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# The Thoughts of the Chairman



Michael J. Wood  
Chairman

Dear Members,

This is my first message as the Chairman of the Club and I am honoured to be elected to this position in a Club with which I have had a long association. I would like to thank **John Shanahan** for his many years of service, with the last 6 years as Chairman. On the other hand, many congratulations to John who has now been elected as a Vice President. This year is also significant as we now have a new President, **Nick Hunsworth**. A change of President is not a common occurrence and comes about due to **Dermot Agnew** deciding that it is now an appropriate time to step down from this position after holding the office for the past 16 years. Dermot has been a strong constant during times of change and his wise counsel and calm demeanour will be missed.

A warm welcome to **Stephen Tew** and **Dave Cross** who are the new General Committee Reps for Soccer and Squash respectively. We also welcome back **Neil Roberts**. Many thanks also to **Peter Crabtree** and **Malcom Kerr** who did not stand for re-election this time around.

The AGM this year was well attended and there were many matters raised by those present. The General Committee has already started to review the points raised and is considering the best ways to engage the membership for additional input from a broad range of members into some of the more strategic and important issues which were brought up on the night.

Following the AGM the Chairmanships of the 5 standing sub-committees have been confirmed by the General Committee as follows:

Chairman of the Constitutional Affairs Sub-committee	Jeff Lane
Chairman of the Disciplinary Sub-committee	James Niehorster
Chairman of the Development Sub-committee	Maurice O'Brien
Chairman of the Membership Sub-committee	Neil Roberts
Chairman of the Sports & Recreation Sub-committee	Karin Looram

I would also offer my congratulations to **Rob Blain** upon his election as a Life Member of the Club

in recognition of his many years of service to the development of Rugby.

It is notable that we all perhaps take for granted the facilities and services that the Club offers, but it only takes a visitor from out of town to remind us how much we have to be thankful for. This is due in part to the continued dedication and hard work of many Committee and Sub-committee persons who give their time freely in furtherance of the Club's affairs, and they are to be thanked for this. There are also many Members who do not hold formal Committee positions but commit their time to help with Club affairs, events and tournaments. They are the "unsung heroes". Many of us know who they are, and I would like to offer thanks and appreciation to them.

My first official engagement on behalf of the Club was to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice marking the end of the First World War, this 100th anniversary making it a particularly solemn occasion.

It was also great to meet again with **Alan Shearer**, who was back in town after his visit last year when he was made an Honorary Member of the Club.

Thank you to all of you who completed the Satisfaction Survey. We received a high response rate of almost 20% and the findings from the survey, which was conducted independently, are being closely examined by the General Committee. The results will be made available to all Members and in addition we intend to engage Members in meetings to discuss the output. Three members who won the lucky draw have had their accounts credited, and congratulations to them.

As always the Club has many events and activities arranged in the lead up to Christmas and New Year, so please book early to ensure a place. In particular, the ever popular **Christmas Fete** will take place on **Saturday 8th December** followed closely by the **Christmas Carols** with the **Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir**.

With Christmas approaching once again I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the **General Committee and myself to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year!**

Michael J. Wood  
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:**

Standard buffet: \$610 per head.

Admission badge: \$60 per head.

### ■ UPGRADE PACKAGE(S) AVAILABLE

*Please note that if you choose an upgrade package that this will then apply to each person under the same booking.*

- Upgrade package: *(additional beverage – incl. selected red and white wines, imported beers and spirits)*  
extra \$100 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 which includes:

- *Soft drinks, mineral water, house beer, orange juice, tea and coffee.*

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](http://www.hkfc.com.hk).



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# From the Desk of Mark Pawley



Mark Pawley,  
General Manager

Looking forward to what looks like being a very busy December, you should all have received a copy of the Festive Events schedule in September (it can also be viewed on the Club website – [www.hkfc.com.hk](http://www.hkfc.com.hk)). For families with young(ish) children a definite diary date should be **Saturday 8th December** when we hold the very popular **Xmas Fete on the Main Pitch**. And, for the wider Membership on **Monday 10th December we have the Xmas Carols with the Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir** (again at the Main Pitch – seating at the South Stand) where Mulled Wine (and soft drinks) and Mince Pies will be provided for all those that have attended. Later that week on **Thursday 13th December, we have the Festive Quiz in the Sportsman's Bar** – further details of which can be found on page 14 of the magazine.

For Xmas Eve, Xmas Day and Boxing Day events at the Club, we have set these out later in the magazine albeit, I would note that the Xmas Day Brunch is already fully booked. **For New Year's Eve, after a years absence, we return to the Sport Hall, where we once again bring over the Made in England band (from England!) and, this time round, we**

**have invited On Point a well known band from Hong Kong to perform with them. As ever book as early as you can to avoid disappointment.**

From a sporting perspective on Boxing Day, we have the **AIA Boxing Day Festival of Football** featuring, amongst others games, the traditional England v Scotland match which has to my mind, a rather early looking 10.30am Kick Off. And, carrying on with the sporting theme, don't forget as we finish one year, with the New Year's Eve Party in the Sports Hall, we start another with the **HKRU New Year's Day Youth Rugby tournament** at the Main Pitch culminating late afternoon/early evening with the U19 HK Dragons playing the U19 Overseas Lions for the Naylor/Wright Middlesex Cup.

Last, and by no means least, just to let you know that we will be posting out the **2019 Club Calendar to you in the middle of December** and, on behalf of the Management team and all the wonderful Staff at the Club, may I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

**Mark Pawley,**  
General Manager

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# CHRISTMAS FETE COMIC-CON 2018

**SATURDAY  
8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

**TIME: 2 - 6PM**      **VENUE: MAIN PITCH**

**MEMBER:  
ADULT \$300, JUNIOR \$160**

**GUEST OF MEMBER:  
ADULT \$400, JUNIOR \$210**

**CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS OLD  
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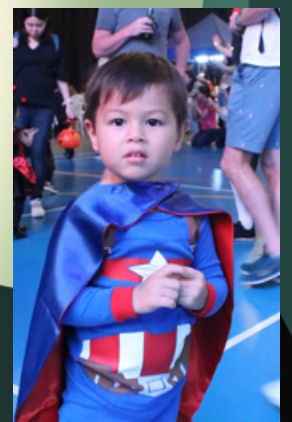
To register for the Christmas Fete, please fill in a **BOOKING FORM** available at Reception, 1/F Sports Desk or from the HKFC website and hand it to Reception or email to [frontdesk@hkfc.com](mailto:frontdesk@hkfc.com)

Wristbands, which allow entry to the Fete, can be collected at Reception from Monday **5<sup>th</sup> November 2018** to Friday **7<sup>th</sup> December 2018**.

Please submit all booking forms no later than **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**.

 Please note that high heels may not be worn on the main pitch.

# HALLWEEKEN PARTY



## MONTHLY FOCUS

**Veuve Clicquot**  
REIMS FRANCE

**DECEMBER WINE DINNER PROMOTION**  
**VEUVE CLICQUOT DINNER INDULGENCE**

**IN THE RESTAURANT**  
**FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2018**

7.30pm to 7.50pm: Pre-Dinner Drinks  
8pm to 11pm: Dinner

530 per Member  
588 per Member's Guest  
(includes Dinner and Free Flow VCP)

**"Tour de France"**  
**SUNDAY BUFFET DINNER**

in the 2nd Floor Happy Valley Suites  
Every Sunday  
from 6.30pm to 10pm

## FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROMOTIONS

### CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS

- 2018 Christmas Fete – at Main Pitch – Saturday 8th December
- Christmas Carols Performance by the Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir – at the Sportsman's Bar – Monday 10th December
- Christmas Quiz Night – in the Sportsman's Bar – Thursday 13th December
- Turkey and other Festive Takeaway
- Christmas Hampers
- The Christmas Goodies Kiosk

### RESTAURANT

- December Wine Dinner Promotion – "Veune Clicquot Dinner Indulgence" – Friday 14th December
- Carvey Set Lunch

### CHAIRMAN'S BAR

- Afternoon Set Tea
- Curry Lunch – Monday to Saturday

### SPORTSMAN'S BAR

- Home-Made Mulled Wine
- Ham and Turkey Platter

### HAPPY VALLEY SUITES

- International "Sunday Brunch Buffet" – in the Happy Valley Suites and the Chairman's Bar – every Sunday
- "Tour de France" – Sunday Buffet Dinner

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 2018

- in the Sports Hall – Monday 31st December 2018

### COMING SOON IN JANUARY 2019

- New Year's Day Youth Rugby – Tuesday 1st January 2019
- Chinese New Year Bazaar 2019 – in the Lockart Room – Saturday 19th January 2019
- Real Companhia Velha Wine Dinner – in the Restaurant – Friday 25th January 2019



You can also view the programme on the Club's website [www.hkfc.com.hk](http://www.hkfc.com.hk)

# LUNCH AT THE CLUB

## THE RESTAURANT

Monday to Sunday  
from Noon to 2.30pm  
**Set Lunch**  
2 Courses/3 Courses

## 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**

- Salad Bar

## THE COFFEE SHOP

Monday to Friday  
from Noon to 2.30pm  
**Light Lunch Buffet**

Saturday, Sunday and  
Public Holiday  
from Noon to 2.30pm  
**International Lunch Buffet**

## THE CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Monday to Saturday  
from Noon to 2.30pm

- A la Carte
- Daily Curry

# DINNER AT THE CLUB

## THE RESTAURANT

Monday to Sunday  
from 6.30pm to 10pm

- A la Carte

Sunday  
**Set Dinner**  
2 Courses/3 Courses

## THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Monday to Sunday and  
Public Holidays  
from 5pm to 10.45pm  
Monday to Thursday -

- A la Carte
- Salad Bar

## THE COFFEE SHOP

Monday to Thursday  
from 6pm to 9.30pm  
**International Dinner Buffet**

Friday from 6pm to 9.30pm  
Saturday, Sunday and  
Public Holiday  
from 5.30pm to 9.30pm  
**International Dinner Buffet**

## THE CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Daily from 6pm to 10pm

- A la Carte
- Oysters
- Daily Curry

# CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

## CHRISTMAS OPENING ARRANGEMENTS

### Christmas Eve, 24th December

The Coffee Shop will be closed from 3.00pm to 6.30pm in order to help with the set-up for the evening meal. Please be reminded that there is no A la Carte Menu available.

Kiosk will open at 10.30am and closed from 7.00pm.

### Christmas Day, 25th December

The Coffee Shop will be open from 12.00 noon and will be closed from 3.00pm to 6.30pm as with the above to help with the set-up for the evening meal. There will be no A la Carte Menu available all day because of the Christmas Day Lunch and Dinner Buffets.

The Sportsman's Bar will be open at 12.00 noon on 25th and 26th December with A la Carte menu available.

The Captain's Bar will be closed all day on 25th and 26th December.

Kiosk will open at 10.30am and closed from 7.00pm on the 25th and 26th December.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE OPENING HOURS

As in past years the opening hours for our Food and Beverage Outlets will be changed for New Year's Eve as per the following schedule:

However this year instead of just one party in the Sport's Hall.

**Coffee Shop** – closed from 3.00pm

**Restaurant** – closed from 3.00pm

**Chairman's Bar** – open as usual from midday (Limited Menu)

**Captain's Bar** – closed from 5.00pm

**Sportsman's Bar** – closed

**Family Lounge Bar** – closed from 5.00pm

**Kiosk** – open at 10.30am and closed at 5.00pm

## NEW YEAR'S DAY OPENING HOURS

**Coffee Shop** – open at 9.00am on Tuesday 1st January 2019

**Sportsman's Bar** – open at 9.00am on Tuesday 1st January 2019

**Captain Bar and Family Lounge** – open at 10.00am on Tuesday 1st January 2019

**Restaurant** – open at 6.30pm on Tuesday 1st January 2019

**Kiosk** – open at 10.30am and closed at 7.00pm



## THE CHRISTMAS GOODIES KIOSK

The Kiosk will be offering a selection of festive food and beverage goodies. Stop by the kiosk for gift ideas for your family, friends and clients.

## Christmas Carols Performance by the HONG KONG WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR

Monday 10th December

at the Sportsman's Bar  
from 7pm until 7.45pm



On Monday 10th December, our annual evening event with the Welsh Choir will take place next to the Sportsman's Bar and free seating will be available at the Southstand (facing the Main Pitch) so we can accommodate as many of you as possible.

A light early Dinner Buffet will be available at the Sportsman's Bar from 5.00pm. A la Carte in the Sportsman's Bar will be strictly limited on that day from 4.30pm to end.

Mulled Wine, Minced Pies and soft drinks will be made available at the finish of the Carol Singing at the Sportsman's Bar to all those in attendance.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Our Christmas Hampers are packed with the finest delectable items!

The Hampers are exclusively made for Members and are available in limited quantities, so place your orders early to avoid disappointment.

Order forms can be downloaded from the website or picked up from the Reception.





# 2018 CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS

## MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

### COFFEE SHOP

**Christmas Eve Lunch Buffet** - 12noon – 2.30pm  
Adult 248, Child (age 4-11) 124

**Christmas Eve Dinner Buffet\*** - 6.30pm – 9.30pm  
Adult 468, Child (age 4-11) 234

Santa Claus will be offering presents to all children  
\*Live cooking station

### RESTAURANT

**Festival 3-Course Set Lunch**  
12noon – 3.00pm (Food Last Order 2.30pm)  
398 per person (With Prosecco and Free Flow Wine)

**Christmas Eve 5-Course Set Dinner\***  
6.30pm – 10.30pm (Food Last Order 10.00pm)  
788 per person (With VCP and Free Flow Wine)  
\*Party favours and Santa Claus will be offering presents to all children during Dinner

Please note that there will be no À la Carte for either Lunch or Dinner in **the Restaurant and Coffee Shop.**

### HAPPY VALLEY SUITES

**Christmas Eve Dinner Buffet** - 6.30pm – 10.00pm  
Adult 738, Child (age 4-11) 369  
Including free flow of Champagne and selected wine during Dinner

## TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

### COFFEE SHOP

**Christmas Day Lunch Buffet\*** - 12noon – 2.30pm  
Adult 468, Child (age 4-11) 234

**Christmas Day Dinner Buffet\*** - 6.30pm – 9.30pm  
Adult 468, Child (age 4-11) 234

Santa Claus will be offering presents to all children  
\*Live cooking station

Please note that there will be no À la carte.

