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ALISTAIR CLARK'S BALINESE HOCKEY ADVENTURE

Lawn Bowls

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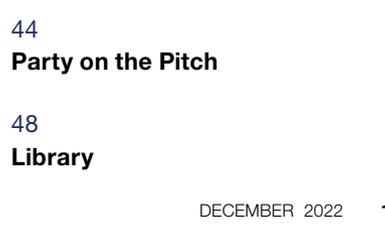
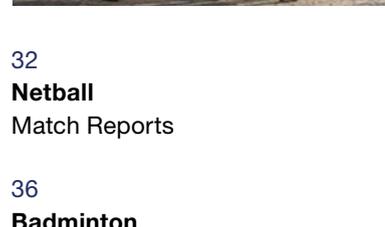
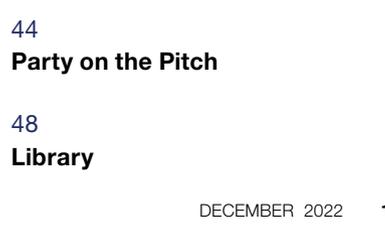
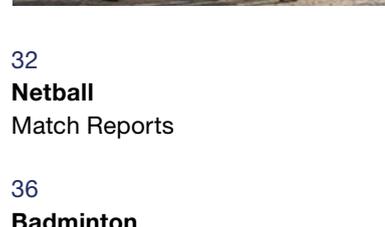
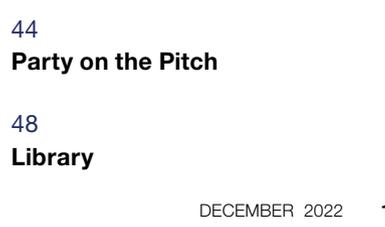
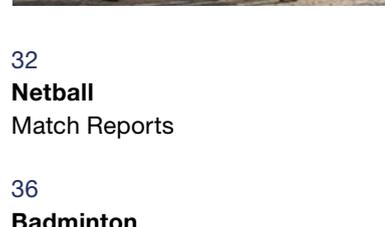
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COCKTAIL RECEPTION FOR LONGSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE CLUB



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THE THOUGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

主席的話

Neil Jensen
Chairman



I'm delighted to be writing my first article as incoming Chairman following the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** on 17th November. Thanks to all those who attended that evening.

I'd like to place on record my thanks to the outgoing Chairman **Mike Wood**, whom I'm sure you will agree did an excellent job over the last four years, most of which were dominated by civil unrest and then COVID-19. Mike was fully deserving of his Life Membership awarded at the AGM, and congratulations also to Maurice O'Brien who was also awarded a Life Membership for his service to the Club. Thanks are also due to **Steve Tew**, who is replaced by **Nigel Merritt**, having been the Soccer Section Representative for four years, and **Iain Valentine**, who performed many senior roles on the General Committee, his most recent as Vice President, and has given great service to the Club.

The new General Committee has been elected and I would like to welcome **Damien Laracy** and **Nigel Merritt** to the committee.

Following the AGM, the Chairmanships of the 7 Standing Sub-committees have been confirmed by the General Committee as follows:

Chairman of Policy Working Group	Neil Jensen
Chairman of Finance Sub-committee	Fred Teng
Chairman of the Constitutional Affairs Sub-committee	Jeff Lane
Chairman of the Discipline Sub-committee	Damien Laracy
Chairman of the Development Sub-committee	Kenneth Ng
Chairman of the Membership Sub-committee	Don Rider
Chairman of the Sports & Recreation Sub-committee	John Thompson

I would also like to thank **Kerry Ogle**, our Membership Manager who is leaving the Club after 21 years of service. She leaves with our thanks and also our best wishes for the future.

In November, we saw the Sportsman's Bar Patio reopen for the rugby weekend and the early stages of the World Cup. The bar itself should finally be ready towards the end of this month, and we are then just waiting for licencing to come through before we can reopen.

Also, in November, we hosted a **Cocktail Reception for Longstanding Members of the Club** and also invited members who joined the Club between 1977 to 1982. One member who attended wrote to us afterwards that the evening, "...reminded me that the Football Club is part of my DNA." I would suggest that most of us also feel that way and I will endeavour to serve the Club and the members to ensure that this remains.

December promises to be a busy month in the Club with a full programme of sport including the **PSA Squash event** from 5th to 10th, traditional **Christmas Carols** also on the 5th and **Party on the Pitch** on 10th.

On the 31st, our General Manager **Mark Pawley** steps down from his role after over 25 years of service. It's hard to imagine Club life without Mark. He's been there long enough to see some play in the juniors, the seniors and then the vets, and he leaves with our warmest of thanks. It's not goodbye though. He will still be around the Club until at least September, and we will be holding events to commemorate and thank him for his time in 2023.

Finally, thank you to all Management and Staff for their hard work in 2022 and of course to you the members for your immense support and understanding in what, at times, was a difficult year. Please accept my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, for those of you travelling (finally!), have a safe trip, and I look forward to seeing old friends and new around the Club in the weeks and months ahead.

Neil Jensen
Chairman

11月17日周年大會 (AGM) 過後，首次以新任主席的身分在此下筆，實在高興。感謝當晚抽空出席的會員。

在此亦要感謝前主席Mike Wood，相信大家同意過去四年，縱使接連面對社會動盪及新冠疫情，Mike依然臨危不亂，處理好所有事情，故此他在周年大會上獲頒永久會員名銜，絕對實至名歸。我們也頒發了永久會員名銜予Maurice O'Brien，以表揚他對本會的付出，恭喜Maurice。接著還要感謝Steve Tew擔任了四年足球部代表，未來將會由Nigel Merritt繼任其職，此外還有曾經出任常務委員會多個高級職位，對本會貢獻良多的前副會長Iain Valentine。

新一屆常務委員會已經選出，歡迎Damien Laracy及Nigel Merritt加入委員會。

周年大會完結後，常務委員會已確認委任以下7位常設小組委員會主席：

政策工作小組主席	Neil Jensen
財務小組委員會主席	Fred Teng
政制事務小組委員會主席	Jeff Lane
紀律小組委員會主席	Damien Laracy
發展小組委員會主席	Kenneth Ng
會籍小組委員會主席	Don Rider
體育及康樂小組委員會主席	John Thompson

此外，會籍部經理Kerry Ogle亦要與本會告別，感謝Kerry長達21年的服務，在此祝福她前程錦繡。

11月先後有香港國際七人欖球賽及卡塔爾世界盃，幸好Sportsman's Bar的前庭能夠及時重開，為大家在戶外大銀幕上直播精彩賽事。Sportsman's Bar的主體部分也應該會於今個月底準備就緒，之後只需等待相關牌照到手，便能夠以全新的面貌與大家見面。

除此之外，本會還於11月舉辦了**香港足球會資深會員酒會**，並邀請1977至1982年加入本會的會員出席。其中一位出席的會員之後給我們寫信，說晚宴「提醒了我港會是我基因的一部分」。相信我們大部分人都對本會有同樣的情感，為了繼續延續下去，本人將竭盡全力服務本會及大家。

12月肯定是個熱鬧的月份，一系列活動正等着大家參與，包括12月5至10日的**PSA壁球賽**、12月5日的傳統**Christmas Carols**及12月10日的**Party on the Pitch**。

不經不覺，總經理Mark Pawley原來已經與本會攜手走過逾25年的歲月，但很可惜，他將於12月31日退任，很難想像本會以後沒有他的日子。Mark見證過部分人從青年軍晉升到成人隊，以至再為本會出戰元老級賽事，這真的是一段很長的時間，衷心感謝他一路以來的貢獻。不過看到這裡，大家先別急着跟Mark道別，因為他仍然會在本會留到至少9月，我們2023年也會舉辦活動，一起緬懷過去Mark在本會的點滴，並表達對他的謝意。

最後，雖然2022年是艱難的一年，但管理層及員工上下一心的努力，加上大家的鼎力支持及體諒，終於順利走到現在。祝大家聖誕及新年快樂，如果會到外地慶祝，祝旅途平安。期待未來與老朋友及新朋友在本會相見。

主席 **Neil Jensen**

THE COLOURS OF CHRISTMAS

Enjoy this vibrantly
decorated themed set tea
that is as **delicious** as it is
Instagrammable.

*Only for the month of December
at the Chairman's Bar*

FROM THE DESK OF MARK PAWLEY

總經理的話

Mark Pawley
General Manager



As some of you may be aware, this will be my last “From the Desk of Mark Pawley” as I transition into retirement at the end of this month and hand over “the reins” to **Randal Linhart** who will become the General Manager from 1st January 2023. I joined the Club in November 1997 and have been writing these monthly articles for the magazine ever since then – I have therefore written quite a few!

Coming from a sporting background, specifically Rugby and Soccer in my younger days (and later on Squash), to be able to work as General Manager at one of the best (if not the best) sports clubs in the world has been an honour and a privilege.

Thanks are due to all the wonderful Management and Staff both past and present at the Club, in particular to **Maggie Ng**, my Executive Assistant who has looked after me for 25 years. I must also thank the various **General Committees** I have served under for putting up with me and of course I must also thank you, the Members for making the Club what it is. What would a club be without its members?

I welcome **Neil Jensen**, my ninth Chairman of the Club and give my best wishes to Randal, the Club’s new General Manager.

In closing, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mark Pawley
General Manager

或許有人已經知道我將於今個月底退休，總經理的職務將交由2023年1月1日上任的**Randal Linhart**掌管，因此這是我最後一篇「總經理的話」了。自從1997年11月加入本會後，我便一直每月在此下筆撰文，數起來我的「總經理的話」可不少呢！

我年少時便已經有濃厚的體育背景，參與過欖球、足球以至壁球，所以能夠以總經理的身分在世上其中一間最頂尖的球會工作，我深感榮幸。

感謝本會過往及現時的管理層及員工，特別是我的行政助理**Maggie Ng**，她照顧了我足足25年。接著還要感謝曾共事的**常務理事**忍耐了我這麼多年，當然也一定要感謝大家成就了今天的香港足球會，沒有會員支持，又何來球會呢？

在此歡迎我球會生涯中第九屆主席**Neil Jensen**上任，並祝新任總經理**Randal**事事順利。

最後，祝大家聖誕及新年快樂。

總經理 龐禮文

OBITUARY

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

Philip Woolf and Wanis Sze

Our thoughts and prayers go to their families and friends. May they rest in peace.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

TEMPORARY CLOSURE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX

會員告示

游泳池暫時關閉

The Swimming Pool Complex will be closed for annual maintenance from Monday 2nd January to Friday 27th January 2023. It will re-open on Saturday 28th January 2023.

游泳池將由2023年1月2日(星期一)至1月27日(星期五)暫時關閉以作保養維修。游泳池將於2023年1月28日(星期六)重新開放。



HKFC

Halloween PARTY 2022

After 3 years, our long-awaited Halloween Party was back in action on 29th October. This year, similar to the previous years, included game booths, a magic show, best costume contest and haunted house. A total of 170 children and 160 adults joining the party this year. Although masks were still required for this party, our members and their guests really enjoyed the party, put great effort to be the winner of the best costume contest. During the party, 20 participants were selected by Secret Judges to enter the Best Costume Contest. There were different awards such as Best Cartoon Costume, Most Creative Costume and Scariest costume. The Claw Machine was very popular at the party, and there was a long queue of participants waiting for it. Many kids succeeded grabbing the desired prize inside and took them home after a thousand failed attempts. The harder the battle, the sweeter the victory!

We look forward to seeing you again next year!





RUGBY TRIAL *with Kids*



In order to promote sports and equal learning opportunities to the youth in Hong Kong, a rugby trial session was held for underprivileged children from Inspiring HK on 14th October 2022. 16 primary school students aged 6 to 11 participated in this activity. The HKFC team gave the children a tour of the Club and everyone had a fun rugby session at the Training Triangle.



