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The Thoughts of the Chairman

主席的話



Michael J. Wood
Chairman

Dear Members,

The sporting season is now fast approaching and I trust that all Sporting Sections, DSA and Societies are currently engaged in pre-season training. Hopefully after the very hot temperatures during the summer months, we can look forward to some cooler weather soon as the sporting season gets underway.

The modifications to the Spa and Sauna rooms are now almost completed and as previously advised, is scheduled to open on Monday 9th September. I hope that this will provide an improved experience for Members. Please be aware that the only space to accommodate this is limited to the existing area and we took the fairly diverse views of a number of members into consideration when redesigning the area to optimise that footprint.

The **second annual Members Satisfaction Survey** will soon be underway and I hope that as many of you as possible will take the time to respond to the invitation to participate. Last year we had a high response rate and it would be great if we can maintain this level.

Members will be aware that we have communicated in the past on the subject of our Happy Valley Jockey Club Race Box, and the fact that it is consistently underutilised. This has a negative financial implication for the Club and we have been looking at ways to address this matter. I am happy to report that **we have now entered into an agreement to share a Box with the Hong Kong Cricket Club** which we believe will continue to provide our Members with easy access should you wish to enjoy an evening of racing. Booking arrangements will continue as before.

Please be reminded that the Town Hall Meeting will take place in the Happy Valley Suites from 7pm on Thursday 12th September. All Members and spouse/partner are welcome to join and we look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, I would just like to congratulate **Kevin Taylor** who has been awarded an MBE in the 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Michael J. Wood
Chairman

各位會員：

體育賽季快將來臨，我相信各體育部門、投球會和各會社都正進行賽季前的訓練。希望在夏季炎熱的氣溫之後，體育賽季即將到來之時，我們有望遇到較涼爽的天氣。

水療和桑拿房設施的改善工程已差不多完成，就如先前我們所建議一樣，計劃於9月9日星期一開放。我希望這些設施可以讓會員有更好的體驗。要留意的是，能夠滿足這些要求的所需空間就只能限於現時所提供的範圍，而我們在重新設計有關設施的時候，亦已採納了很多人士的不同意見，務求可以容納最多會員享用。

第二年度會員滿意度調查快將展開，我希望有更多會員能夠花時間回覆調查邀請。去年我們的回覆率很高，如果我們能保持這個數字，那就太好了。

各位會員都會知悉，我們過去曾就跑馬地賽馬會廂房的事宜進行溝通，而事實上我們一直沒有充分利用這項設施。這對球會的財務帶來了負面影響，我們一直在尋找解決這個問題的方法。我很高興向大家報告，**我們現已與香港木球會訂立協議共用廂房設施**。我們相信這樣做可讓我們能夠繼續為會員提供廂房設施，讓會員能夠享受一個觀賞賽事的晚上。預訂廂房手續將如以往一樣。

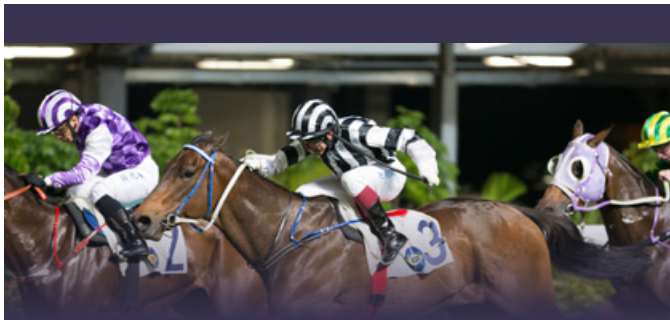
請注意，「市政廳會議」將於9月12日星期四晚上7時於會址二樓的 **Happy Valley Suites** 舉行。歡迎所有會員帶同配偶/伴侶參加，我們十分期待您的蒞臨。

最後，我要祝賀 **Kevin Taylor** 在2019年英女王壽辰之日獲授予MBE勳銜。

主席胡米高

Obituary

We were saddened to hear the news of the recent passing of **Steve Marshall**. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.



HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

RACE BOX

AT THE HAPPY VALLEY RACE COURSE

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

COST:

Standard buffet: \$630 per head.

Admission badge: \$60 per head.