### RESTAURANT

**Festival 3-Course Set Lunch**  
12noon – 3.00pm (Food Last Order 2.30pm)  
398 per person (With Prosecco and Free Flow Wine)

**Christmas Day 5-Course Set Dinner**  
6.30pm – 10.30pm (Food Last Order 10.00pm)  
788 per person (With VCP and Free Flow Wine)

Please note that there will be no À la carte menu for either Lunch or Dinner in **the Restaurant.**

### HAPPY VALLEY SUITES

**Christmas Day Family Brunch** - 11.30am – 3.00pm  
Adult 598, Child (age 4-11) 299  
**FULL**  
Including free flow of Sparkling Wine and selected wine during Brunch

**Christmas Day Dinner Buffet** - 6.30pm – 10.00pm  
Adult 698, Child (age 4-11) 349  
Including free flow of Sparkling Wine and selected wine during Dinner

## WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

### COFFEE SHOP

**Boxing Day Lunch Buffet** - 12noon – 2.30pm  
Adult 248, Child (age 4-11) 124

**Boxing Day Dinner Buffet** - 5.30pm – 9.30pm  
Adult 248, Child (age 4-11) 124

### RESTAURANT

**Festival 3-Course Set Lunch**  
12noon – 3.00pm (Food Last Order 2.30pm)  
398 per person (With Prosecco and Free Flow Wine)

**Boxing Day 5-Course Set Dinner**  
6.30pm – 10.30pm (Food Last Order 10.00pm)  
788 per person (With VCP and Free Flow Wine)

Please note that there will be no À la carte menu for either Lunch or Dinner in **the Restaurant.**

### HAPPY VALLEY SUITES

**Boxing Day Family Brunch** - 11.30am – 3.00pm  
Adult 528, Child (age 4-11) 219  
Including free flow of Wine and Beer

## TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2019

### COFFEE SHOP

**New Year's Day Lunch Buffet** - 12noon – 2.30pm  
Adult 248, Child (age 4-11) 124

**New Year's Day Dinner Buffet** - 5.30pm – 9.30pm  
Adult 248, Child (age 4-11) 124

### RESTAURANT

**New Year Day 4-Course Set Dinner**  
6.30pm – 10.30pm (Food Last Order 10.00pm)  
598 per person (With Prosecco and Free Flow Wine)

### HAPPY VALLEY SUITES

**New Year Day Family Brunch** - 11.30pm – 3.00pm  
Adult 528, Child 219  
Including free flow of Wine and Beer

Santa Claus with Gifts



*Photo for reference only*

# 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 / 3 Courses (included Regular Tea or Coffee)

**SET LUNCH MENU CHANGES EVERY 10 DAYS**



# 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)

*Photo for reference only*



# CURRY TIME

at the Chairman's Bar

Monday to Saturday  
Lunch from Noon to 2.30pm  
Dinner from 6pm to 10pm

Indian CURRY  
Asian CURRY  
NON TRADITIONAL CURRY

98 per set  
(included Coffee or Tea)  
À la Carte is also available

For inquiry please call 2830 9559



# 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](mailto:bar@hkfc.com)

**Dress Code Reminder:**

- Club Casual - No Collarless T-Shirts, no Flip Flops, knee length casual shorts are acceptable but NOT sports or swim shorts.
- Ladies are required to dress to a comparable standard
- No hats and other headwear for men (Except national, ethnic or religious costume)
- No soiled clothing and sleeveless shirts or singlets for men



## Philizot et Fils Brut No.3 Champagne

A classic blend 33% Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. This wine composed of base vintage 2003/2004 has great focus, minerality and precision that needs to be tasted to be appreciated.



278 per bottle  
or  
250 per bottle  
(6 bottles or above)

Available at the Kiosk



### Awards

International Wine & Spirit Competition - Silver Outstanding 2018  
International Wine Challenge, 2018: Bronze  
China Wine & Spirit Awards, 2018: Gold  
International Wine Challenge, 2017: Commended  
International Wine Challenge, 2017: Silver  
International Wine Challenge, 2017: Gold  
International Wine & Spirit Competition, 2016: Silver Outstanding  
International Wine Challenge, 2016: Bronze  
International Wine Challenge, 2015: Commended  
International Wine Challenge, 2014: Bronze

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PROGRAMME 2018

The F&B department has lined up a number of exciting Christmas and New Year activities, please see the Club's Christmas and New Year's Programme which was mailed out in September.

You can also view the programme on the Club's website [www.hkfc.com.hk](http://www.hkfc.com.hk)



## TURKEY AND OTHER FESTIVE TAKE AWAY



Sit back, relax and let the Club Culinary team take care of the hard work.

A variety of delicious dishes including U.S Tom Turkey and Glazed Bone Ham can be ordered for takeaway for the perfect party at home or at the office.

Enjoy Christmas Takeaway E-shopping Online at: [www.hkfc.com.hk/food-beverage/food-beverage-eshop](http://www.hkfc.com.hk/food-beverage/food-beverage-eshop)

Should you have forgotten your password or have enquiries about online registration, please send an email to: [IT@hkfc.com](mailto:IT@hkfc.com)

## WINE HOME DELIVERY

December 2018

Explore our selections today and buy from our range of quality wines. Order now for the best deals and offers.



Pick up an order form at the Reception, or scan the QR code to download order form.

Download a QR code reader on your smartphone and scan this code to download order form.

# “Tour de France” SUNDAY BUFFET DINNER

## “法國之旅”自助晚餐

in the 2nd Floor Happy Valley Suites  
Every Sunday from 6.30pm to 10pm

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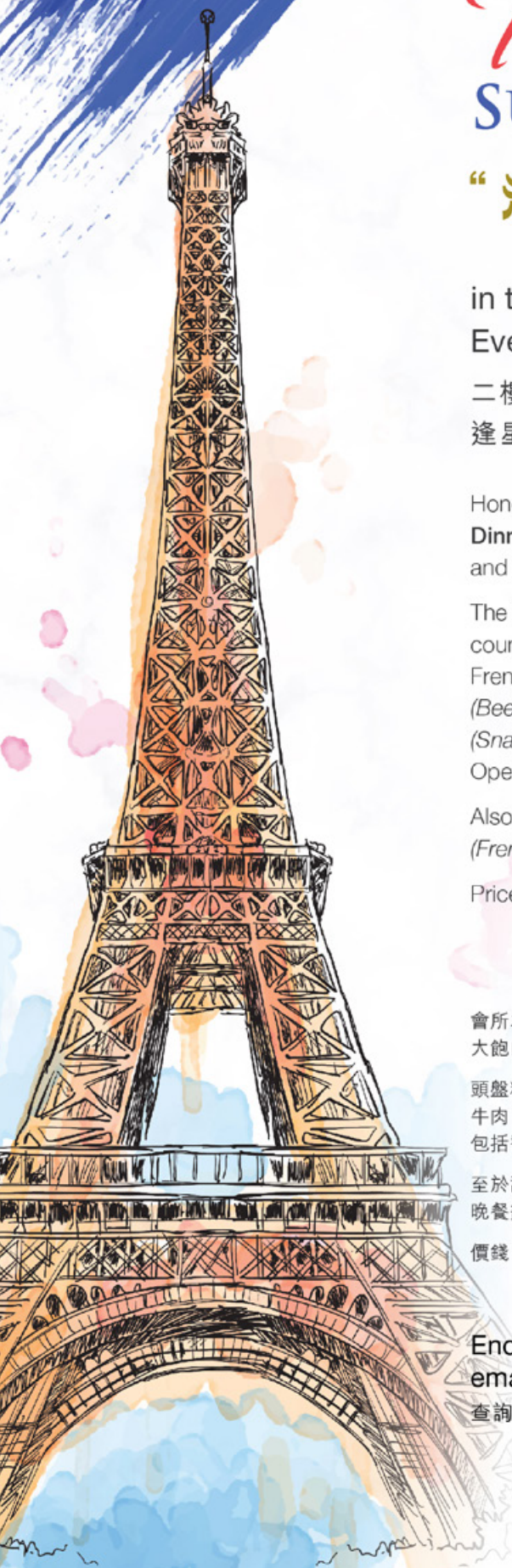
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# HKFC vs Singapore American Club Plus

## Saturday 3rd November



Our regular touring friends from Singapore appeared on the afternoon of the 3rd November, although this time their hard working and intrepid convener **James Ng** had reached out to other clubs from the Lion City. This was their largest touring party to date with sixteen players and seven supporters (although most of the latter were shopping!).

Touring with the American Club were the Sing Squash Rackets Association, Sing Island Country Club, Sing Cricket Club, Tanglin Club and the British Club. With **Nick Organ** arranging all from the Hong Kong end, he had his work cut out, but brought it all together for a marvellous day. The mystery behind the unknown opposition was a big challenge and needed a crystal ball to pair effectively.

The tourists suffered with the courts being around 40 degrees cooler than their home courts and as they were questioning if the balls were flat, they hardly won a single first rubber. Unable to overcome this, they ended the day with a 3-13 loss. However, the 2-1 victory by HKFC's **Haywood Lau** over a man at least 3 times his age (**Zainal Abidin**) produced some incredibly entertaining squash. Zainal (11 times National champion and 1986 Singapore sportsman of the year!) had Haywood and the entire crowd confused at times, questioning where the ball had actually gone. It took great character from Haywood to keep his head and take the game.

Beer flowed through the afternoon, into the evening with 35 dining luxuriously outside the Coffee Shop and continued flowing late into the night at the Sportsman's. As usual, the Club staff looked after us exceptionally well throughout the whole day and we will surely be seeing our friends back up here again soon.

SAC	VS	HKFC	Score	SAC/HKFC
Zainal Abidin	VS	Haywood Lau	1 2	HKFC
Gabriel Goh	VS	Anson Wong	0 2	HKFC
Russell Lui	VS	William Chapman	0 2	HKFC
Vincent Lam	VS	Gary Lam	0 2	HKFC
Ben Chandler	VS	Ashwin Khosa	0 2	HKFC
Abesh Ghale	VS	Simon Ho	0 2	HKFC
Rob Subbaraman	VS	Ajay Hazari	1 2	HKFC
Abesh Ghale	VS	Rob Jones	2 0	SAC
Murphey Miles	VS	Sunesh Ladharam	0 2	HKFC
Ashley Nicholas	VS	Steve Gollop	1 2	HKFC
George George	VS	Charles Li	0 2	HKFC
James Ng	VS	Gary McAuslan	1 2	HKFC
Samuel Goh	VS	Emma Duncombe	1 2	HKFC
James Nicholas	VS	Dave Murray	2 0	SAC
Trond Krykjeboe	VS	Simon Ng	2 1	SAC
Dave Nishbal	VS	Lam Wai Ming	1 2	HKFC
<b>Result</b>			<b>SAC 3</b>	<b>HKFC 13</b>

## HKFC Squash league round up

HKFC has thirty-four teams playing in the league this season, twenty Main league teams, seven Men's Masters teams and seven Ladies teams – with many excellent matches having being played. Although the season has just started, we are top of the league in Division 6, 13 and 19. In the Ladies division, a fantastic start with our Ladies teams top of division 1,2 and 3. In the Men's masters, early doors sees us top of M1 and all to play for in M2 and M3 divisions, – lots of matches still to play and I am confident all teams will finish strong.



## With Miguel Rodriguez

I had the privilege to catch up with **Miguel Rodriguez**, currently ranked 17th in the world and ranked 5th for the upcoming Everbright Sun Hung Kai HK Squash Open who was training at the Club squash courts.

**SG: You are here in HK to prepare early for the HK Squash Open – how is the body feeling?**

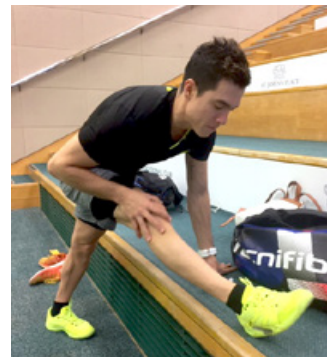
**MR:** Really good, well rested since Qatar and excited to be back playing in HK, managed to have a massage too which helped loosen up the muscles.

**SG: What was your feeling after winning the Allan British Open?**

**MR:** A dream come true, one of my goals for 2018 was to reach any final of a major tournament, and when I held that trophy, looking at the names of previous winners (**Jahangir Khan, Geoff Hunt, Nick Matthew, David Palmer, Gaultier, and Mohamed El Shorbagy** – just to name a few) and knowing that now my name joins this prestigious list is such an accomplishment for me and this victory qualified me to play in the invitation Qatar classic.

**SG: What is a typical training session like?**

**MR:** I tend to do a lot of different sessions like cross fit, drills, conditioning games, gym work, ghosting and stretching – so it really depends on my squash calendar.



**SG: How about recovery as you are full of energy and move so well on court?**

**MR:** Stretching, massage, ice baths are key to a swift recovery, especially as we are usually on court the next day.

**SG: Thoughts for the HK Squash Open?**

**MR:** Well, my opening match is against home favourite **Max Lee**, so this will be a great match, I'm feeling fit and strong so looking forward to an excellent match.