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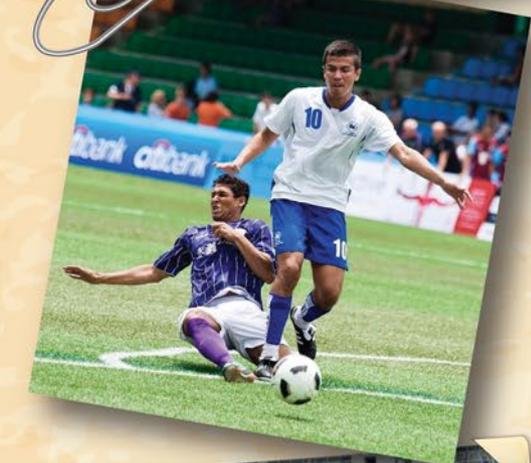


SOCCER SECTION SPOTLIGHT

MICHAEL

Soccer Section stalwart Michael Campion departed Hong Kong at the end of November and he will be missed by everyone. Below are some of his most memorable moments from his time at the Club:

- Posing at the old clubhouse for the very 1st HKFC Mini Soccer Programme with our new blue/black kit sponsored by Henrik Lorenz
- Being there for the formation of the Colts under Bobby Lawson and getting promoted through all the YYL divisions
- Making the HK National Team U16's in 1999 with Mike Sealy
- Then making the HK Men's National Team in 2012 with Jack Sealy
- Colts' Player of the year 1999/00 as a 15 y/o
- Wanderers' Player of the Year 2000/01 as a 16 y/o
- Then 1st Team 2001/02 as a 17 y/o in the old Premier League/1st Division. He has a great memory of being brought on as a 2nd half sub against South China at Mong Kok Stadium with Graingo, Anto, Andy Hunter, Pimmy, Pipes etc. He picked the ball up in our half, carried it past one challenge, skipped past a second and he's bearing down in their penalty box, he heard the crowd oohing and rising to their feet, noise growing, and then just as he was about to play a through ball, he got hacked down from behind by a SCAA defender. That's when he learned the true meaning of a professional foul. Pipes put the resulting freekick over the bar. So he also learned that he should take those too...
- Returned to play 1st Team after University 2005/06 season under Tony Sealy, won the league, player of the season and shared the golden boot with Jaimes McKee



CAMPION

- Back to the UK for work then back to 1st team in 2010/11. He has a fond memory of getting a MOTM award vs SCAA at Sports Road on a Friday night KO... despite having been at a wine tasting earlier that evening and having to sprint across the road from Wan Chai in order to make it to the changing rooms on time
- Winning the plate at the HKFC Soccer Sevens 2011 and lobbing the keeper in the final
- Getting offered a contract off the back of that performance to go pro for Citizen, Sun Pegasus then SCAA
- He remained on the Soccer Section Committee as Social Secretary that whole time (4 years) and was also the proud head coach of the HKFC youth teams U15 and U16s
- Using the Singapore Tour in 2017 as an excuse for a Four Fox Saké Launch Party with all the HKFC teams at Lulu's Lounge in the Pan Pacific Hotel
- Nine times Master of Ceremonies at the ISF Charity Dinner event

Michael's fondest memories involve countless Wanderers Socials, the enjoyable battles with Albion, and the great camaraderie of the Wanderers in the final few seasons.

Bon Voyage Camp!!!



Happy Valley Playing Fields - early 1990s



THREE DECADES OF INDOOR FOOTBALL

– AND STILL GOING STRONG!

It first began in the late 1980s when a group of mainly expat police HKFC members suggested a bracing game of indoor football early on Friday mornings at 7am for an hour to start off the weekend. Fellow expat police and police civilians were drafted in to make up the numbers and a 'tradition' was born.

Fast-forward some 35 years, and that tradition is still going strong with a few of the original 80s stalwarts still playing in 2022. Indeed, some have planned their entire working careers around, ensuring to be available for Friday morning football.

Times have changed though. Back in the day, teams were divided into skins and shirts. And if you got hit with a hard shot from a white plastic football in skins, then you more than likely ended up with a bruise that took some explaining to your other half. Nowadays, they play in white or coloured shirts and a yellow felt football is a lot less painful.

And the make-up of the teams has changed a lot over the years as well. Whilst there are still a number of serving and retired, expat and local police playing, there is also now a multi-national mix of locals and expats (men and women), old and young who climb out of bed from all parts of Hong Kong and make their way to the Sports Hall for the 7am Friday start.

For many, it's a highlight of the week, and while some younger players see it as 'training' for weekend games, many of the 'oldies' see it as a great way to start a Friday and later finish the working week with a few well-deserved beers after a morning run-out.

Teams of up to 7-a-side are picked by two designated captains and at the end of each game which is always competitive and sometimes 'intense', everybody shakes hands and heads off thinking of goalkeeping blunders, goals scored and more often open goals missed.

Hundreds of players have played over the years, some for a few weeks and some for decades before leaving Hong Kong for home, pastures new or simply because of work or injury. And for many, it has been and is still a great way to meet new friends and start off the end of the week!

AIA BOXING DAY FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL

Monday 26th December 2022

- 09:30 - U10 Boys Junior Challenge Cup
- 10:30 - U12 Boys Junior Challenge Cup
- 11:30 - U12 Girls Junior Challenge Cup
- 12:30 - England vs Scotland Challenge Cup
- 14:30 - U14 Boys All Star Game
- 16:00 - U16 Boys All Star Game



AIA

PLAYER



WOMEN'S PLAYER

Mia Williams

JOINED FIRST TEAM: **2018**
POSITION: **Goalkeeper**

Mia first joined the Women's team as a forward in 2018. However, in 2021, the team was unable to find a goalkeeper, and Mia bravely and confidently stood up to the plate. Having no previous experience, she immediately sought training from goalkeeper coaches at HKFC, namely Gilles Meyer and Ming Tong, and in her debut 2021/22 season, the team achieved their first undefeated season with 3 clean sheets - an absolutely incredible achievement.

Always the life of any party, Mia was the social representative for the team, helping create our team's distinctive, supportive and vibrant culture of unity. She has been sitting as the Social Convenor in the Soccer Section Committee since 2019 and continues to organise the best events for the members of the Section.

Mia says, "It's exciting to start a new season with such a fantastic team, and I feel lucky to be invited back into the goal! The loss in our first match has really driven us to take a hard look at our strategy, and that effort showed in our second match with a 1-1 tie. This motivation is propelling us forward in a very positive direction. Stay tuned!"



WOMEN'S PLAYER

Taylor Fu

JOINED FIRST TEAM: **2022**
POSITION: **Centre Midfield**

A fan favourite among the women's football community in Hong Kong, Taylor is a Hong Kong National Team player who transferred to HKFC in 2022, after playing as a semi-professional at Kitchee for 6 years. She had also previously represented Northern Arizona University in the NCAA Division 1 Women's Soccer League on a sports scholarship, and is currently completing a Masters in Physiotherapy at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Since joining the team, Taylor has immediately gelled with her teammates on and off the pitch. Her strength, movements and skills allow her to control the midfield, and her presence on the pitch is undeniable. Taylor's wealth of footballing experience and approachability is an inspiration to the younger generation of footballers in the team.

Taylor says, "I'm excited to start my first season with the Club alongside my amazing teammates. Looking forward to seeing how far we can get in the league this year."



MEN'S PLAYER

Sheung Choi Wong

JOINED FIRST TEAM: **2022**
POSITION: **Midfield Attacker**
NUMBER: **17**

2022 is Choi's first year with Hong Kong Football Club and also his first year to play in the top tier of Hong Kong Football.

Choi was born in Hong Kong and first began playing football for Kwai Tsing at U15 level and continued through to 21 years old when he transferred to Sun Hei to play First Division in 2016/17. He went on to win his first career title, the First Division Championship and FA Cup winners with Sun Hei. Two years later, he joined Happy Valley, helping them reach the Premier League.

Choi says, "I'm so glad I joined the Club and I'm looking forward to this year in the Premier League. We have some quality players and good coaches, and I believe that the Club will get a good result in this year."



MEN'S PLAYER

Leonardo Peres

JOINED FIRST TEAM: **2021**
POSITION: **Striker**
NUMBER: **26**

Leo is from Brazil and like all Brazilians, he grew up dreaming to play football. He began playing professional football in 2012 at the age of 20 in the south of Brazil. In 2017, he arrived in Hong Kong looking for a new challenge. He played First Division Football for South China AA in 2017 and then for Eastern District between 2018 and 2020.

He joined the HKFC first team in 2021, but unfortunately after only a few matches into the season, the competition was cancelled due to Covid. In typical positive fashion, Leo still enjoyed what he experienced in that first year with the players and the Club who were building something new and exciting.

Leo also spends his time coaching youth teams.

Leo says, "The HKFC is building up the level step by step, and I'm looking forward to working hard and supporting the team with positive performances to maintain HKFC at the highest level. For this current season, we have great expectations after a positive start, and the team spirit is very positive."

PROFILES

TECHNOLOGY IN SOCCER

VEO SPORTS CAM

During the fractured 2021/22 Season, the Soccer Section kicked off an evaluation of technology options to help our coaches and players enhance their development techniques. We undertook a comprehensive assessment of what technology options existed and matched this against our criteria of Functionality, Ease of use, Durability and Cost. There are some fantastic options available to choose from these days and each with their own set of capabilities, strengths and weaknesses.

Ultimately, the Soccer Section selected the VEO SPORTS CAM and associated software packages as we believed that it represented the best fit against our selection criteria. Simply described, the VEO SPORTS CAM is a premium sports camera which can be used across multiple sports codes. It records games and training in high definition from fixed position on the field and is being utilised successfully in 80+ countries worldwide and by 500k coaches and players.

Once set up on its specialised 7.3 metre pole, the waterproof camera, which is controlled by an app on your Android or iOS operated phone, follows the football as the game is played. It has an inbuilt cooling system which ensures that it works well in Hong Kong's hotter months. It also has the ability to live-stream games or training which is something that we can explore further at a later point in time.

Once the match content is recorded, VEO SPORTS CAM uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to analyse the content and to break the game into individual components such as corners, freekicks, goals, goal kicks, yellow cards etc. and allows coaches to add their own breakdowns and highlight reels from games. These highlight reels can be shared individually with players, coaching staff or in a group setting. The highlight reels are generated for individual players for their own personal development or for sharing with potential colleges and universities as they look at scholarship opportunities.

Most of our competitive teams are now actively using the technology on a regular basis:

Nick Day from our Albion team which plays in the Yau Yee League has given us the feedback that the setup is relatively easy and that the breakdown of the footage is fantastic. He has been able to pull together his own personalised highlight reel in around 30 minutes.

Rich Le-Gallez from our Lucky Mile team uses the camera to work on player movement, positive play and just showing what we could have done differently. One of the key benefits is that the players can visualise the coaches' vision of how they want the team to play, i.e. positional play and movement allowing the coaches to help the players correct things if required.

Graeme Lane from our Colts side is a relatively new user of the technology and believes that it is a powerful tool to give feedback to players. Key benefits are

- Being able to show a pictorial representation of players' actions (whether individually or collectively), hence realistic feedback.
- Excellent height/angle to see the play better.
- User-friendly interface to jump quickly to key moments.

Our Ladies' and Men's first teams also extensively utilise the cameras, and we are seeing the benefit of this on the field in the form of results.

Lastly, due to the successful integration of this technology into the Section, the Junior Soccer Programme has also ordered a number of additional VEO SPORTS CAMs to help with their development program. Technology plays an important part in our everyday lives, and we in the Soccer Section are excited about what benefits technology brings to our Section and the Club.



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The 7th BALI HOCKEY FESTIVAL 2022

Lapangan Banteng Seminyak, 17-18 September 2022

ALISTAIR CLARK'S

BALINESE HOCKEY ADVENTURE

After 3 years without travel, a reduction in quarantine down to 3 days persuaded me to look to shores further than Lok Fu for a hockey-related travel adventure. Having heard that Bali has a great festival, a quick search of the Internet found that the 7th Bali Hockey Festival was going to be back up and running after an enforced 3-year absence on 17th and 18th September 2022 at the Lapangan Banteng Stadium in Seminyak. So, after a few keyboard strokes, tickets were purchased and I was ready for the trip!

Teams came together for the Festival from Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, India and Australia, with umpires from all the aforementioned plus a lone Hong Kong representative - me! There were a smattering of Indonesian National Team players, Malaysian U21s and more experienced quality players ensured that the Festival had a decent quality feel to balance the more social teams on show.

