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CLUB MAGAZINE

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The Thoughts of the Chairman



*John J Shanahan,
Chairman*

Dear Members,

The sporting seasons have started in earnest and everyone is getting back into the swing of things. Apart from the various league matches in all the sports we partake in, last month we hosted the Hong Kong Rugby Union Asia Rugby 7s Series from 14th to 15th September; the HKFC/ATA Parent and Child Tennis Challenge on 15th September; the Professional Squash Association International Squash Open 2018 and International 3s Squash Tournament between 18th to 23rd September; and the Australian Football League Grand Finals Day on the Main Pitch on 29th September. And that is just a sample of how many sports and tournaments that we support as the premier sports club in Hong Kong. I just hope that the contributions we make to sports development in Hong Kong are recognised by the government now that the lease renewal consultation exercise has finished.

As I mentioned in a previous article, we were severely constrained in our Food and Beverage (F&B) offerings due to a shortage of chefs. We have now recruited several new chefs and this will enable the F&B Director and our Executive Chef to enlarge the A la Carte menu in the outlets. The F&B Sub-group of the General Committee has been working diligently behind the scenes and we have now contracted a very experienced consultant, who is a highly regarded specialist in the hotel, catering and club industry, to work with management and staff on improving our F&B provisions and standard operating procedures. This is an ongoing exercise with training courses for Staff starting shortly.

Now that Members are back from the summer holidays, the Club is getting busy again. With that in mind, I must ask all parents to ensure that their children are properly supervised, especially in the F&B outlets where hot food and drinks are being carried around. Children running around in these facilities, especially

the Sportsman's Bar and patio area, are a danger to themselves, Staff and other Members, so please make sure that you know where and what your children are doing and that they are not endangering themselves or others or being a nuisance to other Members.



In closing, I had the pleasure of meeting **Kate** and **Helen Richardson-Walsh** when they were visiting the Club last month and promoting the sport of hockey in Hong Kong. Kate was awarded an Order of the British Empire Medal (OBE) and Helen was made a Member of the British Empire (MBE) for their services to sport. They are both Olympic Gold Medal winners. Kate was capped a record 375 times for her country and was the England and Great Britain Captain for 13 years. Helen achieved 293 international caps for England and Great Britain, making her at the point of her retirement, the 5th most capped GB player in the history of the women's game. She represented Great Britain at the Sydney, Beijing, London and Rio Olympic Games. I am glad to say that they have both been made Honorary Members of the Club and we hope to see them back on a regular basis.

*John J Shanahan
Chairman*

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

Race Box



AT THE HAPPY VALLEY RACE COURSE

The Club maintains a Box at the Happy Valley race course which is available for Members to book in advance.

COST:

F&B Package: \$710 per head.

Admission badge: \$60 per head.

Upgrade Package - *half doz oyster*:
extra \$135 per head

Upgrade Package - *assorted sashimi platter*:
extra \$135 per head

F&B ARRANGEMENT:

The Race Box is provided with a Buffet and unlimited drinks.

Beverages are available from 6pm, and Dinner Buffet is available from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

BOOKING:

Booking Forms are available at Reception and from our website www.hkfc.com.hk.



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The Membership Services Manager
Hong Kong Football Club,
3 Sports Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong



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From the Desk of Mark Pawley



Mark Pawley,
General Manager

As the Chairman has noted September was a busy month, sporting-wise, at the Club especially with the PSA 30 Squash tournament and one of the legs of the Asian Rugby Sevens Series. Whilst most of our Sports Sections etc have been training hard over the last couple of the months, or so, for many, the League season proper has either just started or is about to start.

It's timely therefore, as we are getting to be so busy, sports-wise, that I should remind all Members that the Car Park will be filling up from now on, from early morning to late afternoon, at the weekends. Many of you will know that we very often have long queues of cars on Sports Road at certain times that often involves Police intervention so, here is a **further reminder that you are allowed to park in the Jockey Club Car Park (Security Staff will advise you when this is possible) on non-race days** which would help to offset some of the problems associated with vehicles queuing on Sports Road.

We held a 25 Year Members Cocktail Reception in late August on an evening when the Red

Rainstorm Warning was in place. However, 30 plus Members were able to attend on the night and all were presented with a crystal tankard for the men and a crystal vase for the ladies for their years of membership. There was some excellent cocktail food provided on the night along with a fair amount of liquid refreshment and a good night was held by all.

The Argentinian High Altitude Wine Dinner looks like being an excellent evening for all you wine lovers out there, so please do book early to avoid disappointment. And, I note there are a few "Festive" adverts on the food and beverage pages, it seems that Xmas and New Year are nearly upon us? As such, just to note that our Festive brochure should be with you at some stage in early October and that the Xmas Fete on the Main Pitch will be on Saturday 8th December – more information/details about this should be with you before the end of October.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

Mark Pawley,
General Manager

MEMBERS OF THE CLUB FOR 25 YEARS OR MORE



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A Cocktail Reception was held on Wednesday 29th August to recognise those who have been a Member of the Club for 25 years, or more.



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2018 / 7 Dec 2019 / 2 Feb*

* This is a reverse itinerary

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HKD **10,523**^{up}

6days Tasmania (roundtrip Sydney)

Majestic Princess | Sun Princess

Sydney, Australia ▶ Burnie (Tasmania), Australia ▶ Port Arthur (Tasmania), Australia ▶ Hobart (Tasmania), Australia [overnight] ▶ Sydney, Australia

2018 / 18 Nov[^] 2019 / 17 Feb

[^] Wineglass Bay & Oyster Bay (Scenic Cruising) replaces Burnie, port order varies

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2019 / 1, 7, 8 May / 18 Sep



HKD **8,300**^{up}

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2019 / 18 May / 1 Jun[†] / 15 Aug

[†] Kagoshima replaces Hiroshima, port order varies

This is an 8 days itinerary with Kumano Fireworks. Roundtrip Tokyo (Yokohama), Wakayama (Shimotsu), Kumano, Nagasaki and Gunkanjima (Scenic Cruising) replace Hiroshima and Matsuyama.

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Last F&B order: 2.30pm

DINNER

Mon - Sun: 6.30pm - 10.30pm
Last F&B order: 10pm

Tel: 2830 9562

LOUNGE BAR

Daily: 11am - Midnight

Last food order:
Daily 10pm

Last beverage order:
Daily 11.30pm

Tel: 2830 9560

CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Daily: Noon - Midnight

LUNCH

Mon - Sat: Noon - 3pm

Lunch last food order:
Mon - Sat: 2.30pm

DINNER

Last food order: Daily 10pm

Last beverage order: Daily 11.30pm

Tel: 2830 9559

COFFEE SHOP

Daily: 7.30am - 10.30pm
Last F&B order: Daily 10pm

Tel: 2830 9569

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Snack
- Dinner

HAPPY VALLEY SUITES 1 and 2

SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sun: 11.30am - 3pm (*Last arrival 2pm*)

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Sunday Night Buffet
Sun: 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Tel: 2830 9559

SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Mon - Thu: 5pm - 12 midnight

Fri: 4pm - 1am

Sat and Sun: 9am - 1am

PH: 11am - 12 midnight

Last food order: Daily 10.45pm

Last beverage order:

Mon - Thu, Sun: 12 midnight

Fri and Sat: 1am

Tel: 2830 9531

FAMILY LOUNGE BAR

Mon - Fri: 11am - 10pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 8am - 9.30pm

Last food order:

Mon - Fri: 9.30pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 9pm

Last beverage order:

Mon - Fri: 9.30pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 9pm

Tel: 2837 2663

CAPTAIN'S BAR

Mon - Fri: 8am - 11pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 8am - 10pm

Last food order:

Mon - Fri: 10.30pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 9.30pm

Last beverage order:

Mon - Fri: 10.30pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 9.30pm

Tel: 2837 2622

POOL BAR

Mon - Fri: 11am - 6.30pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 8am - 6.30pm

Last food order:

Mon - Fri: 6.30pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 6.30pm

Last beverage order:

Mon - Fri: 6.30pm
Sat, Sun and PH: 6.30pm

Tel: 2830 9569



Year 1 - Year 3

PUBLIC SPEAKING

ENGLISH / MATHS

CREATIVE WRITING



Year 4 - Year 6

ISEB PRE-TEST

VERBAL / NON-VERBAL REASONING

PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATE

GROUP INTERVIEW PREP

INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEW PREP

Year 7 - Year 8

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LUNCH AT THE CLUB

THE RESTAURANT

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Set Lunch

2 Courses: From 158
3 Courses: From 185

THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Saturday, Sunday
from 11am to 2.30pm

- A la Carte
- Salad Bar
- One Plate Buffet

Public Holidays
from 11am to 2.30pm

A la Carte

THE CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Monday to Saturday
from Noon to 2.30pm

- A la Carte
- Daily Curry

THE COFFEE SHOP

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm

Light Lunch Buffet

148 per Adult
74 per Child (age 8 - 11)
50 per Child (age 4 - 7)

Saturday, Sunday and
Public Holiday
from Noon to 2.30pm

International Lunch Buffet

180 per Adult
90 per Child (age 8 - 11)
58 per Child (age 4 - 7)

DINNER AT THE CLUB

THE RESTAURANT

Monday to Sunday
from 6.30pm to 10pm

A la Carte

Menu Price

THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Monday to Sunday and
Public Holidays

from 5pm to 10.45pm

Monday to Thursday -

A la Carte

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and
Public Holiday -

- A la Carte
- Salad Bar
- One Plate Buffet

THE COFFEE SHOP

Monday to Thursday
from 6pm to 9.30pm

International Dinner Buffet

148 per Adult
74 per Child (age 8 - 11)
50 per Child (age 4 - 7)

Friday from 6pm to 9.30pm

Saturday, Sunday and
Public Holiday

from 5.30pm to 9.30pm

International Dinner Buffet

180 per Adult
90 per Child (age 8 - 11)
58 per Child (age 4 - 7)

THE CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Daily from 6pm to 10pm

- A la Carte
- Oysters

ARGENTINIAN HIGH ALTITUDE WINE DINNER



26th October 2018

Terrazas de los Andes Reserva Torrontés 2017
TORRONTÉS COCKTAIL AND CANAPÉS

Antipasto / Appetizer

Terrazas de los Andes Reserva Malbec 2016
TERRINA DI TESTA SU MOSTARDA DI FICHI E PINOLI
Homemade Pork Cheek Terrine on Fig Mustard and Pinenuts

Primo Piatto / First Dish

Terrazas de los Andes Single Vineyard Malbec 2014
FREGOLA RISOTTATA DI FASSONA E MANTECATA CON RICOTTA DURA
Fregola Risotto with Fassona Beef and Creamed Potatoes with Aged Ricotta Cheese

Piatto Principale / Main Course

Cheval des Andes 2015
SELLA DI AGNELLO COTTA SU PIASTRA, SALSA DI ZUCCA E CURCUMA, VERDURINE
Pan Seared Saddle of Lamb, Pumpkin and Turmeric Sauce, Baby Vegetables

Piatto di Formaggi / Cheese Plate

Cheval des Andes 2015
TALEGGIO, GORGONZOLA, PARMIGIANO 24 MESI, MOSTARDA DI PERE
Taleggio Cheese, Gorgonzola, 24 Months Parmesan, Pear Mustard

PRICE	VENUE	DATE	TIME
538 per Member 638 per Member's Guest	The Restaurant	Friday, 26th October 2018	7.30pm to 7.50pm, Pre-Dinner Drinks 8pm to 11pm, Dinner

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

TERRAZAS
de los Andes

CHEVAL *des* ANDES
CHATEAU-CHEVAL BLANC & TERRAZAS DE LOS ANDES

Malbec

- All the above wine will be served in limited quantity
- Cancellations or amendments must be emailed to the Restaurant and must be made before 16th October otherwise, full payment will be debited to the Member's account, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- The A la Carte will not be available on that evening.

AFTERNOON SET TEA

in the Chairman's Bar



Daily from 3pm to 6pm

Enjoy an afternoon set tea with family and friends. Set tea includes home-made canapés, savouries and pastries with your choice of tea or coffee.

98 per person
 (minimum of two orders per table)
 (Set Tea is subject to the venue availability)

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Carvery SET LUNCH

IN THE RESTAURANT



Monday to Sunday from 12noon to 2.30pm

Complimentary Antipasti Bar and Selection of 3 starters to choose from	Selection of 6 main courses to choose from (Including our Famous Prime Rib with Yorkshire pudding, gravy and selected Vegetables)	Dessert Buffet Bar
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2 Courses: From 158 / 3 Courses: From 185 (included Regular Tea or Coffee)

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7:15PM PRE-DINNER DRINKS
7:45PM THREE-COURSE DINNER AND SHOW

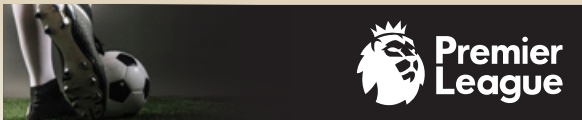


THE WINE CAROUSEL

in the Chairman's Bar

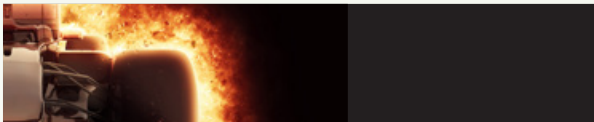
every day from 6.30pm to 10.30pm throughout the month

From 6.30pm till 10.30pm daily, you can enjoy 2 hours of free-flowing wines specially selected at a set price of 180 per person.



SOCCER

The **English Premier League** is now in full swing, join us at the Sportsman's Bar to watch your favourite teams.



IN AUTO RACING

Japanese Grand Prix	Suzuka	5th - 7th Oct
United States Grand Prix	Austin	19th - 21st Oct*
Mexican Grand Prix	Mexico City	26th - 28th Oct



IN TENNIS

Right at our door step:
WTA Hong Kong Tennis Open
6th - 14th Oct



RUGBY

The **Rugby Championship fixtures 2018**. The last two matches of the Championship.

6th Oct	South Africa vs New Zealand	Loftus Versfeld @ 11.05pm
7th Oct	Argentina vs Australia	Estadio Padre Ernesto Martarena

All times are in Hong Kong Standard Time

Now the Sport's season in Hong Kong is in full swing, Minis, Juniors and Adults. Come to the Club and support your favourite teams. Great way to spend a wonderful time. Keep up to date on the Club website and all sports notice boards. For further information, please call the Sportsman's Bar at 2830 9531.