**SG: You have been using the Club squash courts for your training, what are your thoughts?**

**MR:** it's an amazing Club with incredible facilities – the courts are in excellent condition – fast courts, soft floor and the ball dies in the corner – a perfect combination for my style of play.



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## Message from the Soccer Captain



Robbie Bacon,  
Soccer Section  
Captain

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the festive season, the Soccer Section wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This month we have seen some transfer activity in the Soccer Section Committee.

**Neil "Growler" Jensen** has made the move to Honorary Secretary of the Club. Taking his place as the Section's GC Representative is outgoing Chairman **Stephen Tew**, while **Robbie Bacon** has made the step up from Section Captain to Chairman with Sebastian Page joining the Committee as the new Section Captain. We wish everyone the best in their new roles.

The 1st Team remains unbeaten and with some tough fixtures coming up will hope that

this continues and they can overhaul the fully professional Happy Valley team at the top of the table. Lucky Mile continue their mixed start to the season, which has seen some strong results undermined by losses that were in no small part to a rising injury count, while the Women's team have their first victory of the season as they come to grips with a very competitive revamped league. In the Yau Yee League, Albion, Colts and Wanderers, the top three sides for the past two seasons have a battle on their hands. Albion are re-building with Nick Day at the helm, and a 6-0 victory over Azzuri shows promise for the rest of the season. Colts have put together some strong performances and will surely climb the table after a tough run of fixtures to start the season, while Wanderer's have just the one blip in an otherwise strong start to the season. November also saw the Section successfully hold its first inter-Section friendly for those competitive players from all sides needing to regain match sharpness after injury or from absence from the match day playing squads.

This month's magazine has an article on the HKFC Women's team, while **Nigel Merritt** updates us on the outstanding work that goes on with the Crusaders and the impressive coverage their great work is generating. Finally we take a quick look at Neil

"Growler" Jensen's top achievements and moments while he has served on the Section Committee.

This will be my last submission as Soccer Section Captain, and it has been a pleasure.

■ **Robbie**

### Unbeaten Streaks Continue:

**Tony Hamilton** (1st Team Manager and Albion) – Unbeaten in 52 league matches and counting, stretching over two years!

**HKFC 1st Team** (1st Division) – Unbeaten in 46 league matches, stretching back to March 2016.

### Upcoming in December:

**AIA Boxing Day Festival of Football** – This staple of the HKFC Soccer Section Calendar features the classic England v Scotland match followed by U10, U12, U14 and U16 matches and family fun bouncy castles on the triangle. Please see the flyer for more information and come down and feast upon a festival of football.

## Tables

### HKFA 1st Division

Position	Team	Game	Win	Draw	Loss	Goal Gain	Goal Loss	Goal Diff	Point
1	Happy Valley	8	8	0	0	32	6	26	24
2	Hong Kong Football Club	8	6	2	0	29	3	26	20
3	Sha Tin	7	6	0	1	23	7	16	18
4	BC Rangers	7	5	2	0	20	4	16	17
5	Wing Yee Property	6	3	2	1	10	7	3	11
6	Eastern District	7	3	0	4	14	13	1	9

### HKFA 2nd Division

4	Kwong Wah	8	4	2	2	17	9	8	14
5	Tuen Mun	8	4	2	2	17	16	1	14
6	Sham Shui Po	8	4	1	3	17	13	4	13
7	Wing Go Fu Moon	8	4	1	3	12	9	3	13
8	Lucky Mile	8	3	2	3	9	9	0	11
9	Tung Sing	8	3	0	5	12	14	-2	9
10	Sun Hei	8	2	1	5	8	16	-8	7

### HKFA Ladies Division

2	Happy Valley [Women]	5	5	0	0	38	1	37	15
3	Citizen [Women]	5	4	1	0	18	0	18	13
4	Sha Tin [Women]	5	2	0	3	6	12	-6	6
5	Tai Po [Women]	6	1	2	3	6	16	-9	5
6	Chelsea FC Soccer School [HK] [Women]	5	1	1	3	4	18	-14	4
7	HKFC [Women]	6	1	0	5	8	25	-17	3
8	Wing Go [Women]	6	0	1	5	2	28	-26	1

### Yau Yee League

(Inc. 22.11.18)	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Club Wanderers	22	19	0	3	73	18	55	57
Club Albion	22	15	3	4	80	31	49	48
Club Colts	22	14	5	3	60	27	33	47
Baker Tilley Spartans	22	13	4	5	67	36	31	43
German All Stars	22	11	1	10	57	54	0	31 *
AFC Squadron	22	8	3	11	42	62	-20	27
Boca Seniors	22	7	5	10	54	63	-9	26
Azzuri	22	7	4	11	38	58	-20	25

### Legal League Legends (Vets)

Pos	Div	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Legends	Godfathers	3	2	1	0	13	5	8	7
2	Legends	HKFC	3	2	1	0	12	7	5	7
3	Legends	BTDT	3	2	0	1	7	6	1	6
4	Legends	Kennedy Town FC	4	2	0	2	7	12	-5	6
5	Legends	USRC 1911	3	1	1	1	10	6	4	4
6	Legends	Spartans Masters	4	1	1	2	7	8	-1	4



## Neil Jensen – New role

**N**eil “Growler” Jensen joined the Club in September 2004 and began his playing career with a victory against GAS. Growler made his way onto the scoresheet albeit with an own goal.

Back in those days French Dragons were the team to beat in the YYL and Wanderers finished runners up in his 1st season.

In 2005/6 Growler tasted his first league win and was part of a defence which conceded 11 goals and featured Bavo, Riso and Daz under the management of **Phil Dowding**.

Phil would pass the management baton onto Growler in 2008 who was assisted by Bavo.

After a shaky start and being bottom of the league in November, Wanderers went unbeaten for the rest of the season losing out narrowly to USRC and finished runners up.

2009/10 Albion and Wanderers went neck and neck for the title with the last game of the season deciding the league. Albion needed a draw and Wanderers a win. Wanderers won 4-2 and were league champions.

Growler missing the dugout agreed to step back into management in 2013/14 with a new assistant Daz.

With an ageing team Wanderers finished runners up in the league and won the cup.

Growler joined the Soccer Section committee in 2008 and since then has held four positions: Team Rep, Section Captain, Section Chairman and GC Rep. Growler has also served the Soccer 7's committee for seven years and represented the Section on the YYL committee for eight years.

This is a huge commitment over ten years and anyone who has served on a committee will know the time and effort that Growler has provided.

On behalf of The Soccer Section we thank you for your support, service and wish you all the very best in your new role on GC.

*The Soccer Section*

## AIA BOXING DAY FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL 26 DECEMBER 2018

10:30	ENGLAND V SCOTLAND CHALLENGE MATCH
12:30	U10 JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP
13:30	U12 JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP
14:30	U14 - HONG KONG ISLAND V KOWLOON & ISLANDS
16:00	U16 -HKJFL SELECT V LEE MAN

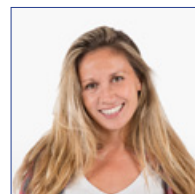


# HKFC Women

The 2018/2019 season of the Jockey Club Women's League brings about some new changes for HKFC, both internal and external to the team.

Firstly, HKFC Women are very excited to have both **Lucy McNally** and **Jason White** coaching this season. Lucy, a veteran on the team in her 3rd season with the Club, has always been a leader on the team, particularly with respect to her communication skills. If you've ever watched one of our games, that is Lucy you are hearing. Lucy is also helping out with the U-12 girls, part of her goal to do more to create more links between the girls teams and the women's team. Jason, who is also the head coach for HKFC U-18 boys, brings about tons of experience from not just a coaching perspective, but from his professional playing days. Despite his Birmingham accent, the girls have learned a ton from him already and it has been a privilege for us to have someone with his qualifications on board.

Secondly, one of the biggest changes is the HKFA's decision to move to a two-division system as opposed to the one-division format the league has had for a long time. The top 8 from the last season form Division 1, with the bottom 8 + any newcomers forming Division 2, and a promotion/relegation game at the end of the season. With the league split in 2, this year will be a much tougher season – every game we will be playing one of the top teams in Hong Kong. While the team experienced a difficult



start with 4 straight losses, we came away with a crucial and morale boosting 3 points and 5 goals in our 5th game. With a lot of changes and inconsistencies last season, we are looking forward to using this year to build and form the core of our team. We believe, with consistency in terms of leadership and core members of the team, the women's team has the potential and ability to be competing for top spots in the HKFA Women's Division 1.

Lastly, while we may not be sitting at the top of the table in our league, we are definitely sitting at the top of table in terms of Soccer Section Socials. Cheers to all of the girls who made it out to the season's first Soccer Section Social on 31st October – incredible start to what will be an active social season!

## Crusaders Soccer News

# Media interest heightens for the HKFC Crusaders community programme



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Gary (Left), Alex in the middle and Elaine (Right) was taken at the 7's in May.

The HKFC Crusaders have been the subject of much media attention recently due to the impact they have and, the offering they give, to the local community.

The HKFC Crusaders is a community programme supported by the HKFC Soccer Section, endorsed by the Hong Kong Football Club and generously sponsored by the Prudential Assurance Company.

At the HKFC International Sevens tournament in May, **Nigel R Merritt** and **James Penny** were interviewed by the TV and print media and **Elaine** a long time Crusader was the subject of a TV and Press biography which was printed and aired locally on various media outlets.

During this past October, two of the HKFC Crusaders Monday evening sessions were filmed in their entirety by I-Cable News and **Nigel, James** and **King** were again interviewed re their commitment and views on the community programme and its local success.

A further biography was filmed and this time it was mainly based around **Alex** (our very own **Frank Lampard!!**) although, Elaine was also interviewed again as a follow up.

Such is the current media attention of the HKFC Crusaders, eight new players have joined the programme since the beginning of the season which is basically only six weeks in!!

The HKFC Crusaders play on a Monday evening between 6pm and 7pm on the Main Pitch.

■ **Nigel R Merritt, HKFC Crusaders - Head Coach.**

# Bout Ye...

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

Just a few updates from across the grades this month. The November month has been a little bit different this season with the Hong Kong national team involved in the World Cup Repechage meaning the domestic leagues for Club and Dragons had been suspended for four weeks. In its place the Kerry Cup, with a mixture of players from both teams involved in the battle of Hong Kong. Off the pitch, **Ben Willis** (BAW), **Higgo** and **Pat Jenkinson** put together a highly enjoyable unofficial Club/Drags tour to Ho Chi Minh. Unfortunately, a plaque in memory of Excalibur ("Keith") the chicken will now have to be erected in the Sportsmans and an annual unofficial tour will take place also in memory of Keith.



At the time of writing, Scorps and Select remain undefeated with both teams getting excellent wins over Typhoons. **Jamie McGregor** had a fine performance for Scorps including a magical chip and chase from the towering second row (when it came to touching the ball down to score, he didn't...and was fined appropriately). **Gruffudd Jones** ("Gruff") has arrived at the Club with a bang, togging out for the top 3 teams in the space of three weeks, good effort and welcome to HKFC Gruff.

The Mighty Select continue their dominance of the Championship A League. Their slightly less powerful than usual pack (intending no offence to the impressive carrying of ever-young **Ed Finch** and Captain **Janneman** "Hoff" **Nel**) has led the backs to really step up, with some blistering moves lighting up the pitch at Sports

Road. The input of new coach, the maestro **Matthew Smith**, has certainly had an impact, with the mastermind legend behind the last few seasons, **Tony George**, taking on more of an overseer role. Indeed, such has been the general quality of play that the number of fans taking in matches has increased dramatically with the parents of **Henry Shaw** (who had a good crack at the team Esky), **Gary Ip** (whose mother seemed to enjoy her afternoon tremendously) and **Matt Smith** (whose father inaugurated the new Mighty Select Man of the Match trophy after a hard-fought triumph over the Typhoons's Plan B side) all seen cheering the team on this month.

The Bulls were unfortunately de-railed by Valley a few weeks ago despite a brace of **Rhys Pendergast** tries (and hat-trick avoidance via sniper fire that I have been informed will not be forgotten at the Christmas party). **Sias Potgieter** seems to have rallied the troops to get their season back on track straight away with some fine wins over Tai Po and Scottish. Some familiar names have come back into the mix with **Nick Smith** and **Josh Meninga** putting their hands up as well as fine athletic 80 minute debut performance from new signing **Danny Moussa**.

## Club Trivia

No winners last month on the question of which position new Head Coach **Jack Wiggins** played in New Zealand. Fairly understandable though, as the twinkle toed out-half spent Saturdays masquerading as a Hooker.

This month's question: Which Section Member was responsible for the accident that happened to Keith the Chicken?

As you will be reading this in December, Merry Christmas from the HKFC Rugby Section!

## Walton Brunch 2018 (by Ben Stobart)

After last year's Walton's Brunch with literal head winds of a T8 hitting that weekend and the entire Section relocating to a different destination within 24 hours; it was always going to be tough to equal that spirit and sheer herculean effort of Rhys Pendergast and the 2017 social team.

But this year's social team lead by Social Sec. **Conor Cole** managed to deliver one of the great Sunday's, to remember those we lost in Bali. By doing so they carried on the stories, legacy and importance of this moment within the culture of Hong Kong rugby and the Club. A lot



of our players are new to this and to hear and see them leaning forward all day listening to tall tales recounted of legends now playing rugby in the Sky and laughing as if the escapades only happened last week; is the most fulfilling thing to witness.

With over 300 people attending this year's Walton Brunch, from 7 months to 70 years old, it is fair to say we, as a rugby community honoured the memory. The old tradition of drinking the brunch dry of Champagne was accomplished and the festivities closed well into the dark hours. A new tradition was created with the entire Sportsman's Bar on that Sunday wearing their shirts back to front (I have no clue why either – it seemed a very good idea at the time! – Thank you **Nial Rowark!**). It is also fair to say that the passion, importance and legacy will live on with a new generation of players and families. I cannot wait to see what new traditions will be created next year!