But, the almighty Grass the Leveller caressed its magic across the Stadium, ensuring that the teams containing all those internationals didn't manage to take away the spoils, with Isci Babes from Jakarta and Sid's Connection from Malaysia winning the respective ladies' and men's Festival Shields.

Yes, the hockey was great, friendly and competitive, but the Festival itself was professionally organised by a highly capable team led by BHF President Iwan Barata. In addition, the camaraderie after the forced 3-year absence, excellent local food for lunch and plentiful sponsorship supplies by local company Bintang mean that I can't recommend this Festival more highly. Onwards and upwards to Bali Hockey Fest 2023!

After the excellent Festival came to a close, I moved hotels further south to Kuta. After checking in, I took a walk down the Jalan Legian in Kuta. I came across the moving Memorial to all those who sadly passed away in the tragic bombing on 12th October 2002.

HKFC's fallen friends are gone but very much not forgotten.

Walking further down that road, there were many stark reminders of the devastating impact of Covid on a city that relies on tourism for employment. I estimated that over 80% of the restaurants and bars had yet to open or had open to cater to a very limited depth of clientele.

Let's hope that the capacity of the various airlines that used to fly direct to Denpasar from the likes of Hong Kong and Australia quickly return. Hopefully soon more than just me and few hockey players can enjoy the amazing Balinese hospitality and beaches!

BOWLING INTEREST GROUP

HONG KONG INTER CLUB TENPIN BOWLING LEAGUE

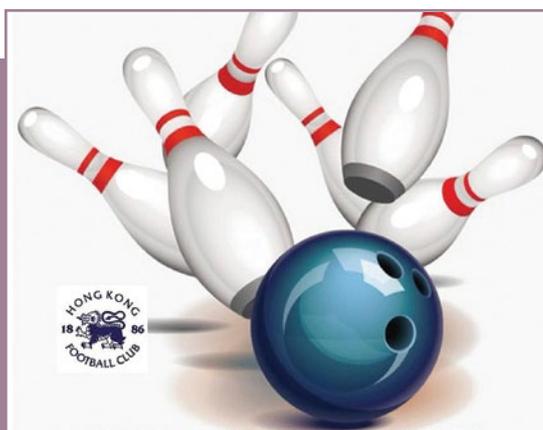
Bowling Interest Group (BIG) had a great start in the Hong Kong Inter Club Tenpin Bowling League ("HKICTB League") for 2022-2023.

On 13th October, BIG played an away game against Hong Kong Cricket Club and scored 18 to 2 on scratch and 14 to 6 on handicap series. On 27th October, BIG played another away game against Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and BIG did it again with 16 to 4 on scratch and 14 to 6 on handicap series. **Adrian Li** achieved a high game of 209 and his high game series of 545. **Emy Clarke** also scored a high game of 183 and her high game series of 529. Congratulations to all players! Let's keep up the spirit for the rest of the season!

It's been absolutely fantastic to see more BIG members joining our regular practice and participating in the HKICTB League. Special thanks to our coach Roy Chan who gives us helpful advice to improve our bowling skills. In addition to coaching us on the bowling alley, he also scheduled a seminar on 14th November for BIG members on "Self-Management in Bowling" so that we can have a deeper understanding on the different aspects of this sport.



HONG KONG INTER CLUB TENPIN BOWLING												
LEAGUE SEASON 2022-23												
HKICTB LEAGUE TEAM STANDINGS												
ROUND	01 November 2022							LEAGUE POINTS TO DATE				
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Total Scratch Points	Total Handicap Points	CLUB TEAM	Avg Points	Position
CLUB TEAM	RHKYC	LRIC	HKCC	KCC	HKC	KTC	HKFC					
A	RHKYC	15.00						15.00	24.00	RHKYC	8.00	8.00
B	LRIC		16.00					16.00	16.00	LRIC	8.33	8.33
C	HKCC			25.00				25.00	32.00	HKCC	8.33	10.67
D	KCC				40.00			40.00	32.00	KCC	13.33	10.67
E	HKC					32.00		32.00	24.00	HKC	16.00	12.00
F	KTC						18.00	18.00	24.00	KTC	8.00	12.00
G	HKFC							34.00	25.00	HKFC	17.00	14.00



BIG Stars of Tomorrow (2022) Tenpin Bowling Youth Team Selection

Date: 10th December, 2022. Time: 3:00pm. Games for selection: 3
 Venue: 1/F HKFC Bowling Alley
 Age: 15-18 (boys & girls - beginners to advance level)
 Registration fee: \$0
 Deadline of Entry: 4th December 2022.
 * Eligibility: HKFC member or HKFC family member
 Registration & Enquiry: email to "hkfc10pinbowling@gmail.com"

BIG STARS OF TOMORROW

TENPIN BOWLING YOUTH TEAM SELECTION

BIG will host our first youth team selection event on 10th December 2022. All HKFC junior members and family members who are aged between 15 to 18, boys and girls, beginners and experienced players, are welcome to participate. Each participant will play 3 games during the selection. Free training will be offered to successful participants who may represent HKFC in future bowling tournaments. Don't miss out! For registration and enquiry, please email: hkfc10pinbowling@gmail.com.

We welcome all Club Members to join BIG. Practice takes place every Thursday evening at 7pm. If you are interested in taking up tenpin bowling as a sport, please come along and join in the fun!

LAWN BOWLS



2022 NATIONAL DAY CUP

The tournament was organised by HKLBA and subvented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. It was held on the 1st and 2nd October. A total of 156 teams of four from 39 Lawn Bowls Clubs took part in the tournament. The games on the first day were played in nine different venues with single round-robin format between 26 groups with 6 teams. The top 48 teams with most accumulated points would qualify in the knockout stage on the 2nd October in Kowloon Bowling Green

Club for the Cup, Plate, Bowl, Knife, Fork and Spoon competitions. The Club was represented by 14 teams with 4 teams reaching the knockout stage: one team played for the Cup and reached the semi-finals; one team played for the Plate and reached the quarter-finals; two teams played for the Bowl with one team reaching the semi-finals and one team winning in the Final. The winning team was the same team which won the Reunification Cup on the 1st July, comprising **Raphael Chan, Josephine Lam, Timothy Or, Rita Shek, Kenny Tam and Mobin Yau.**



Mobin Yau



Raphael Chan



UNVEILING OF MIKE WORTH'S MEMORIAL PLAQUE AND REMEMBRANCE BONSAI TREE

It was a great honour for Mike and myself that on Thursday 6th October, Nick Hunsworth, the President of the Club, officiated at the unveiling of Mike's Memorial Plaque and Remembrance Bonsai tree. They are to be found by the side of the Outdoor Lawn Bowling Green near to the Gazebo.

It was pleasing to see so many members of the General Committee present along with a number of Lawn Bowls Section members. This was to recognise Mike's significant contributions to the Club (as a member of 45 years), as a General Committee member, its Lawn Bowls Section and the Lawn Bowls community throughout Hong Kong and China. From now on, Mike will have his personal "seat" to watch all the games held on our green and as usual, he can cheer and support our bowlers.

Though I am still sad and find it difficult in losing Mike, I must admit that he

had an exceptional life. Thank you very much for the generosity, kindness and thoughtfulness of the President and all members of the General Committee for their appreciation and recognition of Mike's services, efforts, passion and love for the Club and its Lawn Bowls Section by honouring him with a Memorial Plaque and the tree planted for him. He will be well remembered.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the General Manager, his management team and staff for their friendliness, caring and hospitality for looking after Mike and myself for all these years, and that is the reason Mike always felt so cheerful and happy each time he entered his "second" home, the Club!!

Stephanie Worth



THE 7TH JAPAN INTERNATIONAL OPEN LAWN BOWLS TOURNAMENT

The tournament was held between 28th and 30th October in Kobe. Congratulations to our Section bowlers **Phoebe Ho** and **Stephen SY** who represented Hong Kong in the Hong Kong B team and reached the Final of the mixed triples tournament. Unfortunately, their team was second to one of the host teams Sakura.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF YOUTH RUGBY

YOUTH RUGBY

The new season is now in full swing and we have Festivals for Junior Youth and competitions for Senior Youth. It is good to see energy and determination on the pitch at training and in competitive rugby.

USRC Tigerfest

The first Festival of this season was hosted by USRC at King's Park on 30th October. All Junior Youth age groups from U6 to U11 competed.

Kim Lam Cup and Richard Hawkes Trophy

The same day our U12G and U12 commenced their campaigns to bring home the silverware.

Senior Youth Competitions

The results of our teams in these competitions will be reported in the weekly Section News.

MUMS AS COACHES

We still need you for the U5 year group and up. We will provide education and training for volunteers.

If you are interested, please let your child's Head Coach / Team Manager, or me, know of your interest. We particularly want to see mums of daughters getting involved.

To coin a phrase: "Ask not what your Club can do for you – ask what you can do for your Club!"

CANTONESE SPEAKING COACHES

We need you! Whether mums or dads, whether of daughters or sons, we need your language ability to help with our multi-cultural community. Please let your child's Head Coach / Team Manager, or me, know of your interest to help.

CALLING FOR MORE REGISTRANTS!

Please spread the word, at schools, offices, residential blocks, wherever, that we have opened registration. We are happy to run a trial session (i.e. joining a training session without commitment) for those for whom rugby is new and unfamiliar.

So please go out and "bang the drum".

Denis Brock
Chairman, HKFC Youth Rugby



HKFC U12G KIM LAM CUP

ROUND 1

A strong performance by our U12 Girls in the first round of the Kim Lam Cup at Sandy Bay. Our FC1 girls had a solid schedule against the first tier teams in Hong Kong: HKU Sandy Bay, DB Pirates, Valley Fort and USRC Tigers. The FC1 squad started the day with a match against HKU, with Club dominating the contact in both tackles and rucks with a 7-0 win. Strong contribution by **Amika Potgieter** and **Jessica Cowan** on attack and defensive tackling by **Amy Yu**. Next, FC1 went up against a stronger DB Pirates side, yet continued to dominate, with a beautiful run up the wing by **Cara Riddell** helping to win the match with a 4-0 victory. Next, our girls went up against perennial rival Valley Fort who posed a tougher challenge. Valley gave our girls a proper run in a scrappy match where Club conceded its first points. Strong performance with tries by **Jessica Cowan**, **Amika Potgieter** and newcomer **Emily Pomana** who made a full pitch run for a try, allowed Club to come out on top with a 5-1 win over Valley. Good support play by **Lauren Loo** and defence by **Valentina Walters** contributed to the win.

In their final match, our Club girls went up against a big and strong USRC/SKS - clearly slated to be our biggest rival for the season. FC1 drew first blood, with a hard-fought run up the wing by **Liv Bannon** with a perfectly timed offload to **Caroline Lindsay** who scored a try on the wing. Not to be outdone, USRC answered with their own try, tying the match 1-1. Next in a beautiful demonstration of proper rugby, **Amika Potgieter** ran the ball up the middle before offloading to **Amy Yu** who gained more ground, before making a well-timed pass to **Danielle Leung** who shot like a missile to the wing for a try, tying the game at 2 all. In a ferocious battle between two strong teams, **Emily Pomana** made a break from the back of the scrum, smashing up the middle through heavy Tiger defence before side-stepping across the try line to win the match for Club with a 3-2 victory. FC1 finished the day undefeated with a 4-0-0 record to place 1st in the Cup Pool. A solid first start and foundation from which to build for our U12 Girls team. Great job girls!

Allen Schoonmaker



HKFC junior youth descended en masse to King's Park on 30th October as USRC Tigers hosted Tigerfest. This was the first junior youth rugby festival of the season, and for many of our players, their first opportunity to represent the Club in a competitive environment.



From U6 through to U11, there were 33 HKFC teams entered, and while Club ended the day with a very strong winning record, the main takeaway for coaches and parents alike were the priceless smiles of our players and the experience of the day. We look forward to more festivals throughout the season!

U6

HKFC U6s sent 6 teams to take part in Tigerfest. Our players (and parents too) had heaps of fun! They also won new friendships with players from other clubs, not to mention the bouncy castle and other game booths. All our 6 teams managed to win the majority of their games, with one team winning all 4! Good work everyone!



U7

HKFC U7s entered 7 teams at Tigerfest, making it the largest representation of any club or age group, and the kids made sure to make themselves noticed! For the majority of players (and coaches), this was their first taste of festival rugby, and the excitement was palpable at the prospect of playing for HKFC!