The Chairman's Bar will also be showing these "Live" Sports throughout the month



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*Don't Arrive Home for
Thanksgiving Dinner
Empty-Handed*

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October 2018

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Application and Admission - Common App, Early Decision/Action etc.
Standardised Tests – SAT v ACT.
Breaking down the numbers – a look at research resources.
Costs and Financial Aid.*

**in the 1st Floor Meeting Rooms
Tuesday 23rd October**

6.20pm to 7.30pm

\$60 per Member, \$80 per Member's Guest

Please reserve your seat(s) by email at campion@campionhk.com
(please state membership no.) or call 9047 2790.

This is the third of a series of seminars designed to help families understand some of the challenges that face both students and parents on the transition from school to university.

Each seminar will be delivered by Martin Campion of Campion College Consultancy.

Other Seminars to follow:

- Paying for College
- Higher Education in the USA - 101
- Oxbridge – Why, What and How
- UK – Home Fee Status
- What About Hong Kong?

THE SPEAKER



Martin Campion, Founder and Senior Advisor of Campion College Consultancy

Before starting his own consultancy less than a year ago, Martin was head of Head of Careers and Higher Education at South Island School and for the last 20 years, advised hundreds of students and their families on this transition. For approximately 10 of those 20 years, he also chaired the English Schools Foundation Higher Education Counsellors' Group. He is the only university counsellor in Hong Kong to receive the Council of International Schools annual award to one college counsellor worldwide. In 2016, he also received the Yale Educator Award. Although he has an English accent and his own three children attended UK universities, his experience of N. American Higher Education is deep, with numerous conferences and visits to 148 campuses to date. At the same time, he has advised and supported applications to the UK (including Oxbridge guidance), Hong Kong, Australia and elsewhere for many hundreds of senior students.

Families can count on the fact that he has 'been there' as a parent and that he understands the secondary school context of their children.



INTERNATIONAL “SUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET”

in the Happy Valley Suites and the Chairman's Bar
every Sunday from 11.30am to 3pm

The Club's family friendly Sunday Brunch in the Happy Valley Suites and the Chairman's Bar welcomes Members and their Guests.

386 per Adult Member, 406 per Adult non-Member
(with unlimited flow of Sparkling Wine, Red/White/Rosé Wine and Beer)

or

298 per Adult Member, 318 per Adult non-Member
165 per Child Member (age 4-11),
188 per Child non-Member (age 4-11)
(with unlimited flow of chilled juice)

Enquiries or reservations:

please call 2830 9559 or email: bar@hkfc.com

Dress Code: Club Casual

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

1X = 27 Bottles

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CHRISTMAS PARTIES

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<p>1/2 Roasted Chicken 80 or Whole Roasted Chicken 148</p> <p>- with traditional mixed herbs - Includes Gravy</p>	<p>1/2 Roasted Chicken 120 or Whole Roasted Chicken 188</p> <p>- with gravy, mashed potato and assorted vegetables</p>	<p>Oven Roasted New Potatoes/ French Fries/ Pasta with Tomato Sauce/ White or Brown Rice/ Green Beans/ Broccoli/ Mixed Salad 32 per side</p>

Email: coffeeshop@hkfc.com | Call 2830 9569

NOVEMBER PREVIEW

FOUR ITALIAN HANDS

Wine Dinner
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Finals day players. No Ho Fai in attendance. Presumably off to collect his appearance money!



Summer League 2018

As usual, the Squash Section ran an internal summer league to attempt to ensure that the Section does not get too fat and lazy outside the main winter league season. Players of all standards enter the league, and are split up



into teams which are supposed to be of almost identical standard. This means that the spread of ability within teams is much wider than in the normal winter league so it is a great opportunity for Section Members to socialise with and be in the same team with many new people. Players who cannot commit to playing the majority of the matches can still enter as "pool" players who can then be drawn in if the regular players are not available for any particular match. With some of the pool players being much stronger than many of the regular players, there is always the possibility of unscrupulous captains dumping their regular players to bring in a ringer from the pool. But surely no-one would stoop that low?

Because of the slightly smaller number of teams, this year all matches were played on a Wednesday which again meant a good opportunity for meeting all the other players and the Captain's Bar did brisk business on match nights.

At the end of the league, the Knockout Bandits captained by **Rahul Dansanghani** ran out the winners with 75 points narrowly beating the Fearless Dragons on 70. Most other teams had similar scores except for the Dark Spiders captained by **Paul Simons** who appeared to have their eyes fixed on the wooden spoon which they duly secured with a rather modest 45 points.

After the league had been settled, there was a Finals day with the number 1 and 2 teams playing each other. Mysteriously **Sean Soo** of the Fearless Dragons (who had been comfortably beaten by **Andrew Ward** of the Knockout Bandits in the regular league match) was unavailable and was replaced by the ex Club Champion **Ho Fai** from the pool. This devious tactic resulted in the Fearless Dragons winning the match and claiming victory on the Finals day. All very dubious, but at least it allowed the 6 bottles of champagne lined up as prizes to be split between two teams.

All participants very much enjoyed the league and thanks are owed to **KK** and **Wilson Chan** for his organisational efforts, and to all the convenors for their efforts lining up full teams which is always something of a struggle in the middle of summer.



For the record, the winning teams were:

Knockout Bandits – League Winners

Andrew Ward
Dallas Reid
Krzysztof Kostienko
Rahul Dansanghani (Capt)
Martin Mrosek
Javy Wong

Fearless Dragons – Playoff Winners

Sean Soo (aka Ho Fai)
Jeff Leung
Dinesh Hathiramani
Arthur Malloy
Ed Wu (Capt)
Ruby Won



Message from the Soccer Captain



Robbie Bacon,
Soccer Section
Captain



Hello everyone,

And we are back! The 18/19 season kicks off with all bang as cup holders Colts and league champions Wanderers face off on the opening day and new Albion manager **Nick Day** will be hoping for a fast start against Squadron. In the HKFA, Lucky Mile are hoping it is third time lucky in their quest for promotion, and the 1st team will look to continue their unbeaten league record under **Tony Hamilton**, while the Ladies side will compete in the revamped Women's 1st Division.

This month we have articles from Junior Soccer on their tours to Phnom Penh and to Sweden for the Gothia Cup.

■ **Robbie**

A big thank you to the Soccer Section Sponsors for 2018/19 season



Lyndsay Stewart



Ian Killoughery

Welcome to the Soccer Section Committee

We welcome **Lyndsay Stewart** (Ladies Team Representative) and **Ian Killoughery** (Albion Team Representative) to the Soccer Section Committee.

Freek Schipper – 10 years and counting



Freek Schipper – HKFC 1st Team Captain for the 17/18 invincible season has reached a landmark of 10 years at the Football Club and more impressively 10 straight years playing with the 1st team. In that time he has twice played for the Club team in the premier league and has featured in 10 straight Soccer Sevens. Here is a few photos of Freek in action over the last 10 years.

Junior Soccer Tour to Phnom Penh

1st-4th June 2018



Our 7th Tour was the "cool tour" thanks to the weather and new tour dinner location. 150 tourists comprising of players and coaches from U9 (P4), U10 (P5), U11 (P6), U12 (Y7), U13 (Y8), U14 (Y9), U10 Girls, U12 Girls and U14 Girls together with families went to Phnom Penh on 1st-3th/4th June to visit Junior Soccer's charity partner, Indochina Starfish Foundation (ISF) school and compete in the ISF-HKFC Junior Soccer Challenge. The tourists brought with them over 600 kgs of boots, kit, stationery and toys donated by themselves, HKFC and the HK community. Thanks to all who donated for your support.

This year we promoted more integration with ISF kids through a range of activities at ISF's school, community visit and mixed friendly football matches.