A special mention goes to **Jason Toms** and **Anson Bailey** for delivering speeches that have been given before but still had the entire audience of veterans to newbies in equal tears and laughter and were delivered with aplomb! The ability of those to give these speeches on this day as though they are speaking for the first time, with the composure they do, still amazes me; and for that they have our eternal thanks and admiration.

I would also like to thank everyone that attended. The response was quite



overwhelming and is one of the most important dates of the Sections calendar. For everyone to commit as they did in the spirit they did was special and it was great to see so many kids; big and small enjoying the bouncy castle and the DHL Bali memorial cup!

Hopefully you have all seen the video from the day and the photos. We have added a small selection here. But should you require anymore or would like to see the video please let **Cameron McIntosh** know.

Again thank you to all, it will be remembered as one of the special Walton Brunches... as they all are.

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**The Athletically Plump Chairman**



# Upcoming Calendar Dates

## HKFC Rugby Section

### 2018/2019



EVENT	DATE	DETAILS
Natixis HKFC v USRC Tigers (6:00pm)	Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Home Game</b> vs Borrelli Walsh URSC Tigers
Half Season Update	Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Family Day</b> with Bouncy Castle, Mini Rugby Exhibition Match and Face Painting from 3:00pm. Informal update on the how the season is progressing. Updates on upcoming events, results, teams, finance, etc... To be held at the Back Patio of the Sportsman's with a few beers after.
Natixis HKFC vs HKU Sandy Bay (3:00pm)	Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Away Game @ Aberdeen</b>
Natixis HKFC vs HK Scottish (6:00pm)	Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Late Kick-Off: Home Game</b> vs Bloomberg HK Scottish
Natixis HKFC vs Kerry Hotel Kowloon Rugby (7:30pm)	Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rugby Section Family Christmas Day.</b> Expect Christmas Songs, Minced Pies, Mulled Wine, Bouncy Castles <b>Late Kick-Off: Home Game</b> vs Kerry Hotel Kowloon Rugby Last game of 2018 and a good way to run into Christmas.



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# Kim Lam, Richard Hawkes and TigerFest . . . .

## A short report from me this month: hurrah you all shout!

### Ethos for the season

We will be following the HKFC model:

**Happy** – The coaches will be trying to encourage everyone and spread a love for the game. In return please encourage your children to respect coaches and referees.

**Kinesthetic** – Sessions will be active and visual. The children want to play and learn by doing. We want everyone to be involved in the team. In return please be supportive of the coaching. If you have any issues please contact/speak to me or your Head Coach at a suitable moment.

**Fulfilling** – Sessions will be challenging but fun. We want the children to play exciting rugby and learn from every session. Coaches will be positive in their coaching. Every child will get at least 50% game time at a tournament. In return please sign up for training and tournaments on TeamSnap to help us manage numbers. Also, please encourage a positive mindset in your child and let them discover how they want to play the game.

**Culture** – We will start all sessions on time and finish on time, we will look after safety and we will reward every child who tries hard. In return, please arrive 5 minutes early, wear the correct kit (boots, Mouthguard etc.) and encourage your child to accept playing in different positions and teams. You must accept any decision made by the coaching team on safety; injury, experience, concussion etc. If we

feel a child should not play in the interest of safety then that decision is final.

### Competitive play

I am going to leave the Head Coaches to report upon the matches at TigerFest, Richard Hawkes (U12) and Kim Lam (12G) competitions.

Two themes from several of the Head Coaches:

- a) Frustrated by your not all completing TeamSnap promptly, or (in some cases) at all;
- b) Frustrated by your accepting, thus committing their daughters or sons to represent the Club, but not showing up.

The Head Coaches are volunteers. They generally have very demanding "day jobs". They are not paid by the Club. Please help them by responding to their messages in a timely fashion and not pulling out of the commitment.

### Punctuality at training

Finally, I have to repeat this: for Sunday training, we do not have long 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**

Best,

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

## U12Girls

A strong performance by our U12 Girls in the first round of the Kim Lam Tournament at the Aberdeen Sports Ground. Our FC1 and FC2 girls had a solid schedule against the first-tier teams in Hong Kong: Valley Fort, Sandy Bay and Sai Kung. The FC1 squad started the day with a draw against Valley, before conceding the next match to a strong HKU squad. Showing great resilience, FC1 then closed off the day strong with a decisive win over SKS. FC1 finished the day with a 1-1-1 record coming 3rd in the Cup Pool (although virtually tied for 2nd place with Valley). The FC2 squad started with a tough match against Valley between two evenly matched teams. The score was 3 all before Valley scored two breakaway tries at the end of the match for the win. Next, FC2 went up against HKU, in a classic cowboy shootout, eventually gaining the advantage with a 5 vs

4 win. In their final match, the Club girls gave the Stingrays a proper smashing, scoring 4 unanswered tries, finishing the match with a 5-1 win over Sai Kung. FC2 finished with a 2-1-0 record to place 3rd in the Plate Pool. Overall a great performance by both of our U12G teams! Finally, I would like to mention a fantastic job by all our new players, and in particular, **Jacqueline Su** and **Audrey Pun**, who really shined in their debut tournament. Great job girls!

■ **Allen Schoonmaker**

## U12

So to our merry band's first crack at Richard Hawkes. With a late venue change we had the rare pleasure of a turf pitch down at Causeway Bay and the sun was shining. Selecting our four teams was somewhat of a challenge due to absentees, particularly for the 3s and 4s

who had to share a couple of slots due to some late no-shows. The boys mucked in as they always do.

In the top tier, we did our usual trick of starting slow and giving away a soft score against HKU and whilst thereafter had the best of the possession and territory, weren't able to convert and lost out by a try to nil. We beat Pirates 2-0 but without playing properly as a team. Valley I think the boys would acknowledge were all round better on the day and a deserved 2-0 winner. We were competitive but did not have the edge we needed in our opening outing of the season. In the last game we came together as a team really well and played Stingrays off the park, running in 5 tries to nil.

The second team did really well once they woke up in the first game against Valley. 3-0 down they came to life, scored twice and were close



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again at the end. We didn't play Tigers (first team), who have some v big units we will need to cope with next time, but dealt with Kukris and SLB 5-2 each and scraped past HKU 2 with a last minute try (and if we're honest, with the benefit of a poor refereeing call – we'll get them the other way so will take it for now) to win 2-1. Physicality and desire, particularly in the tackle and the breakdown, is again where we sometimes fell short but the team held their heads high, with captain **William T** leading very much by example, and they were my Club team of the day.

Our third and fourth teams tried hard and produced some good stuff in patches, but familiar failings let them down, being the reluctance to get stuck in on the physical side. The thirds' third game was a notable exception following a stern "pep talk" from yours truly after the previous game, they really competed and won out 2-1 against a Shatin/Shapei team that had a couple of giants playing for them. That is the one they need to take away for the next round. And for the 4s we will keep on working at it. I saw some encouraging stuff going forward, good ball retention and movement on occasion but lack of support meant lost ball and the lack of tackling meant conceding scores.

It is going to be a tough comp this season across all four tiers, with no easy games. The boys need to get stuck in, particularly at the tackle and breakdown, and support each other when we are carrying the ball forwards. In essence, it is a competition this year and we need to want to win, because the other teams certainly will do!

Thanks to the coaches for your help on the day and let's all look to step it up a gear for Round 2!

■ **Simon Cooke**

### U11 Bulls

Wow what a season opener for the U11 Bulls - three games three wins. And – best of all – great rugby. The Bulls came together as a team today for the first time this season and without ignoring the flashes of individual brilliance and endeavour these were team victories. The forwards did a fantastic job against sides which looked more technically prepared – **Declan** showed great leadership at restarts, **Isaac**, **Ruggero** and **Solomon** all put superb carries and thumping tackles, and **Alex** in an unfamiliar role in second row stood up as scrum half when needed to throw some great passes out to the backs. Our line out is basic and effective and with some fine tuning will be a real source of possession going forward; Declan's hooking meant our scrums were very solid. **Luke**

excelled as scrum half and by the end had run himself ragged getting to the breakdowns. We are blessed with some super fast runners in the backs...**Martin, Hayden, Jo, Rio, Keen** and **Josh** all getting their hands on the ball and scything through the opposition, looking for chances to pass and off-load, and being there for the hard work around tackles and rucks - well done lads! Difficult to pick the stand out moments of brilliance and determination but perhaps **Josh's** try saving tackle having chased back from beyond half way is the one for me – what would you have picked? :-). Looking forward already to building on this start and more success at the next tournament.

■ **Nick Langford**

### U11 Whites

The first tournament of the year and the boys arrived in good spirits and for the most part in plenty of time, so the game heads were switched on for the first game. It was in at the deep end with a much-anticipated battle against the nemesis, Valley Fort 1.

The match started well with the Sharks flying into the rucks and securing plenty of possession, which the flamboyant backs began to move around and put the speedsters into space. A couple of well worked tries, with Liam at fly-half linking well with his outside backs, saw us home.

The second match against Sai Kung Stingrays 1 was another test, but with some barnstorming runs from **Matt McQuahe** and electric pace from **Alex Dodds**, we saw them off, our defence holding firm against a late fightback.

Our final match was against Discovery Bay Pirates, who boast some strong boys and were revved up for a big game. Our guys took them on up-front and frankly beat them at the breakdown. We ran in some good tries and when it did look close at the end, a darting run down the blind saw Kota go in for the winning score.

So we went through our first tournament undefeated and got some good, high-quality game time in.

Things to work on for next time are the line speed in defence and organisation in attack, where too often we were flat, resulting in lateral passing and running which lacked penetration.

The larger pitch and 17 min games proved an exam of some of the boys' fitness, but happily not of their commitment, which was excellent.

■ **Jeremy Fearnley**



### U10 Girls A

The U10GA team turned up to a hot and sunny Kings Park to take part in the USRC Tigerfest Rugby Festival. The girls had a small squad with only one sub, so a lot of hard work would be needed for the afternoon.

First up was DB Pirates. The girls played a great game with some solid running, good passing and some fantastic tackling; particularly from **Sophie Titterington**. The girls won the game 5 tries to none. The try scorers were **Lea El-Asmar** (2), **Laine Ashbrook** (2), **Kelli Kong**.

Next up for the girls was Football Clubs 'old rivals' Valley. The girls continued where they left off against DB Pirates with some excellent passages of play that contained strong rucking by **Ella Fong** and several powerful runs from **Laine Ashbrook** and **Emily Bannon**. Within no time tries were scored by **Laine Ashbrook** (2), **Kelli Kong**, **Emily Bannon** and **Sophie Titterington**, for a 5-0 advantage. However, the heat and intensity of the game started to get to the team and this allowed Valley to run in 3 tries of their own. However, the girls showed great determination to keep going and hold out for a 5-3 victory.

Sandy Bay were the next opponents and this was a very tight match with strong running and support play, coupled with plenty of big tackles, particularly by **Rachael Chan** and **Ella Fong**. The match ended with defeat for the girls – 5 tries to 4. Try scorers were **Laine Ashbrook** (2), **Kelli Kong** and **Lea El-Asmar**.

Last up for the day was Sai Kung Stingrays. The girls finished how they started with a strong win. **Sophie Li** made several strong runs which not only led to her scoring a try but helped set up several others for a convincing 7 tries to 1 win. Other try scorers were **Kelli Kong** (2), **Sophie Titterington**, **Ella Fong**, **Rachel Chan**, and **Laine Ashbrook**.

Overall a great day out, with a well-organized event and good rugby – well done girls!!

■ **Derek Titterington**



## U10

As they say it comes around fast ... and here we are again at the first festival of the season for the mini rugby community.

HKFC U10 enrolled 5 teams for this Festival, 2 A teams, 2 B teams and 1 Development Team.

20 games were played across the morning session with some outstanding results:

12 Wins – 7 Losses – 1 Draw

As a Head Coach I could not be more pleased and happier to see these young men playing games as teams and not individuals as we have seen over the years of development.

The 2 x A teams really had it hard, FC1 and FC2 played all the top teams from HK, Sandy Bay, DB Pirates, Valley and came away with 6 wins and 2 losses across the groups. With scrums added this year and the defining backs and forwards established the boys worked hard. FC2 had the better of the games and worked better as a team with 4 wins. Some very tight games and some amazing rucking to push the opposition back and claim the ball. FC1 had the stronger teams to play but in saying that with 2 wins and 2 losses it was a great performance for these lads. Still a lot to learn but for a first festival a great achievement.

For the B Teams we cannot take away the hard work that these lads put in. They are at the point of competing with the top teams and I believe that in the next festival or the one after they will be just about there.

Some amazing players and play makers saw FC3 take 3 wins and 1 loss, the same for FC4 who lost their last game to record a 3 win and 1 loss. The boys put some good tackles in and some very good rugby.

Of course, there are always areas to work on and these will be addressed in the training this Sunday. Last but not least FC5, the boys new to rugby and the first festival for some.

The spirit in these guys is great, not to be put down they battled to: 1 draw and 3 losses which for their first festival was a good showing.

Work to be done on all groups to get them ready for the next festival but I have to say a



very happy Head Coach after a great day of Rugby.

Keep it up boys...

### ■ Robin Zavou

## U9 Girls FC3

First up we played HKU3 and the girls put on a lot of pressure with some excellent first up tackling. When we had the ball we moved the ball and ran well, particularly **Romane, Louise** and **Iris**. We won the game 4-1...