■ UPGRADE PACKAGE(S) AVAILABLE

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

- Upgrade package: (additional beverage – incl. selected red and white wines, imported beers and spirits) extra \$100 per head
- Upgrade package: (half doz oyster) extra \$155 per head
- Upgrade package: (assorted sashimi platter) extra \$145 per head

F&B ARRANGEMENT:

The Race Box is provided with a Buffet and unlimited drinks which includes:

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

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

BOOKING:

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



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



香港足球會
HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

From the Desk of Mark Pawley

總經理的話



Mark Pawley,
General Manager

The Chairman has noted in his article that another sporting season is nearly upon us. As such, it is therefore timely that I should remind Members, as I always do at this time of the year, that you should not leave valuables or personal belongings lying unattended around the Club. The Attendants on duty in the Changing Rooms on the 1/FI, 2/FI and in the Infield are able to secure your valuables and we can provide Day Lockers, if required. As regards the Infield and, more specifically, the Main Pitch, **parents are again advised to supervise their children at all times especially from “playing” on the Pitch on Match days!** Grounds Staff have been told to remove children from the “dead-ball” areas on the Main Pitch during matches, in particular on Rugby days, **I would also remind you that parental supervision of children (especially those under 11 years of age) also extends to the Sportsman’s Bar and its environs as it does to all other areas/facilities of the Club!**

And, for those of you who will be playing sports this season please see the reminder notice at the foot of the page ensuring that you all have adequate medical and personal accident insurance.

Please note that it has once again been brought to my attention that some members are not bringing their membership cards to the Club and are regularly asking Reception Staff to issue them Temporary Membership cards for day use. You are reminded that it is a requirement to carry your membership cards at all times. If you have lost your membership card then it is your responsibility to apply (at Reception) for a new membership card. Reception Staff are not in a position to issue Temporary Membership cards to the same person on an ad infinitum basis.

Last, and by no means least, good luck to all our teams and players engaged in representative sports in the forthcoming season. Let’s hope you can bring home some more silverware?

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

Mark Pawley,
General Manager

主席給會員的文章中已談及新一個運動季度即將來臨。因此，正好我也應該像每年這個時候一樣，提醒各位會員不要把貴重物品或個人物品放在球會內無人看管的地方。在一樓、二樓和內場的更衣室有值班的服務員可以保管好大家的貴重物品。另外，如果有需要的話，我們也可以提供日間儲物櫃。至於內場，更具確切來說是主場，我們**再次提醒家長要在任何時候好好看管孩子，特別是不要讓孩子在比賽進行的日子到主場「玩耍」**！球場內的工作人員已接到通知，在主場比賽期間不准兒童進入主球場的「死球」區域，特別是在橄欖比賽日。**我亦藉此機會提醒大家，兒童（尤其是11歲以下的兒童）需要家長看管的規則也適用於 Sportsman’s Bar 及其附近區域，以及球會的所有其他地方/設施！**

此外，對於將於本賽季進行體育運動的會員，請參閱本頁底部的通告，以確保你們都已經備有充足的醫療和個人意外保險保障。

請注意，我又再次知悉有些會員進入球會時沒有攜帶會員證，並且經常要求接待處職員向他們發出臨時會員證以供日常使用。各位會員必須注意，按規定，會員進入球會必須經常帶備會員證。如果會員丟失了會員證的話，會員是有責任（在接待處）申請新的會員證。接待處職員不能向同一位會員無休止地發出臨時會員證。

最後但同樣重要的是，在即將到來的賽季中，祝願所有參加代表性體育運動項目的球隊和球員都大獲全勝。希望大家能把更多的銀杯帶回家，好嗎？

我期待在球會見到大家！

總經理龐禮文

NOTICE TO MEMBERS: Medical and Personal Accident Insurance

The Club would like to take this opportunity to remind all of its Members to ensure that they have adequate medical and personal accident insurance in place when playing any sport.

We would like to remind Members that it is not the Club’s responsibility to provide its Members or any other persons using its facilities, or playing on behalf of the Club, with insurance in respect of personal injuries sustained, or any other damage caused when playing sport. This applies to all sporting activities, including matches, practices and social games howsoever connected with the Club.

Anyone playing sport should consult an insurance broker to arrange comprehensive personal insurance such as:

- Medical coverage to insure the Member or player in respect of any medical treatment required; and
- General accident coverage providing payment to the Member or player for any serious accident or liability insurance for injury or damage caused to others.