At Sports Road through October, U7s had been building towards match practice in training, and it didn't take long for the lessons learnt to pay off as U7s finished the day with a record of 20 wins, 5 draws and 3 losses across the 7 groups, with all teams ending the day with a winning record. While there were superstars all across the park, what was really pleasing was the maturity of the rugby on display – the kids demonstrating a discipline and focus beyond their years as the strength of their rugby fundamentals came through in the match situation.

While I lost track of the number of tries scored, Tigerfest itself was a testament to the spirit of the rugby community in Hong Kong as games were played in a positive spirit with smiles, celebration and sportsmanship. Given so much disruption from Covid, Tigerfest would be a cherished memory for all the players, coaches and parents, and we look forward to upcoming festivals later in the season.



U8

The HKFC U8s submitted four teams for their first ever visit to King's Park – one team from each of our three training squads (Avengers, Incredibles and Titans) and a fourth combined team (Marvels) with players from all squads. Although only their third ever festival since starting in U5, the four teams acquitted themselves brilliantly and made both their coaches, their parents and hopefully also themselves proud!

The Avengers, led by coach **Alex**, started strong with a win against Police, but some fast play by rivals Sandy Bay meant a draw in the next match. Not to be deterred, they bounced back with a win against Sai Kung Stingrays before finally drawing against Valley Fort.

Our girls' squad the Incredibles, led by coach **David**, came out the gate fighting with comfortable wins over both Sai Kung and Sandy Bay. Unfortunately a strong Valley side and some perhaps questionable interpretation of the rules by the referee in the next game resulted in a slim defeat, but the girls bounced back to draw in their final match with Tuen Mun.

Led by coach **Scott**, the Titans, like their namesakes, played some mighty rugby with four out of four wins against Tai Po, Discovery Bay, a hard and close fought match against Valley, and finally a game against Sai Kung that almost went down to the wire before a last-minute try secured the win.

Finally the Marvels, guided by our pro coach **Zoe**, started slowly with a loss to Monkeys, but banded together for the next match to win again Tin Shui Wai. A hard-fought match against Shatin was next and, despite best efforts, the win slipped away.



Not to be disheartened, the team came storming back for a 4-0 win in their final match against Tai Hang Tung.

Overall, from 16 matches, we had 10 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses – a fantastic result considering just how little game time the kids have had (and how much training time has been lost) over the last 3 years. The result not only reflects the passion and enthusiasm of the U8s, but also the hard work put in by our volunteer coaches and the support of the Mums and Dads on the sidelines! I hope I speak for all when I say that I am excited to see what these kids can do in the future!

U9 BOYS

HKFC U9 Boys took to the road for a fabulous morning of sunshine and rugby at King's Park in what was their first festival of contact rugby.

A total of five teams in the age group lined out for Club, playing 20 matches with 14 wins, 5 losses and one draw aided along the way by free flowing orange slices and Halloween candy.

Under a diverse set of coaches, the boys played what might best be described as a fusion form of rugby with a mix of South African tenacity, Australian ambition, Hong Kong know-how and a touch of French flair to name just some of the influences at play.

Especially impressive was the boys' progress in all contact aspects of the game. They showed solid technique in their tackling and a good ability to ship contact without being intimidated. Both the boys and coaches have been working hard on this aspect of their game, and it showed throughout. It's worth remembering that most of this group hadn't played contact until they gathered as a group in September.

A special mention in dispatches must go to the U9 development squad, a mix of young players who recently joined the Club and are in the process of bedding in with the wider group. These boys are very welcome and show great potential. We also thank all parents for their ongoing support.

There is of course plenty more work to be done, and the boys will buckle down with their coaches and move into the next development stage.

But as fun and festivals go, there was nothing to beat the sights and sounds of laughter as U9 Boys flew the Club colours high.



U10 BOYS

HKFC U10 Boys started Sunday's Tigerfest in style with all 4 teams registering wins to kick us off. HKFC1 proceeded to play to the game plan with strong runners dragging in defenders and opening up space on the field to run in tries. What was most impressive was the defence, with an aggressive team defence holding back tries for most of the day. Indeed, it proved hard for the opposition to even get over the gain line. With 2 bloodied noses in the first game showing how hard the whole team were defending and attacking. The one try that HKFC1 leaked in the last game just showed how hard the players were defending as everyone was disappointed at that. That's right. The team were upset they leaked 1 try all afternoon! A great and deserved unbeaten day for the HKFC1.

HKFC2 played well throughout and were unfortunate to draw 1 of their 4 games with some great running. HKFC3 and 4 were hit by some late withdrawals and helped each other out to get enough players on the field for each game. Both teams coming out with equal wins and losses.



U11 BOYS FC1

FC1 quickly imposed themselves on the opposition in their division at Tigerfest. They overcame Discovery Bay Pirates, then Shatin Shapei and finally the hosts, USCR Tigers, all by comfortable margins. Tries came rapidly and were plentiful; with practically every player crossing the line. A good afternoon was had by FC1.



U10 GIRLS

A beautifully warm and dry Sunday, 30th October saw the annual Tigerfest kids rugby festival take place again, with an impressively strong turnout from the U9 and U10 Girls' teams. There was a great atmosphere at the King's Park ground, with everyone enjoying the chance to be out.

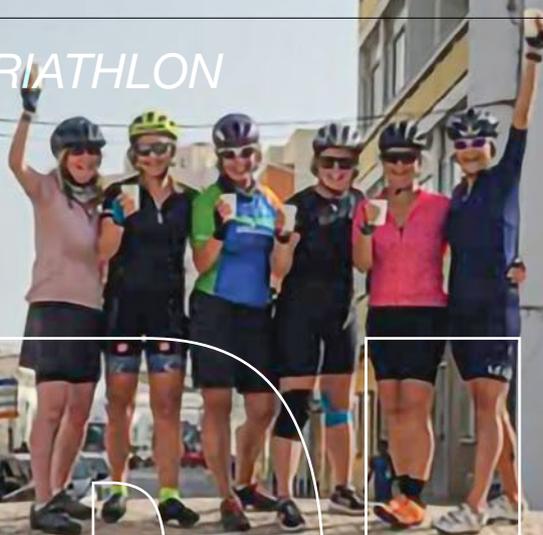
HKFC fielded a total of three teams for the age group, showing the breadth of participation across U9 and U10 groups. The turnout is testament to the hard work from the volunteer coaches who have been with this group over the years.

Our teams saw a total of 6W, 1D and 1L in the two A stream teams and 1W, 1D and 2L in the B stream. Special mentions go to FC2 captain **Rivera Savio** who led FC2 around the park well, twins **Abbie** and **Chloe Fulton** who dominated for FC1 and newcomer **Esme Zhou** who scored a number of tries for FC3! The festival saw a total of 37 HKFC players across these teams take part, some of whom had never picked up a ball before the season kicked off a few months ago. Both existing and newer players are hugely welcome, and we thank all parents and coaches for their ongoing support for the teams.

Our attacking play was the highlight of the day for our teams, with so many of our players keen to pick up the ball and run at the opposition. The energy and spirit was also high, including from the coaches and parents on the sidelines. We saw the grit and determination on the faces of the players in both attack and defence. This season is the first where the U9 group are doing a full tackle, as well as scrums being introduced. So a lot to learn and a lot to take in over a short period.

We won't be stopping there. The focus over the coming weeks will be on strengthening our tackling, with the transition from the tap to the full tackle still a work in process.





JESSICA MCCARROLL'S EPIC 738KM BIKE RIDE

Former Captain of the Swimming & Triathlon Society, together with her friends, rode the most iconic routes in Portugal. Her love for swimming, running, triathlons and adventure took her to explore one of the longest continuous bike routes in the world. A challenging and tough ride explained so beautifully by Jessica.



DAY
8

The Finish!

FARO

THE N2 ROUTE

The N2 in Portugal is the longest continuous road in the country and one of the longest roads in the world. A mythical and historical route, at 738km and with 10,000m of elevation gain, the famous N2 cycle route commences in the North of the country in Chaves and extends through the central region to Faro in the far South. Historically, the N2 was Portugal's main North-South connection. However over the years, larger highways and tollways have replaced this now quiet road. Similar in nature to America's Route 66, its 738 kilometres snake through an ever-changing landscape of mountains, plains, forests, cork oak plantations, vineyards, rocky highlands, verdant valleys and vast reservoirs.

THE TEAM

Led by HKFC Exiles and two of the Society's founding members **Claire Darke** and **Jacqui Saffery**, our group of six included former Hong Kong accomplished triathlete Julia Surman, two friends from the UK who recently completed Land's End to John O'Groats, and myself.

THE START

Our tour started in Chaves - next to the shores of Tâmega river and only a few kilometres away from Spain. This beautiful little spa town has a charming historical centre with medieval buildings surrounding the castle area. The much-photographed KM 0 milestone is on a roundabout just across the Roman bridge. The first day was a comfortable 90km ride. 15km into the journey, we briefly visited Vidago Palace, Portugal's "Downton Abbey", to imbibe its therapeutic waters. The spectacular ride into the Douro wine valley culminated in a wine tasting and overnight stop in Peso da Regua.

STORMY CLOUDS

With storm clouds on the horizon, Day 2 was the first of our climbing days. The 30km ascent out of the Douro valley to Bigorne at 987m altitude was the longest and most demanding of the tour. The temperature drop to 9°C added to the challenge. After soup at the top, the long 56km winding descent, outrunning the inclement weather into Visau, was simply awesome.

SHELTERED BY CAFES

On Day 3, the weather caught up with us. Thankfully that section of the tour was on a cycle track dotted with several cafes where we intermittently sheltered from the horizontal rain. Still needing to get 100km under our belts, we meandered through the stunning Mondego river valley, ending at Vila Nova de Poiares in the Coimbra region, which is well-known for chanfana, a rich stew of goat and red wine.

PICTURE-PERFECT

Probably one of the most stunning cycling days dotted with successive climbs and descents, Day 4 was a blue-sky day starting at the picture-perfect town of Gois, along the Ceira River, through the mountains and into Serta, famous for its beer festival at the beginning of September. Our abode for the night was the spectacular Convento da Serta, a former convent converted into a boutique hotel.

STEEPEST CLIMB

Our beauty rest was needed for Day 5. The steepest climb faced us 20km outside of Serta where 10-20% inclines got us up to the Geodesic Centre of Portugal. The views were well worth the effort. Descending into the southern part of our tour, temperatures started to climb, and those of us accustomed to Hong Kong autumns began to feel at home. The fact that a cafe would appear just as we needed a drink or a coffee made the journey more delightful. The 108km ride was the longest of the tour, ending at the Montargil Dam.

CULTURAL JOURNEYS

Day 6's 100km took us through the cork oak zone of the mildly hilly Alentejo region, along the cowbell centre of the country and into Torrao where we engaged in a bit of retail therapy when we stumbled upon a renowned ceramicist of the village. The penultimate day, Day 7, was a rather hot 90km journey to Almodovar, a charming village with some outstanding restaurants.

AMAZING TOUR

Finally, on Day 8 through the Algarve to Faro was probably the least interesting but was the conclusion of an amazing tour. Treating ourselves to a long lunch near Estoi, we descended into the city for the final photograph at N2 KM 738.



DAY 1 The team pre-wine-tasting in the Douro



DAY 3 Cafe hopping



DAY 4 Gois



Elevation Gain 1,172 m

DAY 5 Certa to Montargil. Climb to the Geodesic Centre of Portugal.