Next up we played FK1's in a strongly contested game against a much bigger team. Romane added a further two tries to her two in the first game and our tackling was strong particularly from **Lena, Bella, Louise** and **Mia**. The game finished as a 2-2 draw. We then played VF2 and started to ruck with some good work from **Ariana** and tries from **Karin, Romane** and **Bella** (2). It was a well contested game which we won 4-2 largely due to some great cover tackles from **Zoe, Emily, Karin** and **Lena**. In our final game we played Harrow and continued to pressure them with strong defence. **Mia, Lena** and **Ariana** made several strong runs to score and **Emily, Louise, Zoe** and **Iris** made some good tackles to close out the win 3-1.

Overall, tackling was good but we need to improve our communication, maintaining our shape in defence and rucking. However, the team came together well with every player contributing to produce some rugby which was great to watch.

### ■ Simon Hague

## U9 FC1 Spartans

It was a bright sunny afternoon at Kings Park for the first tournament of the season for U9. The boys had worked hard coming into their first tournament and were grasping the new skills of tackling and rucking. An added dimension for the U9s this year was the move to the streaming of teams' ability and this made for a much more competitive game environment.

FC1 (aka The Spartans) were drawn again the first teams of Sandy Bay, Sai Kung Stingrays, DB Pirates and Valley. The Spartans had been



playing and training together for the past couple of weeks and showed glimpses of some excellent team play at times during their games. It was pleasing to see some excellent tackling.

All the games were closely fought and it was a very thin line between winning and losing. The Spartans were unlucky not to win any games that day, but the boys had a good run out and performed admirably in their first tournament. There was some excellent running with the ball from a number of the boys and in particular **Octave** who did very well.

The need for more intensity in the ruck, retaining possession and making more of the spaces were areas that were identified by the boys as areas that required further work. It was great to see that level of insight from the U9 boys and very much looking forward to upcoming training sessions to work on these areas!

### ■ Kevin Chow

## U8

The HKFC U8s proudly put forward 8 teams at the USRC TigerFest.

We have a healthy mix of players in our U8s: some who have already played 3 full seasons and are relative 'veterans', others who are new to the game. Our HKFC squads are strong relative to other teams, as the majority of our players have already mastered basic 'touch rugby' skills; indeed, some of the HKFC U8 attacking rugby was as scorching as the sunshine, and defence as measly as the tournament parking options.

The U8 HKFC Tigers contributed 2 teams: FC1 and FC2. The Tigers are working hard on straight running (no bananas), quicker off-loads, and introducing the concept of 'longer' passing in 2 vs 1 scenarios or when the opposition defence is very bunched; and trying to put as much effort in our defensive line as our attack.

FC1 enjoyed a great start to the season at King's Park. The girl power duo of **Naomi** and **Iola** held down the wings in defence, and gave us explosive power in attack. **Kingston, Cameron** and **Charlie** showed impressive straight running, and Charlie bravely shrugged off a nasty knock. (We're ready for contact!)

Lorenzo's "swerve" attacks caught the defence wrong-footed on more than one occasion.

Justin, Anish, Laurence and Kaitlyn formed a strong core of the defensive line. A special mention for Justin, our newest player, who is showing great progress.

FC2 enjoyed a one-sided win against Police followed by more competitive games and narrow victories against Stingrays and Valley. Notable mentions go to: **Emilien Leplingard Quenette** who scored a hatful of tries; **Hugo Coleman, Quinten Yeung, Shiv Mohan** for their straight running; **Ante Galic** and **Gus Grewcock** for sterling defence; **Naoise Martin, Michael Herratt** and **Arif Leung** for all-round team contributions.

Onward!

■ **Duncan Grewcock and Tom Wright**

**U7 Avengers**

The HKFC U7 squad, made up of 8 teams and over 90 children, began the 2018-19 season on a beautiful autumn day at King's Park. Thanks to the meticulous preparation by our coaches at the start of the season, the children were ready to play!

FC1 and FC2 made up from the Avengers Squad achieved outstanding results, winning all 8 games.

FC 1 only let in a single try through defensive organisation and strong tackling from **Armand 'the Tank' Leconte, Genevieve Tran** and **Alex**

**Leishman**. In attack, line breaks from **Schyler Tam, Mira Laophan** and **Keir LI Black** helped ensure the team broke the opposition gain line.

Follow-up with some excellent finishing from **Ayman 'ZigZag' Pinchon** and **Declan 'Pocket Rocket' Tsui**.

FC2 rained tries on their opponents across their 4 games. Direct forward runs from **Liam 'Dash' Moore** and **George 'the Flash' Brock** ensured territorial gains on every possession. Follow-up by tries galore from **Amika Potgieter, Lauren Loo** and **Max 'the Speedster' Randall. Riku Shiotani, Haruka Takigawa** and **Lachlan McGowan** ensured that the defensive end was secure by denying opponents time and space through their defensive line speed and tackling

All in all, a fun day for the entire U7 squad. With many looking forward to the next Festival at Sandy Bay.

■ **Mark Tsui**

**U6s**

The 2018 TigerFest Mini Rugby tournament was the first tournament ever in the rugby careers of many of our U6s. It was a beautiful morning, a great rugby spectacle, and a day to remember for years to come. In attack, the boys and girls were running straight with the ball in hand, frequently overloading quickly when tackled, and scoring many tries. In defence, they were forming a line and closing the space and a few



children were even tackling like demons over and over again until they had made six tackles and turned over possession.

The U6 Teams, namely the Bears, Badgers, Tigers and Wolverines, were led by a number of excellent coaches, many of whom are new to our programme and are most welcome additions. The coaching squad included **Dan Parr, Simon Archer-Perkins** and **Tony Adams** for the Bears (FC1 and FC2); **Stuart Fulton, Frank Henze** and **Chum Hazarika** for the Badgers (FC3 and FC4); **Chris Page, Donough Murphy** and **Ben Lee** for the Tigers (FC5 and FC6); and **Godwin Chan, Ismar Tuzovic, Mark Wright, Tanya Gan** and **Sean Yip** for the vicious and notoriously elusive Wolverines (FC7 and FC8).

The U6s' first performance of 2018 clearly bodes well for the remainder of our season and for the future of Hong Kong rugby in general.

See you at the HKU Sandy Bay Festival!

■ **James Wood**



Sunday 11th November also known as Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day marked the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War One. To mark this special occasion

and to pay their respects to all those killed in both World Wars and other conflicts since, members of the Rugby Section teams stood in silence before each game. "Lest We Forget"



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## Gavekal gunning for GFI HKFC 10s hat-trick

Two-time winners Penguins and three-time finalists YCAC are also among the majority of last year's teams to confirm their participation early, while three-time champions Asia Pacific Dragons return after a year's absence.

Two-time winners Biarritz Gavekal will bid for a third successive title at the 2019 GFI HKFC 10s, while three-time champions Asia Pacific Dragons have confirmed their return to the event after a year's absence.

Gavekal and the APDs are among 14 early entries for the 34th edition of the 'World's Best 10s', which will be held at Hong Kong Football Club from the 3rd-4th of April, the Wednesday and Thursday before the 'World's Best Sevens'.

Gavekal have played under the name UBB Gavekal for the past two editions due to a former association with Union Bordeaux Begles.

The back-to-back 10s winners are funded by Hong Kong-based Louis-Vincent Gave, founder of financial services company Gavekal and now a shareholder in Biarritz Olympique Pays Basque, who finished sixth in the 2017-18 Pro D2, France's second division.

Gavekal competed in the third-tier Bowl final in their first two years at the GFI HKFC 10s before New Zealander Matt Clarkin – the former UBB No. 8 and captain – coached them to back-to-back victories in 2017 and 2018.

Remarkably, for both of their victories, just over half of the Gavekal squad were players competing in the Hong Kong league.

However, their breakthrough in 2017 was due in large to the addition of New Zealand-based captain **Aorangi Stokes** and North Harbour flyhalf **Nick Smith** and the late addition of four Fiji Sevens backs, loaned by Fiji Sevens coach **Gareth Baber**, the former Hong Kong sevens boss.

Last year, Gavekal featured five contracted Fiji Sevens players including **Samu Bale**, who had scored four tries the year before, and **Sakeo Raloa**, tipped by **Ben Ryan** to be "the next sevens star" after the former England and Fiji sevens coach saw him play at the Coral Coast Sevens.

With Stokes injured for the 2018 campaign, Smith – who had kicked the winning drop-kick in the 2017 final against Penguins – captained the side in his absence and led by example, recording four tries and five conversions. **Renata Roberts-Tenana**, another Kiwi playing Mitre 10 Cup, also scored four times.

However, the Fiji Sevens players took centre stage in the final against Tradition YCAC, a team made up of top-quality New Zealanders and playing in their third final since 2014.

The Fijian backs proved the difference as Bale touched down for an early opener and Raloa added two tries. With the sides locked at 17-17, **Leveni Kurimalawai** scored the late winner as the team clinched a dramatic final 24-17, with Smith lifting the Bill Burgess Cup.

### Serious challengers

Gavekal will have their work cut out trying to lift the Cup for a third time, considering the strength of teams who have already committed to the 2019 edition.

YCAC will again bid to lift the Cup for the first time, having lost to the APDs in the 2014 and 2015 finals before finishing runners-up again in 2018, having reached the Cup semi-finals in their three other appearances.

Turkish Airlines Penguins, another team traditionally dominated by Kiwi players, have confirmed they will compete in the tournament for a 13th straight year and will again be among the favourites, having won in 2013 and 2016, and reached three other Cup finals.

The APDs will be a huge attraction on their return, having been the tournament's star attraction for many years since their 2011 debut featured Australia icon **George Gregan** and New Zealand legends **Justin Marshall** and **Christian Cullen**.

The team lost in the final that year, but won in 2012 under coach **Tana Umaga**, who also led them to victory in 2014 and 2015. The Dragons





reached the Cup semis in 2016 and 2017 – losing to Gavekal – before missing last year’s competition.

Top performers continuing from recent years include Australia’s King’s College – Cup semi-finalists in 2018 – Scotland’s Projectx Waterboys, Kir Club Pyrenees of France, USA’s CCIG Tigers, Hong Kong-based Scottish Exiles, A-Trade Overseas Old Boys and Irish Vikings.

Classic Wallabies, who have featured Wendell ‘Big Dell’ Sailor for the past two years, have also confirmed a third successive appearance, while fellow crowd favourites Hunter and Boo East Africans will compete for a fifth straight year, having reached the third-tier Bowl final in 2018.

Our own Natixis HKFC will compete for a 34th straight occasion and look to build on an encouraging 2018, when they won the fourth-tier Shield for the second time in three years.

Inaugurated in 1986 to celebrate the Club’s centenary, the GFI HKFC 10s has long attracted the game’s top players including seven All Blacks who won the 2015 Rugby World Cup – **Conrad Smith, Jerome Kaino** (both 2003), **Ben Smith, Charlie Faumuina** (both 2008), **Beauden Barrett, Sam Cane** (both 2010) and **Nehe Milner-Skudder** (2013).

**34th GFI HKFC 10s; April 3-4, 2019**

*Early confirmations (selected highlights)*

- Biarritz Gavekal (Cup winners 2017, 2018)
- Tradition YCAC (Cup runners-up 2014, 2015, 2018)
- Turkish Airlines Penguins (Cup winners 2013, 2016)
- Asia Pacific Dragons (Cup winners 2012, 2014, 2015)
- King’s College (Cup semi-final 2018)
- A-Trade Overseas Old Boys (Plate winners 2016; Plate runners-up 2018)
- Projectx Waterboys (Plate semis 2016, 2017, 2018)
- Kir Club Pyrenees (Cup semis 2009; Plate winners 2017)
- Scottish Exiles (Cup semis 2015; Bowl winners 2018)
- Hunter and Boo East Africans (Bowl runners-up 2018)
- Classic Wallabies (Bowl semis 2017, 2018)
- CCIG Tigers (Bowl semis 2018)
- Natixis HKFC (Shield Winners 2012, 2016, 2018)
- Irish Vikings (Bowl runners-up 2009, 2017; Shield winners 2010, 2013)

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## Men's C Team Update

29 October 2018

Although, at the time of writing, I am yet to play my first game for the Men's C Team this season, I have been closely following their progress. After a disappointing 2-1 loss to Valley in the first round the team has been undefeated and is currently sitting second on the Division 1 ladder trailing SSSC by 1 point. By my calculations, if they win all of their remaining games by a large margin they could win the league.

The C Team has a very strong squad this year consisting of a mixture of the experienced old guard and newcomers. Having played the past 13 years in Premier League with the Club's A team, **Tom Moore** joined the C's having made the decision that his fitness regime was more closely aligned with that of other C Team members. He is the leading goal scorer in the competition and has managed this feat scoring from an average of 3.5 feet out from the goal.

The C Team has also welcomed a number of newcomers including **Wilf Miller** and **Aman Dillon**. According to Aman, he is the more talented but less fit of the Dillon brothers. The C Team has also seen the return of previous Club members **Tom Rhodes** and **Stewart Walker** who have contributed to the morale in the team by repeatedly telling the



other players how they used to play in higher grades. The team has also benefited from persistence of incumbent players, including **Jimmy McLaren** and **Joe Donald**.

Unfortunately, the C Team will shortly be saying goodbye to arguably its most talented player as **Rory Davis** will be returning to the UK. We wish Rory all the best.

The C Team has a number of important games in the coming weeks and I would encourage anyone wanting to watch some champagne hockey to join me in the stands on Sunday afternoons.

■ **Brad Munt**

## Men's D Team Report

October 2018

The 2018-19 season has been a positive learning experience for the men's 'Development' D team so far. Having come flying out of the blocks with swashbuckling wins against HKCC A and NBC A, the rhythm has petered out with recent draws against Khalsa B and Dragons A and two defeats at the hands of the top two teams in the Men's 1st Division league, SSSC B and HKFC C. With this in mind, our current league position reflects our pre-season aspiration to once again finish in the top half of the table. Of course, it will also be a top priority for us to avenge our recent derby defeat and get our hands back on the 'Boulty Bowl', the Andy Boulton trophy played for at every D's vs C's derby game.