HKFC PSA INTERNATIONAL SQUASH OPEN 2019

10th to 14th
September 2019

Hong Kong Football Club
Squash Centre



Max Lee (HKG)

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MONTHLY FOCUS

Mid-Autumn Celebration

at the Coffee Shop

Mid-Autumn Festival Dinner Buffet

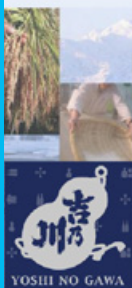
Friday 13th and Saturday 14th September



Yoshinogawa Sake

Master Class

Venue: Happy Valley Suites 2
Time: 7pm to 8.30pm
Date: Thursday 26th September 2019
Speaker: Ryuichi Nagahara,
Sake Ambassador of Yoshinogawa Sake Brewery



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CHATEAU DE SAINT GEORGE

Rhône Gang Wine Dinner

Date: Friday 27th September 2019
Venue: The Restaurant
Time: 7:30pm-7:50pm (Welcome drinks)
8pm (Dinner)



FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROMOTIONS

RESTAURANT

- Carvery Semi Lunch Buffet (Mon-Sat)
- Sunday Family and Friends Set (Lunch and Dinner)
- Rhône Gang Wine Dinner – Friday 27th September

SPORTSMAN'S BAR

- Rugby World Cup – Japan 2019
– Opening ceremony on Friday 20th September
– Final will be on Saturday 2nd November.

COFFEE SHOP

- Thailand meets Vietnam Dinner Buffet
– Throughout the month (every Friday and Saturday)
(except 13th and 14th September)
- Mid-Autumn Festival Dinner Buffet – Friday 13th and Saturday 14th September

CHAIRMAN'S BAR

- Afternoon Set Tea
- Roast Time – Monday to Saturday
- International "Sunday Brunch Buffet" – in the Happy Valley Suites and the Chairman's Bar – every Sunday

HAPPY VALLEY SUITES

- International "Sunday Brunch Buffet" – in the Happy Valley Suites and the Chairman's Bar – every Sunday
- Seafood Dinner Buffet – Sunday 15th September (ONLY)
- Yoshinogawa Sake Master Class – Thursday 26th September

POOL SIDE BAR

- Healthy Meal Bowl

GENERAL PROMOTIONS

- Hampers for Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival
- Christmas Tree

LUNCH AT THE CLUB

THE RESTAURANT

Monday to Saturday
from Noon to 2.30pm
Semi Lunch Buffet
2 Courses/3 Courses

Sunday
from Noon to 2.30pm
Family and Friends Lunch Set

THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Saturday, Sunday
from 9am to 2.30pm
• **A la Carte**
• **Salad Bar**

Public Holidays
from 11am to 2.30pm
• **A la Carte**
• **Salad Bar**

THE COFFEE SHOP

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm
International Lunch Buffet

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

THE CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Monday to Saturday
from Noon to 2.30pm
• **A la Carte**
• **Daily Roast**

DINNER AT THE CLUB

THE RESTAURANT

Monday to Saturday
from 6.30pm to 10pm
• **A la Carte**

Sunday
from 6.30pm to 10pm
Family and Friends Dinner Set

THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Monday to Sunday and
Public Holidays
from 5pm to 10.45pm
• **A la Carte**
• **Salad Bar**