DAY 5 At the Geodesic Dome of Portugal

SWIMMING AND TRIATHLON



CAITRIONA JENNINGS 50KM CHAMPION

The course was a 5km loop (10 times) which is typical for a championship race. Although it had only been 6 weeks since she finished 3rd in the World 100km Championships in Berlin, she felt that she had recovered reasonably well and decided to race. After having a target time in mind, it became clear however, after running the course on Friday morning before the race, that times would be irrelevant during the race. It would be a true tactical race with almost 2,200ft of elevation gain over the 50km distance. That suited her well as the field was stacked with girls boasting blistering marathon times. She decided to stay relaxed and feel out the race – 3 girls (from Great Britain, Romania and Czech Republic) went out hard from the gun, but she found herself in a solid group of 8 girls and working together, gradually closing the gap on the leaders. Although earlier than planned, on the 6th lap, it felt like the right time to make a move, and she cleared the group of 8. Keeping pace with another competitor, they continued to work together, passing the leader on the road and 2km into the 8th lap. By the end of the 9th lap, she had opened a comfortable gap and knew that she was in control. Although it was definitely not a course for records, passing by the timing clock at 45km, she realised that if she ran a sub 20 minute 5km for the last lap, she'd break the Irish record. Running past the country tents and collecting the tricolour from her brother-in-law who had travelled to the race with his fiancé and her mother-in-law was incredibly special. She rounded the corner to see the finish line and ran through a wall of cheering and applause to break the tape as European Champion. What an incredible feeling to be the first European 50km Champion and set a new Irish record in so doing.

PENG CHAU CHALLENGE

5.5KM, 3.4KM AND 1.7KM

Four of the HKFC Swimming and Triathlon Society representatives raced at the Peng Chau Challenge on Sunday, 9th October 2022. There were 3 race categories available. 5.5km, 3.4km and 1.7km. Our 3 male competitors **Matthieu Maury**, **Simon Brewster** and **Rupert Puels** completed the around the island 5.5km swim, and our female competitor **Begum Demiral** completed the 3.4km swim.

It was a tough race against the current for most of the way and in hot conditions. It was a very respectable field of swimmers, and we were delighted with the results. Matthieu Maury placed 3rd overall in a time of 1:20.22 while Simon Brewster placed 10th and 3rd in his respective age group in a time of 1:35.09. Rupert Puels 1:49.17 and Begum 1:56.59 both placed 6th in their respective age groups. It was another of Hong Kong's great swims, and there was a lot of camaraderie before and after the event between all the competitors. I am sure we will be back again next year to take more podium positions.



Members and kids came together to have some friendly races. With great weather and cheering crowds, the swim gala was particularly enjoyed by our young friends. With a lot of fun, medals and podium finishes, the kids have already set their sights on the next swim gala.



SWIMMING AND TRIATHLON

HKFC SWIM GALA OCTOBER 2022

VASCO, JUDY AND BEGUM SHINE AT HONG KONG TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

香港三項鐵人錦標賽
HONG KONG TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

On 16th October 2022, the Hong Kong Triathlon Championships took place at Plover Cove. S&TS members participated in Challenge distance comprising 1.5k swim, 40k bike and 13k run.

Vasco van der Flier finished the Challenge course in 2:32:55, taking 2nd in his AG (40-44). **Judy Stevenson** finished in 3:55:20, also taking 2nd in her AG (55-59). **Begum Demiral** finished in 4:17:32, taking 5th in her AG (40-44). Congratulations to all the athletes.

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HKFC GOLF SOCIETY VS.
THE AMERICAN CLUB
HONG KONG GOLF SOCIETY



The gloating Americans!

Kau Sai Chau South Course
Thursday, 29th September 2022

The Ryder Bowl is an annual fixture first played in 2003 and is usually played over a weekend at Lotus Hill Golf Resort in Panyu. Given the quarantine restrictions on both sides of the border and the scarcity of local golf course bookings, both Captains, for the third year in a row again, agreed to play the fixture on a single day in Hong Kong at Kai Sai Chau GC.

The Americans got a 6-0 thumping last year to make it a hat-trick of Club wins, so they were licking their lips to make amends. If we could win, that would make it 10 wins to 9, plus 1 draw - plenty at stake. An overnight injury to one of their team could have weakened their strong line-up, but there is a good bond between the teams, and a late replacement was allowed.

Heavy rain en route to Sai Kung meant the match was in jeopardy. Thankfully, the darkness passed by the time we got

to pull on our new silver match shirts for the driving range where the strong wind had calmed down too. The rain meant the greens softened and with lift, clean and place rules on the fairway, these were good conditions for low scores, particularly on this short course.

Our lead pairing of big hitting Aussies **Tom McColl** and **Darren McEntee** were up against their new Captain Andy Ho and Darian Yip. The enthusiasm of the Americans on the driving range was carried onto the course and, in a nip-and-tuck affair, went to the 18th hole. Unfortunately, this time they won 1 up.

That was followed by a 4 and 3 victory by ex-Captain Nick Lock and Bobby Ho over stalwarts **Jonny Brock** and **Graeme Brechin**. Nick's hybrids were dynamite, and Bobby was an able accomplice, especially around the greens. Jonny couldn't get the Driver working again (quote: "the South Course is a disadvantage for big hitters") and Graeme played a few over his handicap. HKFC now 2 matches down.

Bill King and **Andy Ho** (yes, well spotted, there were two Andy Ho's!) ham and egged to great effect in their match against Anton Eilers and Wilson Chu. With 3 holes to go, they were 2 up and looking good for a pivotal win. However, their opponents played their best golf for a grand comeback, winning three straight holes in

stunning fashion for a 1 up. Therefore, we were now 3 played and 3 down overall. As holders, the trophy would be retained by winning the last three games.

Our next pairing of Captain **Andrew Wood** and **Shane Burgess** (on debut) were aware of the precarious match status due to the 'live' Golf Genius Mobile Scoring and we were often reminded by our gentlemanly opponents Jeff Chen and Richard Lo. The Club pair got off to a flyer, going 2 up after 2 holes. Using their strokes given, the Americans clawed back to 1 up at the turn. They maintained that slender lead until their shots ran out on the 15th hole, with a win to the good guys making it A/S. Something had to give. Andrew and Jeff both hit the tricky par-three 16th green. Andrew rolled in a 36-foot birdie down the hill to a huge roar, which rattled our opponents into missing a much shorter clutch putt to go 1 up. The final two holes were halved to see us win our first point and keep the match alive.

Terry Wright and **Helen Hayward** were spotted all smiles on the 15th fairway even though they were 1 down in their match against Camilla Zheng and Henry Hon. Reminded of their need to win their game in the overall context of the match, they came home strongly but, alas, could only halve, meaning the match was lost.

The anchor match and dead rubber brought together current Club Champ **Marco Jorge** and **Kien Ng** up against

Club showing a stiff upper lip





The two Andy Ho's

Chris Cahill and Henry Yu. Marco was swatting it casually 265 yards down the fairway with little effort, and Kien was using his short game accuracy and strokes given to great effect. They nullified the opposition to win comfortably 5 and 4 to make the overall contest as tight as it could be.

Therefore, a narrow 3 1/2 / 2 1/2 loss meant the famous and rather large Ryder Bowl went back to Tai Tam and into our worthy foes' trophy cabinet for at least a year and the Captains unbeaten streak now gone.

We look forward to playing against our old adversaries next year, hopefully back on the mainland over a weekend.

Everyone stayed on for a very social beer and a bite in the clubhouse, with the odd cigar for those inclined. Always good banter with our friends from across the pond and much bon homme.

Andrew Wood

NEAREST TO THE PIN

Hole 2  **Helen Hayward**

Hole 5 **Henry Yu**

Hole 11 **Andy Ho (American)**

Hole 16 **Jeff Chen**

LONGEST DRIVE - HOLE 14

 **Jonny Brock**
(the only good one he hit all day!)



Kau Sai Chau South Course
Saturday, 8th October 2022

For our 8th October event, we headed to the South Course at Kau Sai Chau. We were able to secure a Saturday slot, which made this a little different from the usual golf days. As a result, it was great to see some new faces who would normally be unable to attend the golfing days due to work and personal commitments during the week.

For this event, the majority of the players were evenly matched. I teed off first in the stableford tournament along with **Greg Medhurst, Craig Tuckerman** and **Adrian Long** in my four-ball group. Adrian had not played with the Society in a while and had not renewed his GHIN in a long time, so he was playing a round of social golf for this event. It was a good thing he was because his drive found the left bushes and he proceeded to give himself a breakfast ball off the first tee. He continued to ask for a few gimmies despite the fact that the hole was clearly still some distance away. Adrian must have developed some bad habits after being away from the Society for so long!

In general, it was a fantastic day out, with sun was out, drinks were flowing, golf and great company, as well as the delightful scenic views of Kau Sai Chau. What more could you ask for on a Saturday?

It ended up being a close competition, with four players scoring the day's highest score of 32 points. In such case when there is a draw, the best back nine score will be used to determine the winner. Craig Tuckerman took first place by scoring 20 points on the back nine, while the other three players each scored 17 points on the back nine. To determine second and third places, we went through each hole on the score sheets in reverse order, starting with the last hole.

John Thompson finished second after scoring the most points on the final hole, and **William Chan** finished third.

Congratulations to all winners.

William Chan

NEAREST TO THE PIN

Hole 2  **Adrian Long**

Hole 5  **Fredrik Atting**

Hole 10  **Adrian Long**

Hole 11  **Chris Burley**

Hole 16  **Martin Wright**

LONGEST DRIVE - HOLE 17

Men's  **Tak Keung Yuen**

Ladies'  **Helen Hayward**

STABLEFORD COMPETITION

1st place  **Craig Tuckerman**

2nd place  **John Thompson**

3rd place  **William Chan**



A great sunny day greeted the golfers of both Societies as they arrived at Kau Sai Chau. The breeze was fresh as the golfers stood on the first tee, delivering comfort temperature wise to the golfers but also ensuring any stray shots would be punished by the unforgiving East Course layout. Recently cored greens ensured no putt was certain until it dropped.

HKFC GOLF SOCIETY

HK CRICKET CLUB

Kau Sai Chau East Course
Thursday, 6th October 2022



First match saw the 2 captains **Terry Wright** and **Kingsley Kelly** accompanied by 2 very capable Lady golfers. The accurate **Jenny Chapman** for HKFC and the big hitting **Aisling Keane** for HKCC. Terry and Jenny started slow and were down 2 holes but managed to pull back to all square at the turn. Aisling then started to hit her straps on the back nine, driving the green on the par-four 14th hole. Even though the HKFC pair clawed it back to 1 down on the 15th with a fabulous near pin from Jenny, another booming drive by Aisling on the par-five 16th hole left her a mere 115yd 2nd shot to the green and reinforced the difficulty of the task. 2 down again and prize-winning long drives for the HKCC pair in both the Mens' and Ladies' categories on the next hole ensured the fate of Terry and Jenny who, despite managing to halve the hole a 2 and 1 loss, was suffered.

Marco Jorge and **Eric Desgouttes** started competitively against HKCC's Neal Goldman and Kenny Wong, but strong play and a regular stream of pars with the odd birdie thrown in particularly from Neal saw the HKFC pair slipping behind after the turn. HKFC were 3 down on the 16th hole where Neal nailed another birdie that sealed a 4 and 2 win to Cricket Club.

The seasoned **Jonny Brock** accompanied relative newcomer **Shane Burgess** for HKFC in the next match.

Things looked promising when they went up early against Jeremy Platts and Matt Davies. Unfortunately an unexpected dip in form saw the HKFC pair lose 5 holes in a row around the turn, and they never recovered from this setback, eventually going down to the Cricket Club pair 5 and 3.

Things were looking pretty grim here at this stage with Cricket Club winning the first 3 matches. The next match saw the Cricket Club fielding the husband and wife pairing of Lorenz and Musetta Zimmermann against HKFC's **Helen Hayward** and **Matthew Keefe**. The first nine holes saw a bit of give and take with neither side dominating, but come the turn, Helen obviously decided enough was enough. Playing stellar golf and shooting even par after the 10th hole, she ran away with this contest, earning HKFC its first point with partner Matt in a 3 and 1 victory.

Almost as if Cricket Club sensed a wee comeback, starting their pairing of Tim Mann and Tim Chillington squashed any thoughts of that with a very convincing 6 and 4 demolition of HKFCs debutant **Oliver Baijings** and his partner **Phil Head**.

The final match saw **Justin Faulkner** and **Darren McEntee** up against Cricket Club's Chris Scoular and Paola Sbuttoni. This was a much tighter match with the HKFC pair trailing but still in the match until late in the contest

where on the 17th hole, a sensational chip from 30 metres in the rough pulled up within 40cm of the hole and extinguished any hopes the HKFC pair held of taking this match. A 2 and 1 win to Cricket Club and when asked the question, the HKFC pair simply responded, "Paola did all the damage."