The emphasis for this development side has always been to play the right type of hockey. In this regard, we have certainly chipped in with steely contributions from all positions. This is best reflected by our goal tally, which is tied between four players (**Douglas Corbel**, **Justin Lancelotte**, **Findlay Mayo** and **Kit Studholme-Wilson**). At the back, **Loughlin Davidson** and **Matthew Ma** have impressed with their composure and energy, marshaled by the experienced trio of **Angus Emmerson**, **Stuart Mayo** and **Jerome McDonagh**. In midfield, **Findlay Mayo** has been able to show his creative flair in combination with the practical grit provided by **Jonny Ervine**, **Will Glover** and **Doug Corbel**. On the sidelines, **Simon Chappie** and **Simon Shep** have been running the bench... and occasionally playing too!

Given the transitional nature of the team, we welcomed many new members to our squad this season. **Taha Boty**, **Long Him Lui** and **Raphael Wong** joined **Dickie Lau** from the junior ranks (thus keeping our team's average age to 30), whilst **Gareth Mak** and **Martin So** made the switch from the C team to bolster our numbers. Three 'founding players' of the original 2013-2014 Development Team, **James O'Shea**, **Darren Siu** and **Adrian Ho** all continue to show their value in this squad. At the same time, we have had to say our goodbyes to **David Evans** (our captain last year) and **Sukum Sukumganjana**. We wish David best



of luck with the B team and the challenges of Premier Division Hockey. **Sukum** has been at the Club since 2009 and has always given his best on and off the pitch – thank you for being a true 'Club Man', and we wish you all the best as you relocate to Thailand.

As reflected in our Section motto, we value hockey as "More Than A Game", and it is just as important for the development squad to foster an idea of the rapport, camaraderie and sense of community off the field as the tactics and legwork on the pitch. Post-match sessions are sprinkled with many 'D-fine-ing' moments and the WhatsApp group is buzzing. We were hoping for more of the same, with discussions well underway by **Findlay** for a possible D Team Tour to Columbia.



## Meet the Ladies C Team

There has been a strong pre-Christmas campaign for the Women's C Team with zero games lost, five won and one draw, placing us (at time of writing) top of the Division 1 ladder. **Ishtak** is back, leading the pack – eager to nab more silverware following his successful 2017/2018 season. There is an eclectic mix of people making up the C Team this year but after the recent 17-0 win it is one that seems to work. To help you get better acquainted, here is a quick Q and A with three of our key players; our youngest team mate, **Anna Aiello** (and leading goal scorer for Division 1), newly promoted from the D Team **Katie Daly** and veteran C team player, **Jocelyn (Joce) Teh**.

### What position do you play?

**Anna:** Midfield/Forward

**Katie:** So far for the C Team I have played every position except Goalie. I'd be willing to give it a go though!

**Joce:** Defence/Center back

### When did you start playing hockey?

**Anna:** I started when I was seven

**Katie:** Age ten but stopped throughout school to take up netball (not a smart move at 5 foot not much). Should have stuck with hockey.

**Joce:** Before 2000...

### What have been your major highlights/achievements in hockey?

**Anna:** Playing for the Hong Kong Team and attending international tournaments including the Open Series.

**Katie:** Still being able to play sport! The older I get, the more it all hurts.

**Joce:** Winning the Division 1 league in 2017 and winning both the Division 1 league and cup in 2018.

### If you're not down at the Club playing hockey, where can we find you?

**Anna:** If I'm not at the Club, I will probably be at school or out eating.

**Katie:** Chasing after my cute toddler tornado.

**Joce:** Walking my dog or paddling in a dragon boat.

### What are your goals for the 2018/2019 season?

**Anna:** My goals for the 2018/2019 season is to work on growing as a team player and to work on my skills especially hitting on the reverse off my left leg.

**Katie:** Always to be competitive and have some fun.

**Joce:** To score a Hat trick!



## Shine bright like a D-Team Diamond

The new season has brought a lot of change to the Ds, who have had a solid run these past couple of years.

The D-Team started the season bidding farewell to more than half of last year's squad. Some went away to study and some were given a well-deserved promotion to the Cs: **Sophie Bater**, **Amelia McColl**, **Katie Daly** and **Anna Aiello** (whose excellent tomahawk shots are now unfortunately directed at us). A huge congratulations to **Xinyao Liu**, our star in goal, who is now the B team goalie!

But, with a new team in place, the Ds have shed their Unicorn and Pineapple (Spiky Mikey) days, and attained the critical temperature and pressure balance to emerge as the diamonds they were destined to be. The D-Team Diamonds. Their eyes always remain on the prize—a top tier Division 1 finish and the re-taking of the Knock-Out Cup, which they won against the Cs in 2017.

Our new diamonds are a gem of a mix of ages and skill-set. We're so pleased to welcome: **Athena Tam** who brings speed and fitness to



the mid-line; **Holly Millward**, a returning player who has already earned her own emoji of a tornado, as she's always tearing up the pitch; **Helen Dowding** is back from injury break, whose fiery grit always keeps us on our toes; **Vinci Cheung**, some young blood who brings speed and agility up front; **Lyric Clarke**, who shows us how to always give 100%; **Yoyo Yip**, our gutsy goalkeeper who also plays for Hong Kong; and **Laura Bell** our fearless captain and leader.

In addition, we have 5 newly graduated Cubs. Last season the Cubs dominated their league, winning every game and scoring 100 goals. We're expecting big things from you **Caeli**



**Robinson, Claire Grisel, Isabel Li, Jacqueline Chu, and Shira Kim.** No pressure!!!

And we can't forget the stalwarts of the D Team. We welcome back **Aisling Dwyer** post-baby who is holding down the left side. Anchoring the best defensive line in the division is sweeper **Ellie Poulton**, right back **Katie Potter**, and **Christina Matula-Hakli** in the centre. In the middle we have **Emily Norris**, who despite her seemingly shy disposition is a force to be reckoned with; **Gayble Tsang**, the fastest 1st runner in short corner history; **Fiona Squair**, the Keep Calm and Carry On poster girl, whose cool control on short corners

has consistently converted to goals; and **Holly Farrall**, our secret weapon up the right side.

The Ds had a storming game against the Cs leading to a draw at the Sandra Pemberton Memorial Cup. Lyric was not only crowned MVP (her crown being a 'diamond' encrusted headband she got to wear the rest of the day) but was also awarded the Cup trophy, so she left the pitch with some gold and some glitter.

After six games, the Ds are sitting pretty at fourth in the league. During our match against top of the table Valley B, after a nail-biting 68 minutes, young Claire scored a textbook perfect goal to give the Ds a win. This not only

secured our place at #4, but also handed the Cs the #1 spot in the Division 1 standings. And, in an even sweeter victory, this past weekend we were joined by Cub player **Sophie Poulton** who scored a beautiful goal and the MVP 'diamonds'. Perhaps we will see more of the Poulton mother-daughter power duo in the future.

The Ds are now 6 points clear of the team below them, HKCC B. But the race at the top is tight, with only 3 points separating the top spot from the 4th. So watch this space! The D-Team Diamonds look forward to continuing to shine brightly on the pitch.



## October Clinics

October has come and gone (again, as it does), and along with it the mid-term October Clinics featuring regular guest coach **Trid Woodhouse**. Trid returned with some wise words, entertaining and challenging sessions for all age groups. In particular for the

kids during their holiday clinics, but also for the senior teams who were treated to some great sessions too. I'm sure everyone who took part will have up-skilled and benefited from the advice given.



# The Sandra Pemberton Memorial Weekend

On Friday the 19th October the Sportsman's Bar was the venue for **Sandra Pemberton's** Hong Kong Memorial service. Sandra played hockey for the A Team for eight years and, despite having left Hong Kong to live in Sydney, was still a regular at the Club on her frequent visits. Her sudden, unexpected and untimely passing this summer followed closely on the back of one of her visits and she was, as ever, surrounded by her close friends. The laughter was audible and deep friendships as visible as ever.

Her Memorial was a chance for the community of Sandra's friends and colleagues to gather around and celebrate the life of an exceptional woman. To tell stories, to cry, to laugh and reflect in the company of each other and Sandra's mother and brother. It was also a time for draining the champagne stocks of the Sportsman's in a way which truly honoured her memory.

On the Saturday, four club games took place honouring Sandra in the inaugural Sandra Pemberton Memorial matches. Each match had a trophy kindly donated by the **Mak/Porter** Family on behalf of Liquidnet (Section Sponsor), which was to be awarded by family or close friends of Sandra. The teams also paid tribute to Sandra's love of butterflies, playing in specially created socks with a butterfly as the central design.

Derby Day saw six club sides facing off against their divisional compatriots. The day opened

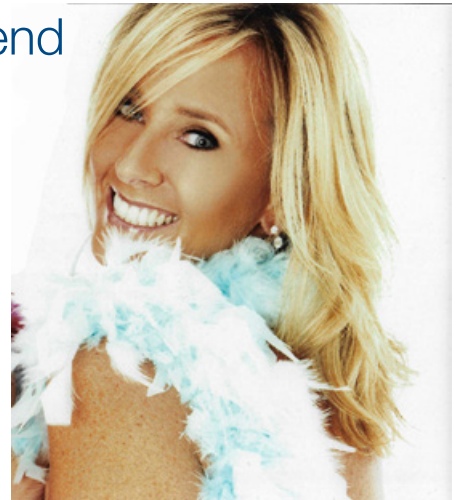
with the E's and F's (known to all as the Dino's) from Division 2 playing a dynamic and tightly contested match which was battled until the very last seconds of the game. The E Team inched ahead in the closing minutes to win 2-1. The first trophy was awarded to the E Team goal keeper **Miki Diep** without whom that score line would not have been possible.

The C's and D's who are in Division 1 played the next Derby match and although the D Team scored first, the C's soon came back to close out a draw. **Lytic Clarke** took home the trophy from that clash.

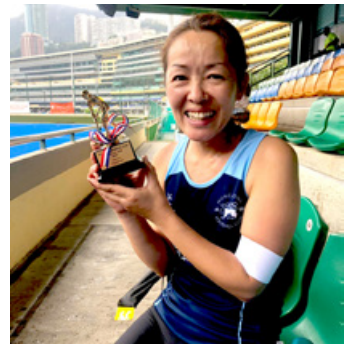
The final Derby was the Premier Division A's v the B's. With a huge crowd in the stands this was a furious and fast game to watch. Sadly the B's were not able to thwart the winning streak of the A team who were clear winners at the end. **Sophie Lindsay** was awarded the trophy in this game which was presented by Sandra's mother.

The ladies H's are in Division 4 and their team game was against Swire B. The Cubs (as the H's are known, who are the development squad of juniors who play in the senior league) came out 7-0 winners and the trophy was awarded to **Martina Anglada Calda**.

It was a superb day bringing the teams and their families together in the stands to support each other. It was finished off with a spectacular evening hosted by Wagyu in Wyndham Street which was Sandra's regular watering hole in her many years in Hong Kong.



It was a truly amazing weekend full of laughter, tears and remembering the best times with an amazing lady. The weekend highlighted what a very special friend Sandra was to so many people in Hong Kong and as we move forward we do so with the very best memories of an exceptional friend.



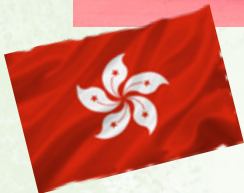
## HKFC Bowler on Podium at World Champion of Champions 2018, Sydney

Club's Lawn Bowls Coach **Tony Cheung** defied headwind and doubters by beating Bowls Australia's No.1 ranked **Lee Schraner** at St Johns Park in Sydney, during the Semi-Finals of this year's World Singles – Champion of Champions on 3rd November.

As Bowler of the Year representing Hong Kong China, Tony put up a courageous challenge to the reigning World Outdoor Singles champion from New Zealand, **Shannon McLroy**, in the Final and captured the first runner-up of the World Singles with great applause from the international lawn bowls community.



## HKFC Bowlers Shine at 13th Asian Lawn Bowls Championships 2018



HKFC bowlers received standing ovations in Xinxiang Henan, China, at the 13th Asian Lawn Bowls Championships between 12th and 16th October. **Tony Cheung, Kenny Tam** and **Phyllis Wong** excelled beyond their calls of duty in representing Hong Kong China Squad and fuelled our national team in attaining exemplary results with two Golds, three Silvers and one Bronze. Other participating counties in the Championships included

Brunei, India, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, Thailand and China.

Tony Cheung captured the Champion title in Men's Pairs by beating China and the First Runner-up in Men's Singles. Kenny Tam was crowned Men's Fours Champion by winning over Singapore. Phyllis Wong was the First Runner-up in Women's Triples, eclipsed by China in the final.

Well done!

## Premier League 2018 Completed with Accolades: Men's A Clinch Top Honour and Women's A First Runner-up

**H**KFC rocks again! For sure it was a celebratory and pulsating season for the Men's Team-A with the long-awaited winning of the highest title in the Premier League 2018, scoring a total of 105 points. Our big boys were ahead of the first runner-up by 7 points in the final league table.

"Our team spirit and collective determination to win the title make the difference. We have proven to be able to ride the storm in first half of the season and came roaring back. Our team is full value for the highest honour", said **Warren Cheung**, our jubilant Men's Captain.

"The previous Division 1 top title won by the Club was on artificial turf more than ten years ago. Thanks to the Club Management's tenacious efforts in providing a quality outdoor grass green, our decision in using outdoor as home base was a no-brainer and offered us a clear advantage in preparing our teams for the challenging season", added Warren, right after our last home game winning over FC-A 6:2 on 27th October.

Warren's rink together with **Tony Cheung** (skip), **Terry Kung** and **Frankie Siu**, also won the Champion Rink in the Premier League.