HKFC hosted our customary Tour Dinner for all tourists and ISF staff but this time at a new location called Chinese House. A hard act to follow after many tour dinners at the FCC. Chinese House, however, did not disappoint - it was a sophisticated and chic bar and restaurant that amazed us with its excellent decor, food and beverages. After our speeches we were surprised by our self-appointed auctioneer, **Lee Porter**, who proceeded to solicit bids for a night out with our former Soccer Section Chairman, **Kieran Flynn**. Despite a number of high bids from the ladies on tour, the winner went to a group of guys who chipped in to raise cash

for no-one to go out with Kieran. A welcomed result for the tourists and a good pot of cash donated to ISF. The night was then finished off by our much anticipated Bug Eating Challenge. We even had some of the more juicy high protein variety.

The ISF-HKFC Junior Soccer Challenge has grown into one of the major tournaments for ISF's 3,800 children football programme (much like our Junior Soccer 7s). On tournament day, ISF and HKFC hosted a 35 team tournament playing for Cup, Plate, Bowl and Shield on ISF's 2 football pitches. HKFC fielded 9 teams with the following results:

U10 boys tournament - P4 (U9) on debut played well but were unlucky to miss the finals. P5 (U10) played strongly throughout to be Cup winners.

U12 boys tournament - P6 (U11) and Y7 (U12) fielded 2 teams each which doubled our chances for silverware. It was the younger P6 (U11) teams that played each other in the Cup finals to take 1st and 2nd with Y7 teams winning the Bowl and Shield runner up. A great turnout for P6 and Y7.

U12 girls tournament - U10 girls and U12 girls combined to narrowly lose the Plate final.

U14 girls tournament - U14 girls combined well with ISF girls to win the Cup.

U14 boys tournament - Y8 (U13) and Y9 (U14) combined to win the Cup after a last minute goal in a tense final.



The opposition were all local teams, some travelled over 2 hours from the provinces. There were plenty of goals and some very close games. All matches were played in a good competitive spirit. The local teams have improved over the years which is a credit to ISF's grass roots development. Thanks go to ISF for lending us some excellent players, the referees and HKFC tour coaches and parents for their support.



After the tournament, it was back to the hotel pool to cool off.

The tourists played/watched plenty of football, brought home some silverware, took in some sites of Phnom Penh, but saw first-hand the challenging conditions facing Cambodian underprivileged children. It was important for them to also see the great work ISF is doing to help these children receive an education via a

catch up programme and through the use of a football programme bring happiness and teach valuable life lessons. We are proud to have them as a charity partner.

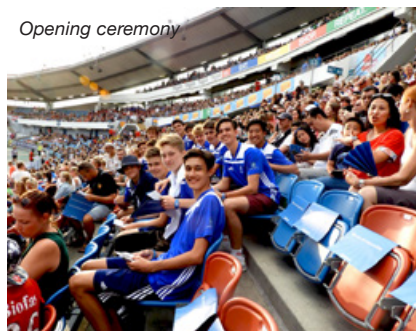
ISF have put together a short video of the tour - to view go to YouTube and search for "Hong Kong Football Club - Junior Soccer ISF Cambodia Tour 2018".



Thanks go to our ISF hosts and to **Rachelle** from Sunpac for all their hard work for another successful tour. We look forward again to next year.

■ **Marcus Lee, Junior Soccer Tour Co-ordinator**

Gothia Cup 2018 report



Known as the "The World Youth Cup", the Gothia Cup in Sweden is the biggest and most international youth tournament in the world. Each year, around 1,700 teams from 80 different countries take part, with 4,500 matches played on 110 pitches. Since its inception in 1975, close to a million players from 146 countries have participated in the tournament. It's a big deal.

For the third year in a row, our Youth Pathway football programme participated in the tournament, representing not only the Club but Hong Kong. After sending one team in 2016, two teams in 2017, this summer we sent three teams: our U14s, U15s and U16s.

The teams all had the same goal: go deep in the tournament and perhaps win it all. The teams arrived on Thursday 12th July for three days of preparation and training. They trained at Heden in the mornings at 7am and in the afternoon sessions at around 3pm, and played friendly matches vs Hovas-Billdal on the Saturday.



Pre-tournament training



Tired legs



Watching World Cup Final



U14 team

On Sunday the teams watched the World Cup Final. Inspired and prepared the boys were ready to go. And they did not disappoint.

The U14s may have been disappointed to not make it to the A Competition (effectively the "Cup" round) but they showed they belonged when they drew vs the eventual A Competition runners up in group play. The U15s finished in the final 16 of the A Competition, losing to the eventual winners. The U16s finished in the final 32 of the A competition, also losing to the eventual winners. Not bad considering there were close to 200 teams in each age group competition!

Our pathway teams, once again, proved to the world that there is indeed good football being developed and played in Hong Kong. The boys had an experience that they will remember forever. More importantly, they did us proud by the way they carried themselves on and off the pitch.

Boys U14s - 195 teams, 47 groups
Steve Tucker assisted by **Tom Halder**

Results

Group stage:

- Drew 0-0 with Knista IK 2,
- Drew 2-2 with SKF Bulgaria (last min pen by **Alfie Walker**) - finished runners up in A competition
- Beat Gunnilse IS 5-0
- Lost to Varnamo Sodra FF 4-2

B Competition knockout:

- Beat FK Lillehammer 4-0 at Kviberg - Amazing game! Last 64
- Lost to Hovas-Billdal IF 2-0 at Gamlestadsvallen - disappointingly as beaten them in friendly a few days earlier

Finished in Top 32 of B Competition

HKFC's overseas tour dream team of Steve Tucker and Tom Halder were charged with leading the HKFC U14 team at the Gothia Cup in July. The U14 boys' competition consisted of 194 teams in 47 groups. We were drawn with three Swedish and one heavily favoured Bulgarian side.

After three days of training and a warm up game versus a game local side (more to come from them later), the U14s descended on Gothenburg city centre to watch a classic World Cup final. The lads came away from the game itching to get down to business the following day.

Monday rolled around, with two games in the first day. Our first game against Knista IK 2 will go down as one of the more entertaining 0-0 draws, with the Knista goal living somewhat of a charmed life for the duration. With a few open goals squandered, we came away from the game disappointed but still optimistic about our performance.

The second game of the day was an instant classic. A back and forth 2-2 draw against the eventual runners up. The highlight of the game was the last minute penalty dispatched by Alfie Walker after some shocking gamesmanship from SKF Bulgaria.

The next two games brought a win and a loss, leaving the U14s in the 'B' competition for the knockouts.

Our first knockout game on the Thursday was against FK Lillehammer, a Norwegian pro outfit. The morning of the game the boys showed razor focus, the warm up was conducted with ruthless professionalism and the boys were ready to go. After a battling first half performance against the wind, HKFC exploded out the traps in the second half, claiming a 4-0 win and by far the best performance of the tournament.

Our second game on Thursday was against the team we'd beaten in a warm up game on the previous Saturday. While it's easy to blame some complacency for a below par performance, in truth the boys were physically and mentally drained from the morning's brilliant performance.

Bowing out 2-0, the boys were understandably gutted. However, they all recognised how much they had grown both individually and as a squad during the competition. With six competitive games in as many days, the boys had shown a great deal of development both on and off the pitch - leaving the coaches very proud of their efforts. We look forward to taking on the U15 competition at the 2019 Gothia Cup!