A convincing victory to HK Cricket Club and the trophy is heading up the hill in Happy Valley to spend the next year in their trophy cabinet.

NEAREST TO THE PIN

Kenny Wong
Tim Chillington
Neal Goldman
Justin Faulkner
Jenny Chapman



LONGEST DRIVE

Men's Kingsley Kelly
Ladies' Aisling Keane

MEN'S AND LADIES' CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

Hong Kong Golf Club Eden Course
Monday, 17th October 2022



One of the most important events of the Golf Society calendar is the Club Championships. Members with the lowest handicaps who apply are chosen to compete for the title of HKFC Golf Society Club Champion 2022. The lowest gross scores for men and women would be necessary to win this prestigious title. Despite the fact that the competition began at the dawn of Typhoon Nesat, we had a full complement of 24 members competing this year. At 10am, our first tee time, the winds began to shift. T3 warning was issued at 11:30am, but this did not deter the golfers who were already committed. Surprisingly, there was no rain, but the winds had picked up and were blowing in all directions. The greens on the day were particularly painful, and any slight overhit or misjudgment would send your ball flying along the grain and 10 feet past the hole, which happened to me quite frequently and I'm sure I wasn't the only one. So, the day was definitely a challenge, and it would have been extremely difficult for anyone to shoot a low score. We had the defending 2021 champions **Marco Jorge** (Men's) and **Haj Wilcox** (Ladies') competing.

There were 5 golfers competing for the Ladies' Club Champion and 19 golfers competing for the Men's Club Champion.

Terry Wright, along with the defending 2021 club champion **Marco Jorge**, **Jonny Brock**, and **Henry Lai**, were among the first group to start things off. As the event organiser, I joined the last group having the highest handicap for the men's. **Michael Haynes**, who was in my four-ball, walked the entire course as a form of exercise. Maybe I should have taken a leaf out of his book for my next round. Key word here is maybe! When I finished my round and joined the rest of the members at the Veranda,

we only had enough time to tally up the scores and congratulate the winners before the rain came down, just in time for the 4:30pm bus back to the HKFC for more celebratory drinks!

So, without further ado, the 2022 HKFC GS Club Championship results are:

Terry Wright is crowned Men's Club Champion after scoring an impressive 74! As previously mentioned, the conditions on that day were difficult with T3 hoisted and winds blowing from all directions, so Terry's four birdies and nine pars are really quite impressive, especially recording a 93 at his home course the day before! Terry has won the Club Champion three times, each time exactly five years apart; let's hope it's not another five years, Terry! Defending champion Marco Jorge finished with a respectable 86, also sinking four birdies.

Haj Wilcox is the 2022 Ladies' Club Champion with a score of 92, just pipping **Jenny Chapman's** 93 by a single stroke. Haj has won back-to-back Club championships in 2021 and 2022; could she accomplish a treble next year? Only twelve months to find out!

Full results for first, second and third place, as well as the winners of the nearest to the pin and longest drive, are shown on the right.

Congratulations to everyone who won, especially the 2022 Club Champions Terry Wright and Haj Wilcox.

The awards were presented at the Hong Kong Golf Club, and the 19th hole was back at the Sportsman's. It all became a little hazy pretty quickly, so it would be a good time for me to end this article here.

May The Force Be With You

CLUB CHAMPS - MEN'S

1st place		Terry Wright 74 Total Gross
2nd place		Henry Ka Kin Lai 81 Total Gross
3rd place		Justin Faulkner 81 Total Gross

CLUB CHAMPS - LADIES'

1st place		Haj Wilcox 92 Total Gross
2nd place		Jennifer Gaye Chapman 93 Total Gross
3rd place		Helen Hayward 96 Total Gross

NEAREST TO THE PIN

Hole 2		Oliver Watt
Hole 5		Terry Wright
Hole 9 (Par 4 2nd Shot)		Terry Wright
Hole 10		Andrew Wood
Hole 12		Shane Burgess
Hole 15		Jonny Brock
Hole 17		Oliver Watt

LONGEST DRIVE - HOLE 7 - FEARSOME

Men's		Jonny Brock
Ladies'		Haj Wilcox

TENNIS

HKFC JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

Our junior tennis players participated in the annual HKFC Junior Club Championships 2022 over the weekend of 21st and 22nd October. With some new faces joining the Championships and adding to the draws, we had some fantastic tennis.

Our young up-and-coming players took it to the older stronger players with some crafty consistent play. **Jack Cooper** went undefeated throughout the weekend, holding off a new member **Isaac Chan** in the final of the Open Boys' Singles. Two up-and-coming players **Shiv Mohan** and **Declan Lo** had a great weekend in the Closed Singles, Closed Doubles, and Open Doubles, taking up plenty of silverware.

It was a great weekend of tennis, and the future of tennis at HKFC is looking bright.

Congrats to all the players and thank you to the parents for your patience throughout the weekend.



OPEN JUNIOR SINGLES



WINNER
Jack Cooper



RUNNER UP
Isaac Chan

OPEN JUNIOR DOUBLES



WINNERS
Jack Cooper and Antonio Lee



RUNNER UP
Shiv Mohan and Declan Lo

CLOSED JUNIOR SINGLES



WINNER
Shiv Mohan



RUNNER UP
Declan Lo

CLOSED JUNIOR DOUBLES



WINNERS
Shiv Mohan and Declan Lo



RUNNER UP
Jake Long and Andrea Riccio

GREEN BALL SINGLES



WINNER
Bella Kavanagh



RUNNER UP
Addie Kavanagh

PINK RIBBON TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2022

HKFC's A+ players **Samantha Ho** and **Mario Riccio** took LRC by storm and won the Pink Ribbon Mixed Doubles Tournament on Saturday 15th October. It was a fantastic event, and all proceeds raised went to the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation. Well done both!



ITF WORLD TENNIS MASTERS TOURNAMENT

國際先進網球公開賽

Hong Kong ITF Master National Tournament

The Masters Tournament was held in Victoria Park from 22nd to 29th October 2022.

Nathan Booth and **Toby Clark** entered the Over 40s Mens Doubles and the Over 35s Mens Doubles. They won the 40s Mens Doubles and were Runner-ups in the 35s Mens Doubles.



Mario Riccio entered the 40 and Over Singles making the Semi-final, going down to the eventual winner. He also entered the 35 Mens Doubles, losing to fellow HKFC team mates **Nathan Booth** and **Toby Clark** in the Semi-final.



Jaff Lo also battled it out in 55 Mens Doubles, going down to a full-time Traveling Player.

All players put in a huge effort and are looking forward to next year's ITF tournament.



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NETBALL

MESSAGE FROM
CHAIRWOMAN

HKFC Netball DSA is ecstatic to welcome all returning and new players back to a new season after an unintended extended summer break. This year, we are fielding 5 competitive teams in the senior ladies'

league. And at the time of writing, 4 weeks of matches have been played, with 3 of our teams sitting at the top of the table.

The committee welcomes 2 new joiners; **Clementine David**, Kit and Equipment Convenor, temporarily covering for **Simone Maclay** who has welcomed a new bundle of joy! And **Courtney Smallwood**, Membership Officer.

We are especially proud to share 6 senior players from the Club who have been selected to represent Hong Kong U21 training squad; **Bridie Benfield** (Whirlies), **Emily Lau** (Whirlies), **Janet Lee** (Whirlies), **Megan Lui** (Whirlies), **Maia McGunnigle** (Hurricanes) and **Nori Law** (Hurricanes). This is a huge testament to our junior programme, led by **Rebecca Thompson**, where the girls had been coached and honed their skills. We look forward to seeing where they go. Well done!



HKFC players selected for Hong Kong U21 HK Squad

Natacha Cuvelier

2022-2023 HKFC
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MATCH
REPORTSCLUB VS
KOWLOON CRYSTALS

Monday, 10th October 2022
HKFC

After a disappointing loss last week to Valley Panthers, HKFC's top team had a convincing win against Kowloon Crystals this week. With a full squad in attendance this time (for the exception of **Shirley Yuen** who injured her ankle during the Asian Championships playing for the Hong Kong National Team), Club started out strong and finished the first quarter with an impressive score of 16-3. Coach **Kath Ellis** got all players on court and involved in the victory. Defenders **Courtney Smallwood**, **Hayley Smith** and **Gemma Tregenza** worked hard as a unit in the circle to keep their opponents to a low score. Mid-courts **Lauren Gorman**, **Gabrielle Honey** and **Rachel Telford** moved the ball efficiently from one side of the court to the other. Finally, shooters **Helene Bibeau**, **Stephanie Torville** and **Serena Fox** dominated their opponents in the circle and finished with a high shooting percentage. The most valuable player, voted by her teammates, was **Stephanie Torville**.

Helene Bibeau



CLUB 63 - KOWLOON CRYSTALS 16

HKFC HURRICANES VS HKCC STORM

Monday, 26th September 2022
HKFC

Anticipation and spirit levels were high for the inaugural match of the new season, and the night did not disappoint. Sporting a great mix of youth and experience, the 2022-2023 Hurricanes team were led onto the court by co-captain **Cici Hui** and super coach **Veronica Arnold**.

From the outset, the Hurricanes faced tough competition from the seasoned HKCC Storm. The first quarter was a hard-fought 15 minutes with **Aqru Chan**

in centre position working diligently in supporting the team at both ends of the court. The Storm led 7-2 at the first quarter break with both teams taking some time to find their feet.

The Hurricanes defence was steadfast in the second quarter with the unwavering trio of **Beca John**, **Maia McGunnigle** and **Cici Hui** challenging the Storm at every surge with multiple intercepts and spoils. The Hurricanes were down 15-4 at the main break, with the score line not reflecting the closeness of the contest.

The team dug deep in the third quarter with unremitting passion and determination. Fresh legs were welcomed with **Nori Law** coming in strong at centre and guest player **Iris Peel** taking to the court as goal shooter. **Daniella**

Sabnani and **Iris Peel** combined well in the shooting circle, going toe-to-toe with the Storm. 5-6 goals in the quarter with the third quarter score line 21-9.

The Hurricanes had a stellar finish, saving their highest scoring quarter for the end. The fourth quarter goal count was 8-10 with **Lauren Laroche** and **Iris Peel** leading the charge supported by **Clementine Lee** and **Nori Law** in centre court attack. Final score 31-17.

Well done to the Hurricanes and thanks to the HKCC Storm for a great match. The team will look to continue to build on communication, breaking in front and supporting each other, heading into next week's clash against the HKS Bravehearts.

Clementine Lee

HKFC HURRICANES 17 - HKCC STORM 31



HKFC TORNADOES VS HOMIES

Monday, 10th October 2022
Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Park

This was our second game of the season but first for many of the players at Wong Chuk Hang. There were a few pre-game nerves, but the team were in good spirits after our first win last week.

In the first quarter, Homies placed strong defensive pressure on Tornadoes, which made getting the ball into the circle a challenge. Thankfully our attack was strong enough to push through, and at the end of the first quarter, the score was 8-4 to Tornadoes. At this stage, the team felt the score was, much closer than it was, and with a few changes, the battle continued into the second quarter ending in 13-8. In the second half, the ball was flying down the court as the girls became more confident in their movements. Finding space more effectively ensured they scored a whopping additional 19 goals compared with 4 from Homies.

The girls deserve to be commended on their excellent response to coaching, and with guidance, our shooters (**Taj**, **Sammy**, **Sammi** and **Iris**) and attack (**Matilda** and **Sara**) were able to work together even more effectively, ensuring the ball entered the circle quickly and efficiently. Our defence team (**Alecia**, **Elena**, **Anna** and **Lauren**) worked hard on marking their players closely, making it difficult for Homies to receive passes. Special shout-out to **Lauren** (GK) who made numerous tips to interrupt play throughout the whole game, which ensured very few goals were scored.

Overall, an awesome game! Our big focus in the coming weeks is on utilising our great team vibe, so we can more confidently communicate on court.

Sophie Meakin



HKFC TORNADOES 32 - HOMIES 11

NETBALL

U12 BLIZZARDS

One thing's for sure – the Blizzards have NOT lived up to their name as they have started the season ON FIRE! Over the past three games, the team has outscored their opponents 49-13, showing outstanding strength on both sides of the court. As the team starts to gell, their play has demonstrated outstanding chemistry – a vital factor in their success. But most importantly, the girls' behaviour, positive attitudes and sportsmanship have been remarkable week in, week out. Whether winning or losing, it is crucial to stay positive and support our teammates and opponents, and the Blizzards have been doing just that. Let's keep that spirit alive!



