Iran Fajr International Challenge 2024. Just a few days before the tournament began, there were numerous bombing incidents in other parts of Iran and Happy's safety became a concern. With her first Olympic appearance within reach, Happy took the risk and went to compete. Nonetheless, after she arrived in Fajr, there was also other issues as it lies at an average elevation of 1305m above sea level and is

therefore one of the highest countries in the world. Therefore, Happy was in mild distress of the altitude making it difficult to breathe. Fortunately, she maintain her composure and without any disappointment, she fought through the main draw from round 32 in 2 sets every game to become 2024 champion of Iran Fajr International Challenge.

Happy will continue her remaining tournaments and hopefully be able to not only maintain Olympic qualification but improve her world ranking as well!!!

ASIA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

SELANGOR MALAYSIA

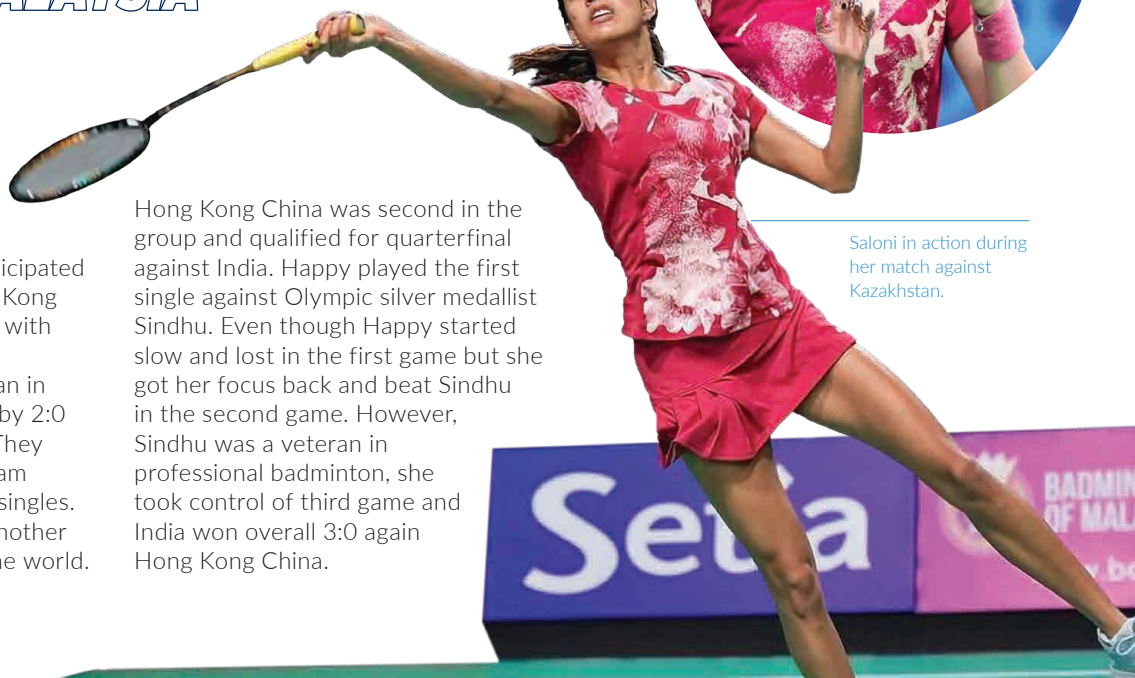
Our JAMs **Saloni Mehta** and **Happy Lo** represented Hong Kong China in the Selangor Badminton Asia Team Championships held in Shah Alam, Malaysia on 12-15th February 2024. They both participated in the singles categories. Hong Kong China was in Group X together with Indonesia and Kazakhstan. Saloni played against Kazakhstan in singles and beat the opponent by 2:0 and over all team won by 5:0. They were then up against strong team Indonesia and Happy was first singles. She unfortunately lost 2:0 to another player who was ranked 30 in the world.

Hong Kong China was second in the group and qualified for quarterfinal against India. Happy played the first single against Olympic silver medallist Sindhu. Even though Happy started slow and lost in the first game but she got her focus back and beat Sindhu in the second game. However, Sindhu was a veteran in professional badminton, she took control of third game and India won overall 3:0 again Hong Kong China.

Happy focused on her game against India.



Saloni in action during her match against Kazakhstan.



JUNIOR TEAM TRAINING AT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA

14-20th February 2024 was a 7-day training camp in Malaysia with the national junior team which was full of overcoming challenges. Although the time spent there wasn't particularly long, I was able to fully follow their packed training plans with lots of intense physical activities. However, I extremely enjoyed the overall mood



Coraline in Malaysia training with national junior team

and atmosphere there as it was quite positive, therefore made the training much more bearable. This experience was invaluable and I really enjoyed training alongside the top junior players.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS REPORT

HKBA DOUBLES LEAGUE 2024 MIXED TEAM GRADE E

A team of juniors partnered with coaches and senior member of HKFC headed for their first open age Hong Kong Badminton Association Grade E Mixed League on 18th February 2024 against 勁羽隊. Under the professional guidance of coaches, even 12 year old **Ellen** played well in her match. HKFC mixed team won an overall 7:2 games and entered into the next round.