Boys U15s - 193 teams, 48 groups
Stewart Montgomery and **Jordon Brown**

Results

Group stage:

- Beat Gammelgardens IF 3-0
- Beat FC Chambly of France 3-0
- Beat Molnlycke IF 2-0
- Beat Liga 96 5-2
- Finished top of group

A Competition knockout:

- Last 64 beat SKF UK 3-0
- Last 32 beat ASF Le Perreux of France 3-2
- Last 16 lost 4-0 to AP Top 54 of Poland - Eventual winners



Finished in top 16 of A Competition

The HKFC U15 Squad touched down in Sweden as champions of Hong Kong. Flying the flag not just for the Club but also for the city.

The group stage threw 2 Swedish sides and a French side at the boys. The first thing you notice is the physicality of teams and their size. The second thing you notice is that this means very little to a squad of boys used to winning.

The HKFC Youth Pathway programme consistently produces players who not only become 1st team players but also many who go on to become professionals.

It was therefore not that surprising to see the HKFC boys compete.

They finished top of their group with 3 wins from 3 with the pick of the bunch being victory over French professional side FC Chambly.

We had scored 8 and conceded 0.

We had won the League in HK playing a 4231 or 451 system.

In Sweden due to the players available we switched to a 352.

We had two training days and one friendly in Gothenburg to try it.

It was working and we were in the knock out stages.

Next up Liga 96 of Sweden. The blonde giants were swept aside 5-2.

Belief was growing and an English team were next. SKF UK couldn't cope with us in full flow but it must be pointed out the English

lads were playing up an age group and did themselves and their coaches proud.

ASF Le Perreux were the next knockout opposition. It was a fabulous summer for French football but not against Hong Kong opposition. We were in the last 16 and had genuine thoughts of a miracle unfolding.

The draw gave us a slick and well drilled Polish side called APTop 54. It was a game too far and although we lost 4-0 to the eventual champions the boys were devastated.

Making the last 16 of 200 teams made history. The HKFC U15s are a very talented group and can be very proud of themselves.

They would not want individuals singled out but if you want to know how they progress in the future then watch out for their results in this season's HKFA U16 1st Division. They want to win that and return to Sweden next Summer for some unfinished business.

Boys U16s - 186 teams, 46 groups Graeme Lane and Gavin McDermott

Results

Group stage:

- Beat IFK Kristinehamn 4-1 - cracking performance on Astro-turf
- Beat JSG Baden/Etelsen of Germany 3-0 - Grass
- Beat Tidaholms GIF 2-1, Liam got sent off, cracker of a game
- Finished top of group

A Competition knockout:

- Beat Ed Moratalez 6-5 on pens, drew game 0-0. They'd scored 15 goals and conceded 0 in pool play!
- Lost to Ryerson SC West 4-0, eventual winners. Selected programme from West coast of USA.

Finished in Top 32 of A Competition

The HKFC U16 Boys team travelled to Sweden with pretty much all of their regular season squad, minus coach **Jason White** unfortunately, yet the high tempo, high pressing and attack-minded tactics they deployed this year were not cast aside.

The front three attackers with pace to burn, were supplemented by a midfield and back four that learnt that possession is important in tournament football and 'defence wins championships'.

The team navigated the group stage well, scoring 9 goals, conceding 2, topping the group on 9 points. The great thing about the Gothia Cup is that it allows our homegrown talent to play against different styles and systems of play compared to their normal Hong Kong opponents.

Having beaten physically demanding opposition of two Swedish sides and a German team in the group, and receiving a bye at the first knock-out stage, we encountered a totally different proposition in ED Moratalez from Madrid. The technically gifted, quick Spaniards had scored 15 goals in their group, but HKFC were an equal match for them and an exciting game with chances for both sides, finished 0-0. So to Penalties!

A tactical switch of Goalkeeper from first choice **Derrick Ng**, to **Alrik 'mind games' Lam** paid off as despite falling behind in the shootout HKFC eventually prevailed 6-5. The talented Spaniards were distraught, but HKFC had learnt a valuable lesson of mental strength to execute under pressure.

With only a three hour turnaround, the last 32 tie would throw up something different again. Ryerson SC West, a programme of 'select' players from the West coast of the USA, were strong and physical, but also technical, and had the tournament's stand-out player. A result of 0-4 was disappointing as HKFC were very much in the tie early in the second-half, but there was no shame in losing to the eventual tournament winners.

To reach the last 32 of 186 teams was a great performance by the boys and they learned some invaluable football lessons along the way.

■ **Kerri Coombs and Gavin McDermott, Gothia Cup Tour Organisers**

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Bout Ye...(Northern Irish for 'hello, how are you doing?')

■ by **Jamie Chapman, Rugby Section Captain**

At the time of writing pre-season is almost complete with a huge amount of effort being put in by both players and coaches. **Gabriel Carrol** and **Samantha Morphy** have been putting the lads through their paces and fine tuning the many athletic specimens we have littered throughout the Section. **Tim Usasz** ("The Russian") has been injecting some international level knowledge into the backlines and **Dave Harrity** ("Tetley Dave") has also been spotted passing on his dazzling skill set through a variety of inventive drills, which I understand were definitely not found on YouTube! Early pre-season saw a few Section wide mixed training sessions, it was great to see such a huge turnout across the ladies section.

The Dragons had a rather militant approach to pre-season with some army style teambuilding sessions under the leadership of **Dan Chapman**. This culminated in a Saturday 6.30am meet up for a beasting session in Aberdeen Country Park, there were stress positions, log carries, and quick marches. No man was left behind and even the Treasurer, **Nigel Hobler** managed to step away from the spreadsheets and lead from the front!

The first Section wide trial games have also taken place with a surprisingly high standard of rugby and fitness on show for a 1st September fixture! The first game saw a mixture of players from Scorpions, Select, Bulls and Expendables blow off the cobwebs.

Killian Hussey was everywhere up front and **Guy West** and **Jacob Hung** lit up the backline! In the mixed Dragons/Club game there were some standout performances from **Tommy Hill** and **Josh Dillon** in the backs and up front new players **Tom Stanley** and **Callum McCullough** (who comes from good Ulster stock) were heavily involved. Welcome to the Section lads and to all the new players who join us this season, it's good to have you on board. I am sure all of the hard work is currently translating into a strong start to the season on the pitch across the whole Section.

Well done to HKFC players **Jamie Hood**, **Max Denmark**, **Mike Coverdale**, **Liam Herbert** (along with son of member **Hugo Stiles**) as well as coaches **Paul John** and **Jevon Groves** who were all involved in a historic win for the HK Sevens team over Japan to claim the Asian Games title. A fantastic achievement and the crowd cheering you on from the Sportsman's were buzzing.

I would also like to take this early opportunity to thank our sponsors; AIA Vitality, CBRE, DHL, Kognitiv, Natixis, Latham & Watkins, QNet, and Williams Lea Tag, who will be with us throughout this coming 2018/19 season, we really appreciate your support and look forward to welcoming you to our club this year.

On the admin front, welcome to the new members of the Section Committee, **Conor Cole** (Social Secretary), **Nial Rowark** (Recruitment Officer) and **Claire Price** (Girls

Youth Representative). The Committee meets at least monthly and typically has a stacked agenda with the overarching aim always being to keep the cogs of the Rugby Section machine turning. If you see a committee member around the Club, say hello, bend their ear and get them to buy you a pint!