U12 LIGHTNING

This was the first of Lightning's full-length games this season, and it was a nail-biter. With end-to-end action from the outset, Lightning took a 3-2 lead at the end of the first quarter. A slurry of mid-court intercepts from Raven's sharp-focused centre assisted them in 3 scores in quick succession. A well-worked goal from Lightning at the end of the second half found our team trailing 4-5.

Lightning upped the defensive anti in the second half with plenty of tips from **Pippa** (WD) and pressure at the circle edge from **Vivi** (GD). Lightning's GA (**Cara**) demonstrated calm, poise and sharp shooting amid the excitement, sinking several goals to bring the girls to a 8-7 lead going into the final quarter. It was an intense battle right until the end with a 9-9 score draw. An impressive start to the season against tough competition.



U14 THUNDER

Great to be back at Fa Hui, and Thunder were on great form as they started their match against club training partners Rainstorm. Some early excellent midfield passes from the Centre to Wing attack ensured that the first of 18 goals were scored within minutes. Our shooters were on fine from and it was well supported by the parents every time a ball went in.

The first quarter was quite close, 9-5 to Thunder, but as the match progressed, Thunder started to dominate and inch closer to their victory. There was some very keen umpiring, and the girls were pulled up a lot but a great learning experience for the girls, and as the match progressed, there were less obstructions and footwork calls!

Final score was 18-8 to Thunder - well done to both teams!!



U14 TREMORS

This month the Tremors were involved in two games and a bye. While the team lost to both the Cricket Club and ISF, it is great to see the sportsmanship and team spirit shown by the girls each week and continued desire to improve. We also had a guest coach this month, and the girls really enjoyed the new plays and techniques that they learnt, so we wanted to say a huge thank you to **Panda** for all your support. The season has flown by with the last game of the season next week against SKS Seals. The team are really looking forward to another fun-filled day.

JNA OCT 2022

U16 STORM

U16 Storm have had a great start to the season. In October, they played three and won three.

Their first game was against Sai Kung Stingrays Hammerheads. They proved worthy competition, and Storm had to fight hard for their 32-24 win.

Storm's second game was against Valley Tigers. The final score was 50-6. Storm set themselves the goal of increasing the number of goals they scored each quarter and were successful in achieving this.

The third game in October was against HKU Sandy Bay Atomics. Atomics were short of players and had to field half their team from their U14 squad. They played well, but in the end Storm outplayed them 40-4. Storm took the opportunity to move players around, improving versatility.



U16 RED RAIN

Red Rain had a fantastic game against Cricket Club Firebirds, winning 25-13. The girls are gelling together beautifully and they found their rhythm straight away. It's so lovely to see them improve and push towards the win each week, and the parents watching are full of support and encouragement. Well done Red Rain.



BADMINTON

JUNIOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT



Elite JAM - Saloni Mehta result in Sydney International 2022

S MEHTA	19	21	18
H CHEN	21	18	21



Elite JAM - Happy Cheng result in Sydney International 2022

CHIU P C	21	21
CHENG	15	17

JAMS ON AUSTRALIA TOUR

After the national tournament held last month, our elite national team players and JAMs Saloni Mehta and Happy Cheng were on another hectic journey to participate in 2 international tournaments in Australia.

Yonex Sydney International 2022 was a testing ground for a lot of higher profile players. **Saloni** was defeated in the second round by the second seed player from Australia. The game was in 3 sets, and scores were close. Nonetheless, Saloni had demonstrated her ability to reach the next level.

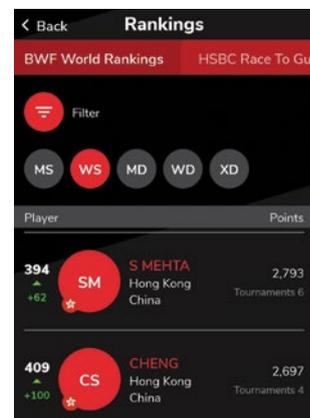
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LIANG T Y	21 21
S MEHTA	13 12
N HISAMINATO	21 21
Tiffany HO	7 13
Shiori SAITO	21 22
INSYIRAH K	16 20
CHIU P C	11 15
Hirari MIZUI	21 21
CHENG	13 13
SUNG S Y	21 21

Happy Cheng on the other hand had a walk-over in the first round and was defeated in the second round by another high ranking player as well.

After Sydney International, both JAMs immediately attended another international series in Bendigo. Even though they graduated in R16, but the experience against strong players was invaluable.

WORLD RANKINGS OF OUR JUNIOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Congratulations to our elite national team player JAMs **Saloni Mehta** and **Happy Cheng** for their significant jump in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings in the ladies' singles discipline. Saloni is currently ranked top 400, and Happy is in the top 450.



JAM IN HKSAR DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

Various district badminton competitions have resumed this year in which our JAMs are actively participating.

Kenneth Chau – quarter-finalist in Wong Tai Sin District Badminton Competition

Thomas Lee – semi-finalist in Tai Po District Badminton Competition

Our JAM Kenneth Chau in action during Wong Tai Sin District Badminton Competition



UPCOMING CALENDAR

U14 and U17 Junior Invitational Team Series Championship
January 2023

HKBA Doubles and Mixed League
January to May 2023

Age Group Ladder Series (Spring) 2023
February to June 2023

HKFC and Torq Sports Junior Tournament 2023
May 2023

JOIN THE BADMINTON SOCIETY SOCIAL TEAM

After a few years of silence, the Badminton Society will form its social team again for more inter-club competitions and to promote the sport within the Club.

All Society members are welcome to join the team no matter what level they are. Please contact the Badminton Society at hkfcbmtsociety@gmail.com for arrangement. In addition, members are encouraged to join the Friday night sessions and Sunday morning sessions for fun and practice. We are planning to enter the doubles league organised by the Hong Kong Badminton Association in 2023. The Badminton Society is eagerly awaiting your participation.



Our young and senior members showing their will for the coming competitions



Another group is on the way to join the challenge

HKFC AND TORQ SPORTS U14 AND U17 INVITATIONAL TEAM SERIES 2022-23 – UPDATE



HKFC Junior squad (blue) and Pui Lap Badminton Club (pink)

After the second competitive round for HKFC, the junior team is currently ranked number 3 on the scoreboard in both U14 and U17. The match on 28th October 2022 was against Pui Lap Badminton Club and unfortunately quite a few players were unable to play. The team worked hard with team coach and fought the best they could. Most importantly, a few players had their first taste of victory in their individual games. Well done team and wishing all the players continue to grow and shine!

Badminton Society Youth Representative – Frank Cheah



Team coach Fredi Ho was briefing the team on their line-up.



Our JAMs were taking the responsibility as linesman for the match.

2022-23 HKFC AND TORQ SPORTS U14 AND U17 INVITATIONAL TEAM SERIES

SEPTEMBER 2022 TO JANUARY 2023
EVERY FRIDAY 7-10PM AT HKFC SPORTS HALL
INQUIRY : TORQ.ASSISTANT.BTONACADEMY@GMAIL.COM

HIGHLIGHTS IN DECEMBER



Festive Celebrations

Festive Celebrations at the Club!

Welcome 2023 and bid farewell to 2022!

Following last year's success, the New Year Countdown Party is back on the 2nd Floor and a host of venues for you to choose from.

Scan the QR Code for Festive Brochure



In the Chairman's Bar

FROM THURSDAY, 1ST DECEMBER

The Colours of Christmas

Enjoy this vibrantly decorated themed set tea that is as delicious as it is Instagrammable.

Only for the month of December at the Chairman's Bar.



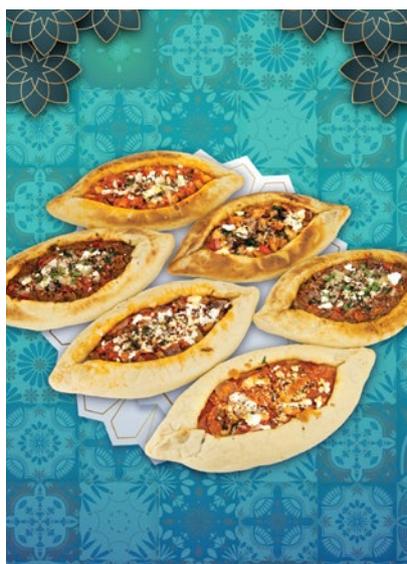
In the Sportsman's Bar

FROM FRIDAY, 2ND DECEMBER

Festive Carving Station but this year with Duck and Ham

No turkey this year but don't worry, it's going to Duck Gaa Laa (得㗎喇)!

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening at the temporary Sportsman's Bar. Also available on the night of the Christmas Carols and the Party on the Pitch.



In the Captain's Bar

FROM THURSDAY, 1ST DECEMBER

Turkish Pide

Available throughout the month of December at the Captain's Bar.



In the Restaurant

FROM THURSDAY, 1ST DECEMBER

A Very Special Festive Venue

Festive dishes and A la Carte menu available during dinner.

WINE EVENTS

In the Restaurant
THURSDAY, 8TH DECEMBER
The Best of Burgundy Wine Dinner

In the Coffee Shop

Festive Buffet Dinner available throughout the month
Takeaway: Festive Dishes
Beverage: Healthy Heart-warming Drinks

In the Pool Bar

Closed in December



In the Sportsman's Bar

Fun Activities: Are you Naughty or Nice?



In the Chairman's Bar

Food: Turkey One Plate Special with stollen and hot custard
Cocktails: Better Go!

In the Captain's Bar

Mulled Wine

In the Family Lounge

Eggnog and Mince Pie

In the Kiosk

Christmas Goodies and Hampers

PREVIEW IN JANUARY



Welcome to the Year of Rabbit

Celebrate the Year of Rabbit at the Club with the God of Treasure on 23rd January 2023.

The Annual Lion Dance Performance is back and will be held on Sunday, 29th January 2023 together with the Sunday Brunch at the Happy Valley Suites.

WINE EVENTS

In the Restaurant
FRIDAY, 13TH JANUARY
The Emergence of Chinese Wines – Chinese Winery Compared with Italian Winey

In the Coffee Shop

Themed Buffet: Neo China
Monthly Special: Claypot Casseroles
Buffet Upwell Platter: Fusion Chinese Dishes
Takeaway: Chicken Wrapped in Lotus Leaves
Beverage: Natural Sugar Drinks

In the Restaurant

The Forage for Fromage

In the Sportsman's Bar

Outdoor Cooking Station: Build Your Own Poutine Bar
Daily Special: Bob and Doug's Canadian Daily Specials

In the Chairman's Bar

Food and Beverage: Hattori Hanzo's Sake and Raw Bar
Set Tea: China Mode Set Tea

In the Captain's Bar

Cheesy Baked Rice
Super Berries Drinks

In the Family Lounge

Pocket Sandwiches
White Chocolate Drinks

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S

OPERATION HOURS FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE OUTLETS

	SATURDAY 24 TH DECEMBER 2022	SUNDAY 25 TH DECEMBER 2022	MONDAY 26 TH DECEMBER 2022	SATURDAY 31 ST DECEMBER 2022	SUNDAY 1 ST JANUARY 2023
RESTAURANT	Noon - 3pm 6:30pm - 10:30pm	Noon - 3pm 6:30pm - 10:30pm		Noon - 3pm 7pm - 00:30am	Closed at LUNCH 6:30pm - 10:30pm
COFFEE SHOP	BREAKFAST 7:30am - 10:30am	BREAKFAST Closed		BREAKFAST 7:30am - 11am	BREAKFAST 9am - 11am
	LUNCH Noon - 2:30pm			LUNCH 11am - 2:30pm	
	TEA Closed			TEA 2:30pm - 5pm	
	DINNER 6:30pm - 9:30pm			DINNER 6pm - 9:30pm	
	Closed				
HAPPY VALLEY SUITES	Closed	11:30am - 3pm 6:30pm - 10pm	11:30am - 3pm	7:30pm - 00:30am	11:30am - 3pm
CHAIRMAN'S BAR	Noon - Midnight	11:30am - Midnight (Part of the BRUNCH from 11:30am - 3pm)		Noon - 00:30am	11:30am - Midnight (Part of the BRUNCH from 11:30am - 3pm)
Sportsman's Bar	9am - 1am	9am - Midnight	11am - Midnight	Closed	11am - Midnight
CAPTAIN'S BAR	8am - 10pm	Closed		8am - 5pm	9am - 10pm
Family Lounge		8am - 8pm		8am - 5pm	9am - 8pm
KIOSK		10am - 7pm		10am - 6pm	10am - 7pm