Equally formidable was our Ladies' Team-A which overshadowed TKOBC-A at their final home game 6:2. Our top ladies' team finished the season on a high note for winning the First Runner-up spot.

Attesting to the quality of winning grit included our Ladies' Team-B in Division 2. Not only was the team crowned the Champion title in the division, our top bowlers also made us proud by winning the Champion Rink – **Lydia Yang** (skip), **Priscilla Lam**, **Calinna Chan** and **Grace Chu**.

With the well-deserved promotion of Ladies' Team-B to Division 1, HKFC will be the only club in Hong Kong fielding two men's teams and two ladies' teams in the top divisions of the Premier Leagues 2019.



## Club Singles 2018

**O**ur Men's Team-A Skip, **Derek Wyllie**, has proven to be the best in this year's Club Singles by edging twenty-two other bowlers in the competition. His fellow Team-A teammate, **Wilson Kwong**, came second in the final held at the Club's Outdoor Green on 21st October.

In the Ladies' Club Singles final, Club Ladies' Team-A Skip, **Wanis Sze**, eclipsed **Shirley Ma**, our Team-B's heavyweight and a former member of the Hong Kong China Squad.

Final results of the Club's Singles were as follows:

Men's Champion: Derek Wyllie and Runner-up: Wilson Kwong

Ladies' Champion: Wanis Sze and Runner-up: Shirley Ma



## Chairwoman's Letter

As we reach the halfway point in the season the Netball DSA has been enjoying great success in all divisions, with some stellar results and performances reported. As a special announcement, I am thrilled to now share the addition of international player **Joline Henry**, a former New Zealand Silver Fern (!) to our division one team, Club. Joline brings with her an impressive playing history with a trophy cabinet full of gold medals

and international titles, but so too tremendous experience that will be a resource to share with all our players and coaches. Already, the senior players have been put through their paces at two workshops under her supervision, with more planned. Off court, I wish all of the Netball DSA a Merry Christmas and a safe festive season, and look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!



Tassie Brakenridge  
Netball DSA Chairperson



## EVENT RECAP

The first weekend in November saw HKFC Netball DSA play host to the DSA's 2nd International Netball Tournament, following the success of last year inaugural tournament.

Teams from China, Singapore and Malaysia competed with a combined HKFC team for the coveted trophy in what was a weekend of excellent netball played in a spirit of competitive sportsmanship.

It was a great opportunity for players within the DSA across the divisions to combine to field a mixed team bringing together not just their netball skills but also the opportunity for engagement within the extended netball community.

Amongst the highlights of the weekend were mother and daughter combo, **Cassie** and **Kayla**, who took the court together for the first time and possibly the last time as Kayla heads off to Australia for school in January – a very special occasion for both of them – they were a fantastic combination – selfishly we hope not the last time they will play together for HKFC!

After two days of rounds and some closely competed games, Singapore Katana played Shanghai Storm from China in a nail biting play off for 3rd and 4th with the final score being 25-24 to Singapore. Having drawn 31-31 in the heats we knew that the final would be a closely fought match between HKFC and Malaysia Volts. An end to end game, the match, as expected proved exciting to watch, with either side the possible winner right to the last minutes of the final quarter. In what was a hard fought match showcasing the best of sportsmanship Malaysia Volts secured the victory winning 31-28. Post-match



Snapshots from November's International Invitational Tournament

and award ceremony all the players and officials joined HKFC in celebrating the success of the tournament over drinks and a well-earned bite to eat at the FC!

Our thanks go to all those that travelled to take part, to those that represented the Club, **Ron Arnold** for coaching and organising the FC team and to all volunteers on the day that made the tournament possible.

# MATCH REPORTS

## Tornadoes vs Scottish Thistles

22nd October

In what probably felt like a World Cup final between New Zealand's Silver Ferns and Australia's Diamonds, Tornadoes went head-to-head and often point-for-point against Hong Kong Scottish' Thistles in round three. With some spectators and injured players commenting their heart rates were "at times as high as those playing" – and some confiding after, "if someone had offered me a Xanax, I would have taken it" - Tornadoes emerged victorious by two. With even scores, at the end of the first quarter, coach **Amelia** made the wise choice to implement a very mobile shooting team of **Kat** and **Georgie**, who under the guise of **Hayley** in Wing Attack were able to nudge forward. A nudging that was helped by the defensive combinations of **Queenie**, **Cici** and **Olivia**, who had to play a physical game against a very aggressive and heavier attack side from Thistles. In the centre court, **Kodie** and **JB** were able to guide the ball back and forth, snagging some much-needed intercepts and loose balls at time. The middle quarters (14-15, 19 - 22 to Tornadoes), as trying and physical as they were a testament to the girls' ability to focus and remain clam, much to the oppositions' disappointment. Something that was encouraged by coach Amelia's vocal support in the form of "Keep going. You've got this" and "Girls, YES! I just love this team so much!" The final quarter, was shaping up to be a draw, but Tornadoes fought forward, snagging two more goals in the final two minutes (27-25). Knowing they will most likely face Thistles again, the team will be sure to recall much of the lessons from the match.

## Club vs Hantang Phoenix

29th October

Club played against a new look Hantang team, after the retirement of **Connie Wong** this season, and the notable injuries from the off-season. So we were uncertain about what

to expect from the young and fast team. After a slow start, Club stepped it up a gear in the second quarter, with **Kate Smith** taking numerous impressive turnovers in GK, and **Steph Torville** displaying her focus and poise at GA. The game saw rotations in every quarter break to allow new combinations to be trialed, with all ten players available for the first time this season! The third and fourth quarters saw the intercepts move up the court, with **Rachel Telford**, **Kate Jolly** and **Cassie Graham** all taking turns to dazzle, and new recruit **Joline Henry** demonstrating her finesse in passing and play making. The final score was 50-17, for Club's 5th win of the season.

## Whirlies v Valley Pumas

5th November

With our tall pillars at either end of the ground, Whirlies came away with a strong win. Alyska played a stellar game down in GS, top scoring in each quarter. While down the defence end, Aditi's strong defence and presence made it hard for the Pumas to score. The centre court helped bring the ball down the court and passed it with confidence into the shooters for them to finish it off. It was a great game by all. Final score- 41 to 7.

## Typhoons v HKCC Devils

5th November

After a solid talk and confidence boost from Coach **Steph**, the Typhoons attacked hard and with **Kato's** slick moves in GA, we ended the first quarter down by just two goals. No changes for the second quarter, and as the team began to settle and find their stride, the Typhoons left the second half down by just three.

The third quarter was where the magic truly happened, with every member fighting hard. Not a shot was missed by **Netra** and **Jacqui** as they scored a total of eleven goals, ensuring the third quarter finished with Typhoons one ahead. Defence wise, it is hard to find words



to describe the audacious defensive wall that emerged. One set up perfectly on every centre pass by Steph, who forced the opposing WA out of the game.

Upon entering the final quarter, the tanks were emptying but the enthusiasm was still strong. With **Lesleigh** back in WD, there were many turnovers - much to the cheers from the bench. **Gem** and **Fizz** in GD and GK were relentless as ever, putting endless pressure on shooters and snatching as many rebounds as possible.

With every moment counting, Typhoons were able to walk away, 33 - 30! A big first win for the season, and a much needed boost. So too a sweet send off for Fizz who leaves for Shanghai.

# NEW MEMBER PROFILE

## HANNAH JOHNSTON



### Where is home?

Taranaki, New Zealand

### What brought you to Hong Kong?

I've always wanted to live overseas to access travel more easily and HK seemed like a good hub to base myself. So far no regrets!

### Last time you took the court before joining HKFC?

Summer league mixed netball here in Hong Kong.

### Favourite Hong Kong hangout?

Posto Pubblico! Good wine, pasta and atmosphere, what more could you want?

### Netball aside, what do you do aside from work, playing and training?

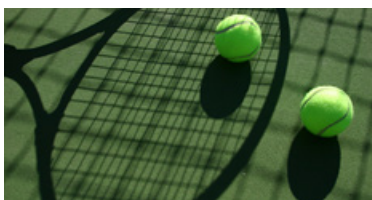
Hiking! I love being outdoors and finding somewhere peaceful, despite the craziness of the city. It reminds me of home.

# Daria Gavrilova Clinic and Dinner



On 6th October Australian WTA star **Daria Gavrilova** visited the Club to lead a fun afternoon of tennis. The clinic was held across six courts and the roughly fifty participants joined in drills led by the Australasia Tennis Aces coaches, and took the chance to hit with a top ranked player. **Daria** was a pleasure to play with and quickly became everyone's new favourite player.

Later that evening the Tennis Society got its' party on and danced and played the night away in the Happy Valley Suites. Attendees were also treated to a brief interview with Daria – mediated by our very own **Toby Clark** – where we learnt a bit about what it takes to play tennis at the highest level (also Daria loves Vegemite!).



## Join a Tennis Team

Playing a lot of tennis but want to take your game to the next level? Then join a tennis team – have the camaraderie of your team while enjoying some friendly competition. Email to Tennis Society: [hkfc Tennissociety@gmail.com](mailto:hkfc Tennissociety@gmail.com) for help in getting started.

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## Club Championships

In October we played the 2018 HKFC Club Championships, despite the drop in numbers due to timing of the event and lack of courts throughout the year the people playing put in a huge effort and played some great tennis. The closed men's singles and doubles was a fantastic event with all the guys stepping up, playing well and having a great time. It was great to have the juniors out on court and having some really close matches.

### Men's Open singles

Winner – Andrew Town  
 Runner up – Henry Lai

### Men's Closed Singles

Winner – Henry Williams  
 Runner up – Rajesh Mohan

### Men's Open Doubles

Winners – Henry Lai and Garreth Anwar  
 Runners up – Andrew Town and Simon Cheung

### Men's Closed Doubles

Winners – Jake McCauley and Stephen Bruce  
 Runners up – Henry Williams and Andrew Walton

### Ladies' Open Singles

Winner – Samantha Ho  
 Runner up – Tina Pavri

### Open Junior Singles

Winner – Shaan Mohan  
 Runner up – Mason Lee

### Closed Junior Singles

Winner – Natalie Ngai  
 Runner up – Meha Agrawal

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# Clearwater Bay Outing

Thursday 18th October 2018



Aha! So that's where it went.



A majestic collection of un-coordinated colours, but still a remarkably co-ordinated swing!



Everyone delighted to celebrate Allan's remarkable achievement

The scheduled event to Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club had to be rearranged thanks to the disruption caused by the poorly timed typhoon Mangkhut. Fortunately the weather was more hospitable for the rerun despite a little rain in the morning. Sixteen players registered for this popular event however unfortunately only twelve were able to attend due to a mix of illness and unsympathetic bosses. Duty calls!

We arrived at the golf course around half past nine and had plenty of time to warm up. Despite the attentions of Mangkhut, Clearwater Bay golf course was in excellent condition, especially as it had been toughened up for the CWB Open the previous week. The greens especially were superb.

The first to tee off were **JP, Ian, Steve** and myself. With a strong wind affecting play on the front 9, all of us struggled to score well. The wind was so fierce that when we swung the club, we could feel the club twist off plane and the ball either hooked or sliced. Just before we began to give up on scoring, the sun came out and the wind fell. JP and Ian started to pick up some

confidence and began to score pars at the back 9. With 34 points (15 points at the front 9 and 19 points at the back 9), JP went on and claim the first place of this competition. While Ian scored 2 over par for the last 5 holes. Well done JP.

The second to tee off were **Dallas, Allan, Elsa** and **Helen**. This group played some exceptionally good golf. With 78 gross and 34 stableford points, Dallas went on to win the second place while Helen scored 84 and 31 stableford points to win third place. This group also had the most nearest to the pins with Elsa on hole 14, Helen on hole 16 and Allan on hole 4 - very, very close as it turned out.

The day was one of the luckiest day's in Allan's golfing career. On the par 3 and 4th hole, with 147 yards to the pin and the wind blowing from right to left. Allan hit it with a 8 iron straight to the flag to land in front of the green. The ball then began to bounce and kept on rolling towards the hole and it went in! Sadly Allan's eyesight is a bit poor at present due to cataracts, and so despite Dallas yelling and screaming at the ball to go in, and the cheering when it did, Allan refused to believe it and marched onto the green with his

putter! Not needed Allan!!! A hole in 1 for the first time of his golfing career through 30 years! Congratulations!

Here is the breakdown for the event

Nearest to the Pin

Hole 4: Allan Hoeming (hole in one!!!)

Hole 11: Rosemary Prio

Hole 14: Elsa Lee

Hole 16: Helen Hayward

Ladies Longest Drive

Hole 5: Helen Hayward

Men's Long Drive

Hole 5: Dallas Reid

2 shots Nearest to the Pin

Hole 7: Dallas Reid

When we all went back to the club house, we had some nice food and champagne to celebrate the first hole in one for Allan's golfing career!

Happy Golfing.

■ Ted Li

# HKFC Golf Soc vs DB Residents Golf Soc

Monday 22nd October 2018

**D**iscovery Bay Residents Golf Society (DB Res) is one of our traditionally more difficult opponents. Prior to this year's match the trophy for this event was residing in their cabinet and the honours have been pretty evenly shared over the years. Mid October, low humidity, glorious sunshine, little wind and the Macau GCC in great condition, could HKFC use the home ground advantage of Macau to wrest the trophy back?

First group saw Captain **Terry Wright** partnering **Owen Davis** against DB's **Wayne** and **Janele Weber**. All square after 5 holes both teams seemed well matched. A purple patch saw the HKFC pair pull away to 4up after 10 and were not headed after that. A good combination especially with Owen not long off the tee but playing well within himself, putting well and rarely hitting a bad shot. A 4 and 3 win for HKFC.