September and October are typically rather heavy on the social front and the final preparations have been put in place for a number of important events. This includes the biennial visit of our friends from the Singapore Cricket Club in memory of the players both clubs lost in the Bali bombing of 2002. The highly anticipated Captain's Dinner, where I'm sure my performance was admirable and hopefully all of the sore heads, forgotten memories and time spent in the doghouse have been well worth it! The Walton Brunch, named after **Clive Walton** who was Captain of the Vandals team at the time of the Bali bombing, may or may not have taken place when you read this. We all know how important this event is and I encourage everyone to get down to the Club and show your full support on the day.

Good luck to all of the HKFC teams, the scene is set for an enjoyable start to the season. Whether you are a player, supporter, alikadoo or general rugby lover, I encourage you to get down to the Club every Saturday and get stuck in, see you in the Sportsman's, I am sure we will have great craic!

Club Trivia

A new addition to the monthly write up is a bit of HKFC Trivia. Name the Section member who was recently the subject of a CNN piece, played rugby for England, roomed with **Lawrence Dallaglio's** dad and declined an invitation to tour with the British Lions.

The first person to approach either **Ben Stobart** or myself with the correct answer wins a very special liquid prize to share with their respective teams.



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Summer holidays are behind us (boo) and the new season has started (hurrah). You have a terrific group of Head Coaches, Team Managers and coaches to guide your (our) children, the athletes, both to love rugby and excel in competitive rugby.

A few messages, and for those at CDNIS you may recognise them (so my thanks to MLFA): We aim to develop the whole person, not just the physical. To promote the growth and development of young people through sport, teamwork and leadership.

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Kit

Whilst I have your attention: we had Minis Kit Distribution on Sunday 26th August 2018. This was a herculean effort.

First, our thanks, as a section, to the volunteers, led by **Chris** ("Why aye man!") **Hattam**. There was a great turnout at 9:45pm (yep, in the evening) on Saturday 25th August to set up the Sports Hall. Then throughout Sunday morning, from 7am, there were numerous volunteers assisting parents and coaches to collect kit, and then clear up the Sports Hall.

Secondly, my thanks to you: the parents and coaches, for collecting kit in an orderly manner and with a sense of humour, particularly if your size was out of stock: bearing in mind that our girls and boys are all eleven years or under, so where did all the L "adult" socks disappear? We must have a lot of "big foots" in the Minis!



As I mentioned there will be a second order to be distributed (if you gave your Head Coaches your requests); after that, kit will be available at cost in the shop.

My thanks also to **Dave Nazer** at Samurai for ensuring that our manufacturer delivered on time, and to the Club Staff who helped with the Sports Hall.

Punctuality at training

Finally, re training we do not have long every Sunday on the pitch. It is disruptive to the sessions and discourteous to the volunteer coaches to arrive late. So the mantra is:

EARLY IS ON TIME, ON TIME IS LATE

Have fun!

■ **Denis Brock, Chairman, HKFC Mini-Rugby**

Meet the Teams – The Ladies

At the time of writing, all teams are in the throes of pre-season friendlies (fighting amber rain and record pollution levels!). With the league kicking off in the middle of September, there has been a great turnout at pre-season training as the ladies prepare for the season (both on the pitch and in the bar). It seems like only yesterday that the cup competitions finished and most of us hung up our sticks and shin pads for the summer. But, once again, the HKFC Hockey Ladies are ready and raring to go for the 2018/19 season.

Defending Premier Division and Holland Cup Champions, the As are being captained by **Leigh Cumings**. With a couple of new recruits, a number of returning A team players of old and a couple of B team players who have earned their stripes to move up, this season we are expecting to see some extra-special magic from one of the most successful sports teams in Hong Kong. Coach **Arif Ali** will be looking to maximize the abundant talent in the squad as they take on the challenge of another season.

The 2017/18 season was a difficult one for the B Team Babes – not going quite according to the game plan. This season, the Babes are being led by captain **Sammie Hill**. Under the watchful eye of **Dev Dillon**, the ladies are keen to recreate their historic season of 2016/17, and will be looking to snap at the heels of the As whenever they can!

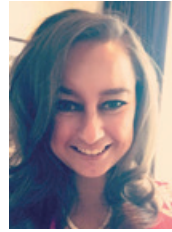
Coach **Ishtiaq** “Mr Motivator” **Ahmed** will be looking forward to his team kicking off their

league campaign, after the Cs looked excellent in pre-season friendlies. Having secured the Division 1 trophy and the Cup at the end of the season last year, the Cs will be looking to dominate once more. With a mix of talented youth and experienced top level players and a dash of Ishtiaq’s positivity thrown in from the sidelines, captains **Marthe Van Wilsum** and **Ellie Batterham** are hoping for a successful season.

Following a year of “being the bridesmaids”, the Ds are going into the 2018/19 season HUNGRY for silverware. With one of the strongest defensive lines in Division 1, captain (and Club newbie) **Laura Bell** and coach **Arshad** will not be phased by any opposition this season, and will be hoping to maintain the scoring (and winning) form they had last season.

Captain **Kim Roberts** is hoping that a second season with her solid squad under the watchful eyes of **Stuart** “Sergeant” **Mayo** will help the Es vanquish old foes and see them take the top spot in Division 2 this year. The Es were very unlucky last season (both with results, and with some awful injuries) and they will be looking for that to change this year.

Last season was an extra special one for the Dino’s, but new captain **Paula Wymond** will be hoping that they will continue to set records on the hockey pitch (and quite possibly off) over the coming few months. Everyone’s favourite



team have lots to look forward to this season – another season fighting the good fight in Division 2 and some fresh legs to “add some pace”! Watch out for them this year – pip pip dear Dinosaurs!

Having secured their rightful place in Division 3 last year, the Gorgeous Gs are back to fight for their right to remain. With many keeping their skills sharp over the summer, captains **Karen Thorne** and **April Cheng** have been rallying the troops and finding some new bodies to keep the Gs Division 3 ready. With a classic combination of hard work, fitness sessions and post-training Sportsmans sessions, seasoned coach **Rachael Whittaker** has been working hard, preparing them to be battle-ready.

The Little Ladies of the Section are back again! The Cubs – our youth team – will be looking once again to take their division by storm. While the rest of us were drinking one-too-many cocktails over the summer, the Cubs have been training hard and heeding **Chappie’s** advice. Once again, we fully expect our little sisters in hockey to run rings around the senior players they are up against. I’m sure their bench of coaches (including **Simon Chapman** and **Coby Lau**) will ensure that they do!

Here’s to another great season.

■ **Lynsey Edgar, Ladies’ Captain**

HKFC Ladies at the Asian Games 2018

We are very proud of seven of our HKFC Hockey Ladies who have had the honour and privilege of representing Hong Kong at the Asian Games in Jakarta in August. **Ollie Chiu, Pat Chiu, Tiffany Chan, Katy Mountain, Yiman Chan, Melvina Cheng** and **Coby Lau** (as well as head coach **Arif Ali**) all travelled to host nation Indonesia to battle it out against the best that Asia has to offer. With a very tough group draw (against Malaysia, Japan, China and Chinese Taipei), the Hong Kong girls were never going to have it easy. However, their hard work over the summer and diligent fitness regimes paid off, with some truly excellent results – e.g. only losing 5-0 to Japan who, but a few weeks before, beat the New Zealand Black Sticks at the World Cup in London! At the time of writing, Ollie, Coby



and Yiman had all slotted goals away for their country, a memory I am sure they will treasure for the years to come. Our HKFC ladies have done the Club and their country very proud in Jakarta, and we look forward to welcoming



them back onto our smurf turf soon, to show us how it’s done as they fight for greatness in the league once more.