OPERATION HOURS FOR SPORTS FACILITIES

	<i>SATURDAY</i> 24TH <i>DECEMBER 2022</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i> 25TH <i>DECEMBER 2022</i>	<i>MONDAY</i> 26TH <i>DECEMBER 2022</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i> 31ST <i>DECEMBER 2022</i>	<i>SUNDAY</i> 1ST <i>JANUARY 2023</i>
BOWLING ALLEY	<i>10am - 9pm</i>				
FITNESS CENTRE	<i>8am - 9pm</i>				
GOLF SIMULATORS					
INDOOR GREENS	<i>10am - 9pm</i>				
INFIELD AREAS	<i>9am - 6pm</i>			<i>8am - 9pm</i>	
SPORTS THEATRE	<i>9am - 9pm</i>			<i>9am - 9pm</i>	<i>9am - 9pm</i>
SPORTS HALL				<i>9am - 9pm</i>	
SQUASH COMPLEX	<i>8am - 9pm</i>				
SWIMMING POOL	<i>8am - 7pm</i>			<i>8am - 7pm</i>	<i>8am - 7pm</i>
TENNIS COURTS	<i>8am - 9pm</i>				
CHILDREN'S PLAYROOM	<i>9am - 6pm</i>			<i>9am - 6pm</i>	<i>9am - 6pm</i>
LIBRARY	<i>10am - 6:30pm</i>	<i>Closed</i>		<i>10am - 6:30pm</i>	<i>9:30am - 7:30pm</i>
CLUB SHOP				<i>10am - 6:30pm</i>	
ALL CHANGING ROOMS	<i>8am - 9:30pm</i>			<i>7:30am - 10pm</i>	<i>7am - 9:30pm</i>

Operation hours are subject to change based on policy update from the HKSAR Government.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS ARE COMING TO TOWN!

Time to send greetings to your beloved ones,
with hampers carefully selected by Ken, Kiosk and Beverages Manager.

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW!

Delivery period between 1st to 25th December 2022

(Order deadline: 5 days before delivery)



Christmas Hamper T1
\$1,088



Christmas Hamper T2
\$1,688



Christmas Hamper T3
\$2,088

Scan here to get your form
or pick up at the Front Desk.



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MONDAY
5TH

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

BY THE HONG KONG WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR

VENUE Main Pitch | TIME 7pm

DECEMBER 2022 HKFC

FESTIVE HIGHLIGHTS

THURSDAY
8TH

CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT

VENUE Sportsman's Bar
TIME 7pm

SATURDAY
10TH

PARTY ON THE PITCH

VENUE Main Pitch | TIME 11am – 6pm

Scan the QR Code for more detail



SUNDAY
1ST
JANUARY
2023

NEW YEAR'S DAY YOUTH RUGBY TOURNAMENT

VENUE Main Pitch

COUNT DOWN

at the Club

Following last year's success, we've brought back the party on the 2nd floor and a host of venues to choose from.

CHAIRMAN'S BAR

COUNT DOWN PACKAGE

Access after 10pm

\$328 per person

Including 1 glass of Veuve Clicquot Champagne, enjoy the count-down party with live band at the Happy Valley Suites

HAPPY VALLEY SUITES

NEW YEAR'S EVE COUNT DOWN DINNER BUFFET

7:30pm onwards

\$928 per adult | \$528 per child

Including free flow of sparkling, white and red wine, selected beer, chilled juices and soft drinks during dinner

ENQUIRIES 2830 9559 | EMAIL bar@hkfc.com

A Christmas family day on the Main Pitch is finally back!
Still fun for children and with new features for the whole family to enjoy.

PARTY ON THE PITCH

OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR *for the Whole Family* 11AM - 6PM, Saturday, 10th December 2022

Main Pitch and Training Triangle

Get in the festive spirit with a day out at the open-air Christmas Fair on the pitch!

Whether you are looking for tasty treats, decorations and art & craft,
or are just shopping for presents, over 50 market booths are here to help!
Plus, game booths, bouncy castle and day-long live performances will keep the kids entertained!
Come along for a fun-filled Christmas family day!



TICKETING

\$400 per adult | \$200 per child (aged 4-11) | FREE for infants

INCLUDING:

- 1 Spending voucher can be redeemed at ALL BOOTHS in the Bazaar.
Spending voucher value as follows:

Book between

1st November to 9th December:

Adult \$300 (Member) / \$200 (Guest)

Child \$150 (Member) / \$100 (Guest)

Infant (below 4) Not applicable

On-day booking:

Adult \$200 (Member) / \$150 (Guest)

Child \$100 (Member) / \$50 (Guest)

Infant (below 4) Not applicable

- 2 HKFC shopping bag for adult
(*not applicable for on-day booking)



TIME

PROGRAMME / ACTIVITY

IN-FIELD ENTRANCE

11:30am Lion Dance

STAGE

1:15pm - 1:20pm Skipping Rope Show
by Chiu Chow Association Secondary School

1:30pm - 2:30pm Pipe Band Performance
by Hong Kong Pipe Band

2:45pm - 2:50pm Skipping Rope Show
by Chiu Chow Association Secondary School

2:50pm - 3:10pm Christmas Choir
by Music Lover's Choir

3:15pm - 4:15pm Dancing Show
by Island Dance

4:30pm - 5:00pm Sing and Dance with Me
by Red Academy

5:15pm - 5:45pm Kung Fu Show
by Heng Yue Yen Long Kwon



BIG SCREEN

11:00am - 6:00pm (ALL DAY) Silent Movie

12:00pm - 12:30pm Story Telling
by John Dainton

2:30pm - 3:00pm Story Telling
by John Dainton

3:45pm - 4:15pm Story Telling
by John Dainton



KIDS' ZONE

11:00am - 6:00pm (ALL DAY) Bouncy Castle Spike Ball
by Roundnet Hong Kong

11:00am - 12:00pm Petanque
by Multi-Bowls Association of Hong Kong, China

2:00pm - 5:00pm Petanque
by Multi-Bowls Association of Hong Kong, China

REVOLVING INSIDE THE PITCH

11:00am - 2:00pm Unicycling Performance

1:00pm - 4:00pm Magician Performance

3:00pm - 6:00pm Balloon Twisting

REMARKS

- High heel shoes cannot be worn on the Main Pitch
- Programme is subject to change without prior notice
- Guests must be accompanied by a Member

OFFICIAL PARTNERS



FIND OUT MORE

For ticketing, programme / activities, floor plan and merchant information.



CHAIRMAN'S BAR

TURKEY ONE-PLATE SPECIAL MINCE PIE & STOLLEN WITH HOT CUSTARD

This December in the Chairman's Bar, heart-warming traditions in addition to our one plate turkey dinner, with mince pies and stollen, both offered with hot custard, for dessert.

Available throughout the month of December.



Enquiries: 2830 9559 or bar@hkfc.com



THE GIFT OF

Giving

From 14th November, we hope you notice a little hut set up in the main lobby, under the grand staircase.

We're looking to gather any of your

- New / Pre-loved Children's Toys*
- Learning Materials or Books

that can make some children in need happy this festive season.

We will collect everything that you've dropped off **on or before 11th December**, so we have time to clean and repackage them before sending them off to our charity partner, **YMCA of Hong Kong.**

The collected items will be distributed to underprivileged children in the city under the Toy Bank Programme.

**Happy Holidays
to Everyone!**

***Below items are not suitable for donation:**

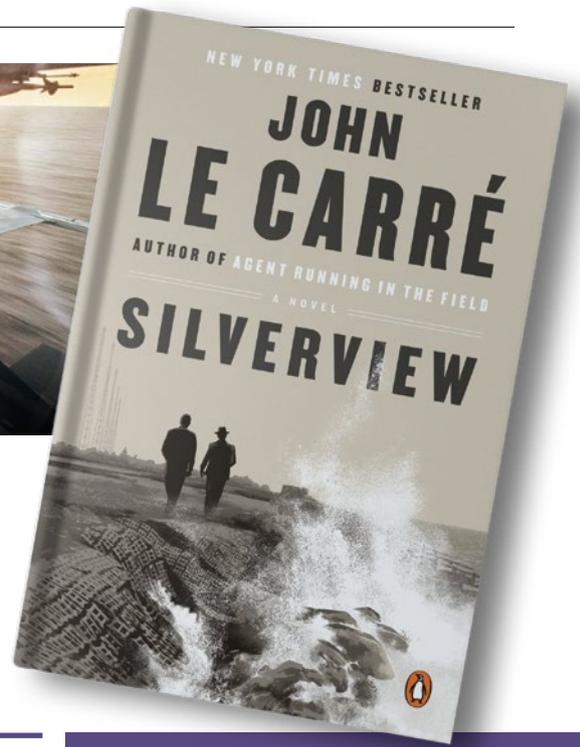


- Accessories • Stuff toys
- Any kinds of food or liquid products
- Items with chemical content
- Dangerous items such as sharp or fragile items

For further information or enquiries, please contact Front Desk at frontdesk@hkfc.com or 2830 9500.



Top Gun: Maverick



BOOKS AND MOVIES



Bullet Train

NEW BLU-RAYS

Bodies Bodies Bodies
Amandla Stenberg, Maria Bakalova

Frost
Devanny Pinn, Vernon Wells

Barbarians
Connor Swindells, Will Kemp

Breaking
John Boyega, Nicole Beharie

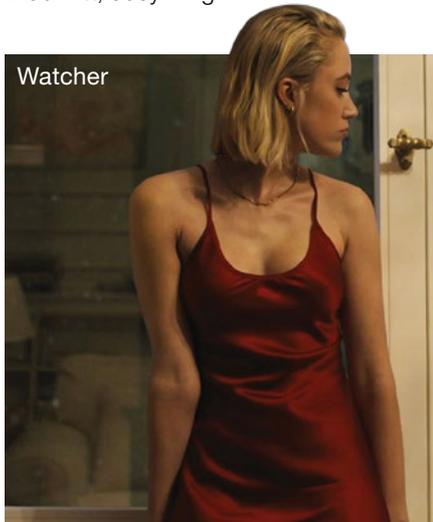
NEW DVD

Top Gun: Maverick
Tom Cruise, Jennifer Connelly

Watcher
Maika Monroe, Karl Glusman

Kingslayer
John Rhys-Davies, David Hayman

Bullet Train
Brad Pitt, Joey King



Watcher



Frost



Bodies Bodies Bodies



Breaking

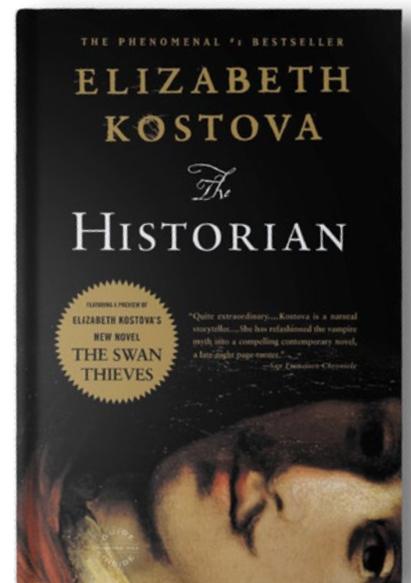
NEW BOOKS

Silverview
John le Carré

War: How Conflict Shaped Us
Margaret MacMillan

The Dancer and the Devil
John E. O'Neill

The Historian
Elizabeth Kostova





CATERING
SERVICE

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ARE YOU NAUGHTY OR NICE



Free Beer

Wear your own Santa gear (no loaning) and get a free pint of beer, or a lump of coal, your choice. From 1st to 26th December only at the Sportsman's Bar.

Sportsman's Bar

Enquiries: 2830 9531 or sportsmans@hkfc.com