Next up DB's **Vladimir Bondar** partnered his wife **Elena** against HKFC's **Helen Hayward** and **Jenny Chapman**. The smiles on the faces of the HKFC pair gave away this result and when asked the HKFC girls simply responded we were **Oarsome** with a capital O! Far from onesided though there was some great golf played in this match with birdie 2s from each team halving one of the par 3s amongst the highlights of this contest. A 5 and 3 win to HKFC.

Match 3 was the battle of the low handicappers with HKFCs **Jonny Brock** (4) and partner **Philip Nunn** against DB Captain **YB Rai** (4) and his partner **Lab Kumar**. Often these battles are won by the best combination rather than the low handicapper and this again proved to be the case. Plenty of birdies from

the four handicappers were equally matched by contributions from their partners on their shot holes. A good tight match all the way HKFC were 2 down with 3 to play but again good teamwork and a birdie on the last hole saw the HKFC pair claw their way back to halve the match. A great contest.

**JP Cuvelier** had been **Andy Wood's** opponent when HKFC played Little Sai Wan earlier in the year and that day they ground out a halved match. Could they put that behind them to pair up and take on DB's **Joe McNeil** and **David Wright**. It seemed like a very happy family with the HKFC pair 4up after 4 holes – how long could this last? Joe decided that had to end and rolled off a string of 4 birdies to claw DB back into the match. Alas it was not enough and Cuvelier and Wood regained their composure to pull away again for a 5 and 4 victory to HKFC.

Last but certainly not least the steady hand of **Jim Suttie** and the fluorescent dress sense of **Gary Sharma** were matched against DB's **David Bonnet** and **Nicholas Jackson**. Gary had not played for the Club for some time having been missing in action in China but his constant smile was welcomed back along with a first for our team his wife **Loretta**. Records are not clear but it is believed that Loretta is our first official supporter at one of these matches and it was lovely to see her there. Clearly inspired by her presence Gary and Jim were always going to be difficult to head and this proved the case with HKFC triumphing 5 and 4. Will this be the seed that germinates into huge crowds and Ryder Cup hysteria at future matches – possibly not.



Captains Wright and YB Rai

So a very enjoyable days golf and thanks to **Lee Parker** and his team for a lovely course in excellent condition. The quality of the day and course matched by the spirit in which the matches were contested. The trophy returns to the Club cabinet for a year after which the difficult challenge of playing DB Res on their home course will again be contemplated.

Long Drive prizes were awarded to DB's Wayne and Janele Weber. Near Pins were won by Lab Kumar, Vladimir Bondar and Captain YB from DB and Jonny Brock and Helen Hayward of HKFC.

HKFC's finest



Our DB Residents Opponents





The winning HKFC team



Saturday night JP is happy

# Reunification Cup 2018

3rd and 4th November, Lotus Hill GC

Another year has rolled around and the HKFC Golf Society's biggest match for its largest trophy is upon us again. Teams of ten golfers from HKFC, The American Club, HK Country Club and the Chinese Recreation Club board the ferry to Pan Yu to do battle at Lotus Hill. Typhoon YUTU had threatened to spoil the party earlier in the week but fortunately it had the sense to recede to the status of Tropical Depression and turn towards Taiwan to mess up their golf instead.

The team was confident going into day 1 with convincing wins in the last couple of years and many of those experienced players in the team again this year. Saturday always sees the low handicappers out first so **Dallas Reid** had that privilege being our low handicapper. The course was full and with the slow pace of the field the fading light in the evening becomes a significant issue for the last groups. It was with relief that the floodlights lining the last 4 holes flicked on later to light the way home. These had failed in previous years and unfortunately with 3 groups still out there they failed yet again this year. **JP Cuvelier's** group were guided through the darkness to the 18th green by Dallas Reid with a combination of his fluorescent shorts and the light of his phone illuminating the flag. Fortunately none of the golfers were good enough to hit either the flag or Dallas who admittedly is not the biggest target especially in the dark.

With the match format being a total team stableford score after dropping the highest and lowest individual scores the result of the day's work was eagerly awaited at dinner. How did we perform? and the other teams?

**Andrew Wood** turned in our best card with 38 points and with the bulk of the team scoring 30 points plus it saw a day 1 total of 261 points. A score of note being a strong 31 points from

**Malou Waldie** despite playing the tricky par 3 17th in the dark and being unable to play the 18th. This team total was 17 points less than day 1 of 2017 so how would it compare to our opponents? The American Club was to be our closest rival with a total of 252 points so a narrow 9 point lead was to be taken into Sunday. A good effort by the American Club especially playing with 9 golfers after one of their team failed to turn up.

A 6:40am tee time was the reward for the best performed golfers of day 1 as the highest stableford scores teed off first on day 2. **Andy Wood** looking keen and ready to lead the charge into the early morning gloom which was not much different to the poor light of the previous evening. One by one the golfers rolled out with bloodshot eyes and to the relief of the organisers this year everyone made their tee time with the exception of the American Club's missing golfer who still had not managed to find Lotus Hill. With no idea how other teammates were performing other than the odd thumbs up or thumbs down signals as golfers passed on nearby fairways the HKFC golfers had to focus on their own game. Each knowing if they topped the scores in their own group they would be helping the team to retain the trophy. On the 18th green as the flights rolled in it became increasingly more apparent that the HKFC team was indeed achieving this. A final tally saw HKFC golfers with the highest stableford scores in 8 of the 10 groups on the course, surely that would be enough. Indeed the days total of 286 was a total that was unlikely to be beaten and only 1 point short of the best day of either of the previous 2 years wins.

The scoreboard at lunch confirmed with a 2 day total of 547 that victory had again been achieved by HKFC by a significant margin over The American Club in 2nd place with HK Country Club narrowly edging CRC out of 3rd

place. This HKFC team score for the 2 days was 1 point higher than the 2016 total which had seemed unlikely to ever be bettered.

Individual performances of note came in from **Andy Wood** high scoring both days with a fabulous 42 points to follow up his 38 on day 1. This earned him a share of the prize for highest stableford points of any golfer across the 4 teams over the 2 days. He split this prize with 13 yr old **Jack Satterfield** of The American Club who shot 45 and 35 and you just know that lad will be tough to beat as he grows up. **Jason Waldie** took the award for best Gross over the 2 days. His wife **Malou** took great delight in taking full advantage of the extra 97 yards her tees offered to blast her drive a long way into first place in the long drive hole removing her Captains name from the flag with a cheeky smile. HKFC players featured well in the near pin prizes also.

All round a good win based on solid golfers playing consistent golf under tournament conditions and playing close to their handicaps. Only two golfers actually averaged better than their handicap over the two days with **Woody's** 2 scores both thrown out as each day's high score (thanks for coming **Woody**) giving him an excellent average of 40 points. **Jason Waldie** with an average of 37 headed the scores that actually counted but every other golfer in the team (**Terry Wright, Eric Desgouttes, Andy Ho, JP Cuvelier, Malou Waldie, Dallas Reid, Phil Head and Nick Allen**) averaged more than 30 points which is how a good team wins a tournament like this.

It was again a fun and competitive weekend on a course in good condition and nice to play with players from each of the other three clubs each day. Thanks to HK Country Club for their efforts as organisers this year and thanks to the staff at Lotus Hill for a great golf course to compete on.

Congratulations on a fine team effort and thanks again team for arriving on time for your Sunday tee times this year !

■ **Terry Wright – Golf Captain**



JP Cuvelier giving his ball a stern lecture in Belgian



A swing only a mother could love. The famous Nick Allen "shovel" technique!



Alastair Murray dreaming up another miracle shot

# KSC South

Friday 9th November 2018

A total of sixteen players including several first timers entered this enjoyable event at KSC South course which was played in perfect weather.

The first flight to tee off were **JP Cuvelier, Alastair Murray, Nick Allen** and myself. Alastair paired up with me up against Nick and JP. In the first hole, Alastair hit a wedge after a perfect drive down the middle and left a 12 foot putt for birdie. While JP and Nick had 6 foot putts for birdie. Alastair went around the green to see the slope of the putt and walked to the golf ball confidently. He then made the putt from right to left and sank it with some speed. We go one up and send a very clear message to Nick and JP - game on!

Nick and JP fought very hard and went one up over 16 holes but the turning point for the game was hole 17. Alastair hooked his drive and the ball landed in a bush. With 70 yards left to the pin, there was literally no way to approach the green given his restricted backswing. Creatively, Alastair aimed at the cart path hoping the ball would bounce to the fairway. He hit it so hard onto the path that the bounce took it over a bunker and kept rolling off the green leaving a 20 yard pitch shot to the hole. What he did in the next shot was also remarkable. He pulled his pitching wedge from his golf bag trying to get up and down to save par. With a quarter swing, the ball landed 5 yards short of the hole and then hit the flag stick. A tap in for a par! That's one way to make par and a way to give your opponent some pressure. After 18 holes, we were all square and headed back to the club house for some refreshments.

For the second group, **Simon Hague** won the gross with a score of 85 and he also won the

longest drive on Hole 18 with 280 yards down the middle. **Elsa Lee** also had a memorable round winning third place with 35 stableford points in the third group. Elsa has been playing consistently good golf, maybe that's because she is training for a half marathon! We do hope she can win more in the future.

Here is the breakdown for the winners:

- 1st: JP Cuvelier
- 2nd: Alastair Murray
- 3rd: Elsa Lee
- Gross : Simon Hague

Nearest to the Pin

- Hole 2: Simon Hague
- Hole 5: Nick Allen
- Hole 11: Angela Koo

2 shot NP Hole 7: Steve Au Yeung

Longest Drive Hole 18: Simon Hague

Happy Golfing

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# RACES

October was a big month for the HKFC Swimming and Triathlon Society! With eight events this month, our racers were very busy and racked up some amazing finishes. In the ASTC Sprint Triathlon, held on 20th October, we had two first place finishes from **Richard Hall** and **Vasco van der Flier**. Also this month was the New World Harbour Race. This is one of the most famous races in HK and we had amazing finishes from **Sally Gentle** (3rd), **Craig Nortjeca** (2nd) and **Tom Alley** (4th). It was also an exciting month for our distance runners, with three great races in October. A highlight was the first place finish in overall mix on the teams by **James Mabbutt** and **Ellie Batterham** in the Hong Kong Moontrekker race. And finally, we had our biggest showing at the Repulse Triple, held on 28th October. Every HKFC member placed in the top five, with **Farah Master** taking 1st female overall (along with three go-pros!)



Name	Event	Place
Richard Hall	ASTC Sprint Triathlon	1st Age Group
Vasco van der Flier	ASTC Sprint Triathlon	1st Age Group
Sally Gentle	New World Harbour Race	3rd (W 35-49)
Craig Nortjeca	New World Harbour Race	2nd (M 35-49)
Tom Alley	New World Harbour Race	4th (M 35-49)
Vasco van der Flier	Repulse Triple	2nd (M 35-39)
Farah Masters	Repulse Triple	1st (W overall)
Matthieu Maury	Repulse Triple	2nd (M 25-29)
Catherine Sen	Repulse Triple	1st (W 35-39)
Nicolas Gontard	Repulse Triple	3rd (M 50-59)
Torbjorn Fjelddahl	Repulse Triple	4th (M 50-59)
Christian Wyborn	Repulse Triple	2nd (M40-44)
Deb Hanley	Repulse Triple	2nd (W 35-39)
Torsten Van Dullemen	Repulse Triple	5th (M 50-59)
Torsten Van Dullemen	Shanghai Iron Man	4 hrs 59 Min
James Mabbutt and Ellie Batterham	MoonTrekker	1st (Overall Mixed Teams)
Nicolas Gontard	Hysan Island Hike and Run	1st (M 50+)
Deb Hanley	Hysan Island Hike and Run	7th (W 18 -39)



## Kid's Club

The HKFC Tri-Kids Swim Club has been working really hard and have been showing some great progress! We are always looking for new triathletes and welcome children of both Members and Non-Members. Swimmers must be 8yrs-16yrs old and already have swimming experience. Practices are held Monday and Wednesday from 4:45pm to 6:15pm. Hope to see you there!



# Match Report HKBA President Cup

This year, the Hong Kong Badminton Association President Cup team tournament came in a new format. HKFC Badminton Society's team entered the Intermediate Mixed team event with each match consisting of five ties comprised of Men's Singles, Ladies Singles, Men's Doubles, Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles. HKFC reached the semifinal stage after overcoming a gritty Chun Fung Badminton Club in a close 3-2 score in the quarterfinals. Due to delays forced on the schedule by typhoons, the semifinals and finals ended up being played the same day.

The semifinals saw HKFC up against the "All in One" team. **Mat Dance-Shuker** kicked off the men's singles with a superb first set only to see his opponent come back strongly to win the tie. However, that proved to be only a temporary setback as **Emily Chow** easily took care of her ladies singles opponent. Mat then combined with **Jason** in the men's doubles to take another tie in three sets and **Hoey Mok** and **Nora Man** rolled out the winners in another three sets to close out the match with an overall 3-1 score to HKFC. It was on to the finals later that day.

The finals saw HKFC up against "FINS".

**Chun Tin Lam** replaced Mat at Men's singles and Emily continued at Ladies singles. Both these ties proved to be hard fought three set matches each lasting more than an hour. In the tightest of margins, both Chun Tin and Emily squeezed out the winners to send HKFC in a commanding 2-0 lead. FINS hit back beating Mat and Jason in the men's doubles and beating Hoey and **Coco Choi** (another marathon three setter). The match was poised at 2-2 and hopes rested on the Mixed doubles of Chun Tin and Emily. Would fatigue from their earlier exertions get the better of them? In a tense first set with mistakes from both teams, Chun Tin and Emily won the first set 23-21. This proved to give them their second wind and overcome their increasingly demoralized opponents to easily take the second set, take the tie 3-2 and thus secure the win for HKFC as champions for the best ever results in the history of HKFC badminton.





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