■ **Lynsey Edgar, Ladies’ Captain**



Hockey Season Opening – Club Day

On Saturday 8th September the Hockey Section Committee, along with British Olympian Hockey Gold Medallists **Helen and Kate Richardson-Walsh**, welcomed all the new players and coaches plus returning members and their families to the Club to mark the Season Opening. They were joined by representatives from our Section Sponsors Norton Rose Fulbright, Liquidnet and Splendid Group to whom we are grateful for their ongoing support.

The day was filled with fun activities for all – players and non-players alike, from Olympic Skills and challenges to matches and of course bouncy castles and slip 'n' slides for the younger supporters of the Section.

There were many photos taken with the Olympians with their gold medals from the Rio Games in 2016. The event was followed on by the Start of Season Party for the Senior Section. We are all looking forward to what we hope will be a successful season.



Hong Kong Sports Expo

Once again this summer, the Hong Kong Hockey Association joined the Sports Expo in August at the Kowloon bay International Trade and Exhibition Centre (KITEC). The Sports Expo has been an annual event for the HKHA to promote hockey and the Association, and has been a great platform to reach out to new players, schools and companies in the Hong Kong community to get them involved in the sport.

This year the HKHA - P&D section, chaired by **Derek Siu**, shared this platform with affiliated clubs to promote hockey together. In the section's words: "Together, we can make a bigger impact!"

Thanks to **Chris Ball**, **Bertie** and **Tabitha Reid** and **Minh Han Tien** who volunteered to help the HKHA and represent the HKFC Hockey Section at this event.



Meet Our New Coach! Arshad Muhammad



This season the Section has gained a new coach. Here is the low down on Arshad, who has a wealth of playing and coaching experience.

Name: **Arshad Muhammad**

Nickname: Arshad

Age: 35

Occupation: Hockey Player / Coach

Team: HKFC Men's A Team

Country of Origin: Pakistan

Years in Hong Kong: 7 years and counting

Current Neighbourhood: To Kwa Wan

Hockey Position: Left Midfield

Personal Hockey Career High: Playing for Pakistan at the Champions Trophy 2007

Sporting Hero: **Shabbaz Senior**. He is a Former Pakistan Captain and World Cup Winner – and just a general legend of the game.

Favourite Sporting Team: Australia Hockey Team

Game Day Ritual: Wake up early, have breakfast, spend time with the kids and have a little bit of lunch (depending on what time the game is!).

Favourite Food: Mutton Curry

Favourite HK Restaurant: Siddique Mess

When I am not playing hockey you will find me: At home spending time with my family.

My worst habit is: scoring too many goals when I used to play against HKFC.

Right now I am watching: A few Indian TV and drama series.

One thing you didn't know about me: I have six brothers and four have represented Pakistan.

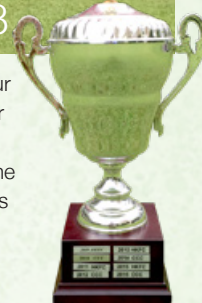
Favourite Quote: 'Inshallah' – this means God Willing.



Annual Neighbourhood Friendly Game with Craigengower Cricket Club (CCC) 2018

Every neighbourhood has its stories, legends and history. The long tradition of sportsmanship and friendship has been once again celebrated on Sports Road. A total of twenty-four Club lawn bowl enthusiasts competed in an away friendly game against CCC at their outdoor green on 18th August. Players

were divided into six teams of four players with mixed gender. Under the 2-wood rink format, the Club team has brought us pride and the trophy home by winning four rinks over the two rinks won by our friendly neighbours. Well done!





HKFC Supports Development of HK's Young Bowlers

As part of our young bowler development endeavours, the Section organised a one-day tournament for the Hong Kong Youth Development Team (HKYDT) at the Club on Saturday 25th August.

Twenty bowlers of HKYDT played two friendly games with HKFC players at the Indoor Green in the morning and the Outdoor Green in the afternoon. In the afternoon session, the friendly game was staged with the league format of 2-wood fours rink game. Thanks to the

enthusiastic support of twenty bowlers from the Section, HKFC won the friendly game by four rinks out of five.

Winning was of secondary importance. The friendly games provided great opportunities for the young players to get to know the Club's vision, services and sporting facilities in a more complete manner. Our Section Chairman, **Johnny Tsang**, also explained the Section's latest recruitment programme for young bowlers in detail.



Lawn Bowls Section Beginner's Course 2018



Fourteen fellow Club Members took advantage of the sought-after opportunity in learning basic lawn bowling skills from our Coach, **Tony Cheung**, who was also crowned the top honour of HK's Bowler of the Year in 2018.

The beginner's course started on 22nd August on a weekly basis for six sessions. The last coaching session was held on 26th September 2018.

Thanks also go to our Section top bowlers, **Emmie Wong** and **Esmond Lee**, for their great support and assistance throughout the Beginners Course.

Chairwoman's Report



Tassie Brakenridge
Netball DSA Chairperson

And in what seemed like the blink of an eye, a new netball season has started. As we gear up for the 2018/2019 season, I am excited to report that strong numbers and great enthusiasm was seen at this year's trials. Spanning the course of two weeks, over 100 registered players were put through their game paces under the watchful eye of both the selection committee, and senior players who lent their experience when it came to running drills, strength and conditioning. With selections now complete, the Club is extremely pleased to be represented in the top 3 divisions of the league with six teams. Club and Typhoons are again

representing Division 1. Whirlies maintain their position in Div 2 again together with the social team Monsoons. The junior development team of the Hurricanes have also elevated to Div 2 this year, showing the success this team has had in the Club over the last 3 seasons. Tornadoes are proudly representing the Club in Div 3 whilst our social Div 5 team the Cyclones are also returning to have another go at the premiership cup. With smart new uniforms in production and, at time of writing, a month of training to go, the Netball DSA are well positioned to start the season on Monday 24th September.



FIRST SOCIAL

Post trials, all selected members, new and old came together after the first training for an informal social in the Sportsman's Bar. Despite the Amber rain warning outside, all bunkered down to share names, a quick bite and form potential taxi partnerships home post games and training for the season ahead.

LADIES INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT



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Entries are now open to all for this year's Ladies International Invitational Tournament. Held on the first weekend in November and off the back of last year's successful event, this equally skillful and social competition will welcome teams from all continents to Hong Kong Football Club for two days of excitement - on and off the court. Submissions can be sent to info@hkfcnetball.com with team registration costing USD\$350.

Men's A+ Tennis Team Summer League 2018

Our season started off terribly with the news of **Allen Belobrajdic**, our number one, player having broken his arm in a freak accident. We took this set back as an opportunity to improve the team by utilising Allen's expertise as a match analyst to help all of us improve our games, and with the addition of **Josh** and **Mario** to our roster.

Our league season comprised of 8 matches playing each opponent home and away. Despite the loss of our number one player we narrowly lost our first match 5/4 to HKCC (the eventual winner of our group). We battled on for the rest of the season with a couple of narrow losses seeing us fall short of making the semi-finals. It was a tough season but credit to the boys for pulling together and hopefully we can make it through to the playoffs in the coming season.



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Ladies Morning League – Division 3 Season Report 2017/18

Our Morning Ladies team was fired up and a tad nervous for the 2017/18 season after a down-to-the-wire win in 2016/17 and subsequent promotion to Division 3.