Left to Right
Carson, Coach Fredi, HKFC member Peggy,
juniors Ellen and Maison and Coach Dawn

TEAM COACH REPORT

HKFC junior players are non-stop both locally and internationally and it is very rewarding to see them enjoying their sports no matter whether it is a win or loss. The road for a professional player is very long and hard and we all feel for Happy when she decided on travelling to Iran to pursue her Olympic dreams. Saloni and Coraline also put in a hundred and ten percent in their overseas tournament and training. Our squad players are also busy with local open age leagues as well as friendly sparring exercise to keep them on their toes for the upcoming tournaments. I am hoping players will also focus on their health and injury prevention so that they can continue to enjoy and perform their sports well. Furthermore, with the arrival of another new international team coach, the coaching team can continue to provide quality coaching and strengthen junior development program.

John Leung

FRIENDLY MATCH HKFC JUNIOR SQUAD VS SUNRISE TUNG CHUNG



HKFC junior squad and team coaches with Sunrise Tung Chung

Thanks to the arrangement of parents, Sunrise Tung Chung was invited for an evening of exciting sparring with our HKFC junior squad players. All of their players were U20 against our players whom majority were U15. Their training paid off and won an overall games of 16:9 against Sunrise.



Michael and Evelyn partnered in mixed doubles

UPCOMING JUNIOR EVENTS

January – May 2024
HKBA Doubles League

May 2024
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FESTIVE CELEBRATION

Mother's Day Programme

Our F&B team already planned a list of activities for the Mother's Day weekend, including buffet at the Coffee Shop, set menu at the Restaurant and brunch at the Happy Valley Suites.

WINE EVENTS

Saturday, 4th May | Sunday, 5th May

Wine Fair: **Le French May**

Thursday, 9th May

Wine Masterclass: **Super Tuscany**

Friday, 17th May

Wine Dinner: **Le Tour de France**

COFFEE SHOP

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Monthly Special: **Flavour of Pattaya**

Buffet Upsell Platter: **Tagine & Kebabs**

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POOL BAR

Japanese Salads

Beverage: **Pineapple Cooler & Mint Lemonade**

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Beverage: **Kids Juice**

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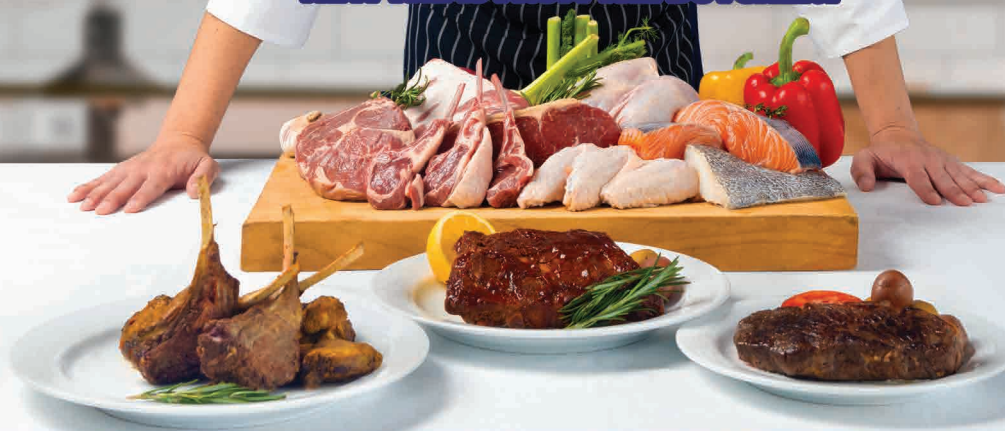
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\$88 (800g)

Rose Wine-Soy Chicken Wings

Chicken wings, rose wine, soy sauce, ginger, garlic, shallot, sugar, honey, red chilli, lemon, salt

\$69 (12pcs: total 650g)

PORK

Barbecue Pork Spareribs

Pork back ribs, tomato sauce, smoky BBQ sauce, honey, Worcestershire sauce, salt, black pepper

\$88 (450g)

LAMB

Moroccan Spiced Lamb Chop

Butter, olive oil, cumin, coriander, paprika, thyme, garlic, lemon juice, harissa

\$105 (80g x 3pcs)

Tandoori Lamb Chop

Greek yoghurt, ginger, garlic, cumin, coriander, turmeric, chilli, lemon juice, garam masala, salt

\$105 (80g x 3pcs)

FISH

Honey-Soy Salmon

Salmon fillet, olive oil, soy sauce, honey, Dijon mustard, garlic powder, salt, black pepper

\$95 (220g)

Soy-Garlic Halibut

Halibut fillet, honey, soy sauce, rice vinegar, garlic, ginger, red chilli, parsley

\$95 (180g)

BEEF

Mustard-Soy Beef Rib Eye Steak

Beef rib eye steak, Dijon mustard, garlic, onion powder, soy sauce, olive oil, Worcestershire sauce, balsamic vinegar, salt, black pepper

\$120 (250g)

Mongolian Sirloin Steak

Garlic, ginger, sesame oil, soy sauce, mirin, sugar, salt, black pepper

\$98 (220g)

Available throughout
the month of
APRIL



CHAIRMAN'S BAR

The background of the entire advertisement is a deep blue underwater scene. A large, detailed salmon is the central focus, swimming towards the right. It is surrounded by a school of smaller salmon. A large, circular fishing net is visible, with the main salmon appearing to be inside it. In the background, a bright rainbow arches across the sky, with sunlight filtering through the water's surface, creating a shimmering effect. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of blue, with the warm colors of the rainbow providing a focal point.

OMEGA CATCH

Nutritional powerhouse, try these omega-rich fish.
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