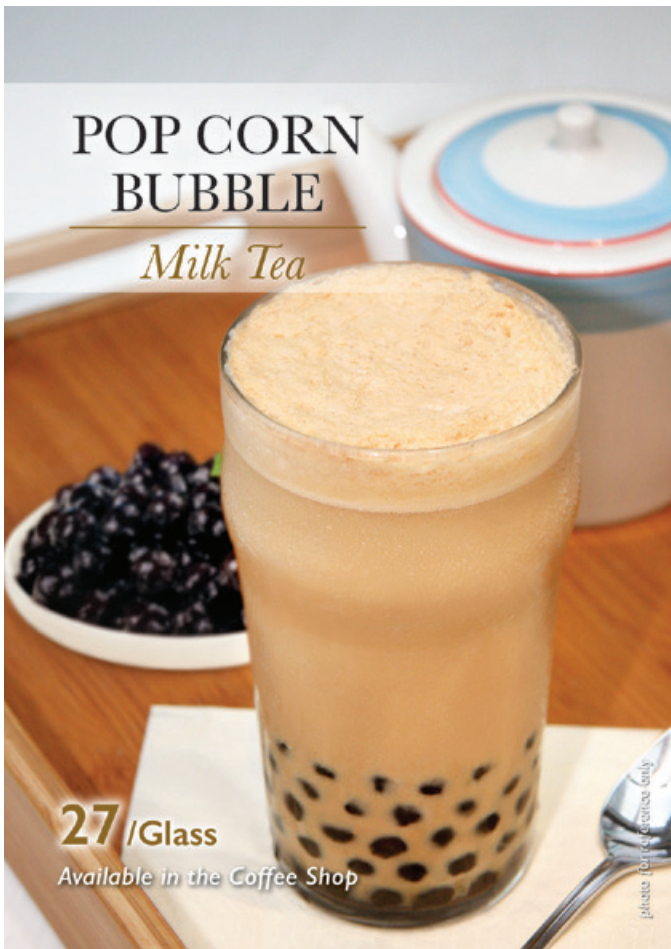
THE COFFEE SHOP

Monday to Friday
from 6pm to 9.30pm
International Dinner Buffet

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

THE CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Daily from 6pm to 10pm
• **A la Carte**
• **Oysters**
• **Daily Roast**



**POP CORN
BUBBLE**

Milk Tea

27 /Glass

Available in the Coffee Shop

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**INTERNATIONAL
“SUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET”**

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

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

319 per Adult Member, 340 per Adult non-Member

176 per Child Member (age 4-11),

199 per Child non-Member (age 4-11)

(with unlimited flow of chilled juice)

DRINKS PACKAGE

94 per person with unlimited flow of Sparkling Wine, Red/White/Rosé Wine and Beer

Enquiries or reservations:

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

Dress Code Reminder:

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



RUGBY WORLD CUP

JAPAN 2019

Hosted every four years, the Rugby World Cup is Rugby’s centrepiece event. The Rugby World 2019 tournament will be staged across seven weeks from the 20th September until the 2nd November, when the winning team will lift the Webb Ellis Cup.

Join us at the Sportsman’s Bar on Friday 20th September to watch the Rugby World Cup opening ceremony followed by the match between Japan and Russia.

Final will be on Saturday 2nd November.

Click on the link below to see the schedule:

<https://www.rugbyworld.com/rugby-fixtures/rugby-world-cup-fixtures-2019>



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SORELLE BRONCA
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Normal hours:	50 per glass

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in the Coffee Shop
 every Friday and Saturday night
 throughout the month of September
 (except 13th and 14th September)

The Coffee Shop weekend Dinner Buffet will showcase hot and cold dishes, "live" cooking stations and a dessert buffet station featuring dishes from Vietnam and Thailand.

The Buffet will also include other international dishes.

298 per Adult Member / 150 per Child Member (age 4-11)

Tables are limited so come early to avoid disappointment

Enquiries: Please call 2830 9569 or email: coffeeshop@hkfc.com



Yoshinogawa Sake Master Class

Venue: Happy Valley Suites 2
 Time: 7pm to 8.30pm
 Date: Thursday 26th September 2019
 Price: 195 per person, including snacks
 (50 refund upon wine purchase)
 Speaker: Ryuichi Nagahara,
 Sake Ambassador of Yoshinogawa Sake Brewery

For reservations, please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 or
 email: restaurant@hkfc.com
 (Limited Seats available for this event.)

Terms and Conditions:

- Cancellation and No Shows: Only written Cancellation is accepted, No Shows will be charged in full.
- All fees confirmed are not refundable for any cancellation less than 10 working days prior to the function.
- Bookings are on first-come-first-served basis, however limited to 28 people in the room.
- Under the law of Hong Kong, intoxicating liquor must not be sold or supplied to a minor in the course of business.
- Venues are subject to change without prior notice.



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and Pool Side Bar

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AFTERNOON SET TEA

In the Chairman's Bar



Daily from 3pm to 6pm

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

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

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26 | BOTTLE **140** | 6 BOTTLES

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ROAST TIME

At the Chairman's Bar



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

Lunch takes on a delicious new meaning with the launch of our Chairman's Bar Lunch Roast.