We missed teammates **Libby Denton** and **Paula Swallow** (both back in the UK) and welcomed newcomers **Charlotte Cheung** and **Eva Chui-Loiteron** who energised us with their enthusiasm and never-say-die attitudes. **Ashley** 'Sharapova' **Man**, **Calinna** 'The Wall' **Chan**, and **Yolanda** 'Captain Emeritus' **Sun** spearheaded the charge alongside **Karen** 'Energizer Bunny' **Thorne**, **Darien** 'Master Strategist' **Muh**, **Therese** 'Still Got It' **Beresford**, **Charlotte**, and **Eva**. **Rachel Ta** was unable to play this season but cheered us on

from afar. We were also lucky to have fellow Club Member **Carmen Walker** play as a guest for us.

We ended the season with just 3 losses out of 16 matches, 2 of which were against the eventual league winners, Red Kite, who were simply too good for us. We were as proud of our Runners Up award as we were of the Sportsmanship Award that the other teams in the league voted us in for. Some allege that our opponents may have been won over by the wine on offer after each home match, although I must (hic!) insist that it had more to do with the fair play, camaraderie, and great tennis that we enjoyed with them. Sadly, we had to say our goodbyes to **Ashley Man** who moved back



to the UK at the end of the season – Ash, the courts are going to be awfully quiet without you!

We're just getting back on the tennis courts after a long, lazy summer and can't wait to get going! Here's to another competitive, enjoyable season ahead!



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HKFC Golf Outing

Tuesday 24th July, Phoenix Hill

Another successful event in Phoenix Hill, where ten players registered for the event. We gathered at the border at 8.20am and arrived at the Club at 9.20am. Fortunately, the weather was excellent, sun up and shining with a gentle breeze even though the weather observatory forecast there will be heavy rain and storms.

First to tee off were **Jonny Brock, Jean Cuvelier, Matthew Burke** and myself. Matthew and I pair up against JP and Jonny. The start at the B course is a difficult thing to do since the fairway is narrow and you have to position your iron shot well to keep the ball in play. After 7 holes, Matthew and I were 3 down to JP and Jonny. JP and Jonny had an exceptionally good touch on their iron shots and were able to place their approach shot within 10 yards of the flag. After 9 holes, we were 2 down. However, front 9 and back 9 are a totally different situation. Matthew hit a monster drive in C1 and hit a 70 yard wedge shot perfectly to give him 5 yards for a birdie and he sank the putt. However, Jonny as competitive as ever, also sinks a 15 yard putt to match the hole. Until the last hole, Jonny drove the ball to the hazard and JP drove his ball to the bunker. They could only get to the green in their 4th shots. Matthew has another excellent drive and managed to get to the green in 3 shots and closed with a bogey to win the back 9. Overall, Jonny and JP won 2 and 1. JP and Jonny also won the first and third place of the tournament with 35 points and 33 points respectively.

The second flight were **Job Tang, Peggy Chan, Soo Ying Pooi (YP)** and **Marilou Waldie**. They also had a good round of golf with YP winning second place with 35 points and Nearest to the Pin at hole B1 and C8. The third to tee off were **Jonathan Li** and **Kan Shun Ming**. Jonathan managed to get a place for the best gross with a score of 91.



Jonny Brock showing classic style and balance



Matt Burke showing possibly less style but extremely steady balance!

Below is the overall results

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| 1st place: | Jean Cuvelier 35pts |
| 2nd place: | Soo Ying Pooi 34pts |
| 3rd place: | Jonny Brock 33pts |
| Best Gross: | Jonathan Li (91) |
| NP hole C5: | Marilou Waldie |
| NP hole C8: | Kan Shun Ming |
| NP hole B1: | Don Roberts |
| NP hole B3: | Jonny Brock |
| NP hole B8: | Kan Shun Ming |
| NP 2nd Shot NTP C2: | Matthew Burke |
| LDM: | Jonny Brock |
| LDF: | Marilou Waldie |

■ **Ted Li**

Petersen Texas Scramble HKGC New Course

Friday 24th August 2018

After two weeks solid rain all the players were begging for sunshine so we could enjoy a good round of golf. Twenty-four players were registered and divided into six teams for competing in the Texas Scramble format. As it turned out, the weather was dry and occasionally sunny. However with temperatures around 31 degrees and the course waterlogged, the humidity was close to 100 pct as we were literally walking through the steam coming off the ground.

Added to the heat and humidity, the effort of pulling trollies in the muddy area for six or so miles was bound to take a toll. Sure enough, three players decided that enough was enough and dropped out of the event.

When the first group, **Chris Burley, Stephen Knight, Graeme Brechin** and **Ian Petersen** arrived back at the club house, they did not even have the strength to speak due to the tiredness



Exceptionally smug looking winners, Gordon Marsden, Heather Deayton, Phil Head and Neil Roberts. Phenomenal 5 under par

and they had to chill out on the bench for ten minutes before heading to the shower. They still managed to score a +3 score (74 gross and 63 net). Well done guys.



Second place team Dallas Reid, Elsa Lee, Ted Li and James Riordan. Great effort but a bridge too far

The second group to get back were **Ted Li, Darren Measures, Colin Cohen** and **Bill King**. Colin could not continue after hole 8, and Bill gave up on hole 16. However the team still

managed to finish one under par through 16 holes. Before Colin headed back to the club house, he sank a 50 foot putt to save a par at hole 7 and Bill putted two birdies putts at hole 13 and 14 to finish the round!

The third to get back were **Dallas Reid, Elsa Lee, Donald Roberts** and **James Riordan**. Elsa demonstrated wonderful stamina to carry her own bag through 18 holes. It is not easy to carry a 30 pound golf bag and walk for 7 km in such hot weather! They shot -1 to finish the round with gross 69 and net 61 to secure second place. Well Done!

The fourth group were **Phil Head, Heather Deayton, Gordon Marsden** and **Neil Roberts**. This group shot a phenomenal 65 gross which is 5 under par and with their 8 handicap recorded a very dubious 57 net to win the tournament. If you look at who won the closest to the pin, Neil won two of them which was clearly a weapon for their team! It is very tough to shoot even par in such conditions, so 5 under par was a phenomenal effort showing great skill,

determination and teamwork. Even Phil (who is a professional squash player) arrived in the club house virtually purple in the face from the demanding conditions.

At around 5:30pm, after some considerable re-hydration on the terrace (yes we wanted to sit out in the heat some more!), we sat down to an excellent dinner courtesy of Fanling's fine F&B team. Our sponsor Ian Petersen had to head off early to rescue his daughter from the airport, but everyone else enjoyed a hearty dinner washed down by some excellent wine, and an enjoyable ride back to the Club, lubricated on the way by a few takeaway bottles.

Many thanks to Ian for creating and sponsoring this very enjoyable event.

The detailed results were:

1st Place – Gross 65 Net 57
 Phil Head
 Heather Deayton
 Gordon Marsden
 Neil Roberts

2nd Place – Gross 69 Net 61
 Dallas Reid
 Elsa Lee
 Donald Roberts
 James Riordan

Nearest to the Pin
 Hole 2: Ian Petersen
 Hole 4: Neil Roberts
 Hole 8: Ted Li
 Hole 13: Neil Roberts
 Hole 14: Jonathan Li

Men's LD: Ted Li
 Ladies' LD: Elsa Lee

I will see you at the next event and thank you to all members who showed their support for this event

Happy Golfing

■ **Ted Li**



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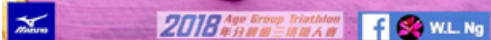
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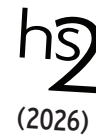
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