Chef Massimo has prepared a special stunning seasonal Roast dish available from Noon to 2.30pm

With the Lunch Roast priced at only 102 per person there's truly no better way to get your day going.

Our Roast per day, changing daily
A La Carte Also available
For inquiries please call 2830 9559

SUNDAY Family and Friends

In The Restaurant

Lunch and Dinner

Try our Sunday Lunch and Dinner, enjoy a complimentary Antipasti Buffet, including Salads, Cold Cuts, Cheese, Marinated Vegetables, Cold Seafood and our homemade Daily Soup.

Enjoy a selection of medium sized starters to be shared family style on your table for easy dining with friends and family. Select one Main Course from our menu which includes eight different mains all prepared in the Italian Kitchen. To finish, a dessert platter will be served for your indulgence plus Tea or Coffee.

309 per adult

Let's not forget the Children, a special "Bambino" menu is also available.

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

Every 1st Sunday of the month, free flow of VCP champagne for only 143 / person (Lunch Only)



Healthy MEAL BOWL

at the Pool Side Bar

Healthy Meal Bowl with Salmon Sashimi

夏威夷風味麻醬三文魚生飯

Salmon sashimi marinated with Japanese sesame dressing, mango, cucumber, avocado, turnip sprouts and toasted seaweed

81



Healthy Vegan Meal Bowl with Roasted Pumpkin

夏威夷風味南瓜素菜飯

Roasted pumpkin marinated with jade sprouts, red radish, seasonal beans, walnut, takuwan and white sesame

68



Select your base: Brown Rice / Organic Quinoa / Sushi Rice

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CARVERY SEMI LUNCH BUFFET

IN THE RESTAURANT



Monday to Saturday from 12noon to 2.30pm

Salad, Antipasti and Homemade Daily Soup Buffet

Selection of 6 main courses to choose from (including our Famous Prime Rib with Yorkshire pudding, gravy and selected Vegetables)

Chef's Selected Dessert

2 Courses / 3 Courses (included Regular Tea or Coffee)

MENU CHANGES EVERY 10 DAYS

RESTAURANT PRIVATE DINING ROOM

NO MINIMUM CHARGE

on Saturday Lunch, Sunday Lunch and Sunday Dinner

(Advance booking is required for a minimum of 10pax to maximum 14pax)

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Please contact us at 2830 9562 or email: restaurant@hkfc.com for reservation now.

Mid-Autumn Celebration

at the Coffee Shop

Mid-Autumn Festival Dinner Buffet

Friday 13th and Saturday 14th September

Come and celebrate with Family and Friends at the Club.

Our Coffee Shop Buffet offers freshly shucked oysters, and USDA Prime Rib, along with a host of delicious Mid-Autumn inspired savoury and sweet dishes.

Price: 298 per Adult / 150 per Child (age 4-11)

A colourful lantern workshop will keep the little ones entertained.

For more information please call the Coffee Shop

2830 9569 or email coffeeshop@hkfc.com



Hampers for Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

Available from 5th August until 13th September

Choose from our Exquisite Mid-Autumn Festival Hampers. They surely make the perfect gifts for business partners, friends and relatives.

Pick up an order form at the Lobby, or scan the QR code to download our Hampers order form.



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

Rhône Gang Wine Dinner

Date: Friday 27th September 2019

Venue: The Restaurant

Time: 7:30pm-7:50pm (Welcome drinks)

8pm (Dinner)

Price: 557 per member / 619 per member's guest



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Message from the Soccer Captain



Sebastian Page,
Soccer Section Captain

Hello everyone,

And just like that, the soccer season is back! I hope everyone had a great summer and all of you feeling refreshed and ready to go for another season, which I am sure will be action packed and hopefully even more successful than the last.

The summer does not mean no soccer however, and over July we ran our annual Soccer Section Summer 6s. This year we added to the tournament by inviting a team from each of the Rugby, Hockey and Squash

Sections – which was a real plus to the tournament, adding another dimension to the competition! A full report of this year's edition follows.

We also have a report from Coach **Monty** on his Under 16s venture to the 2019 Gothia Cup – bringing to an end a very successful couple of years with the team.

Lastly I would like to wish all the best to all of our teams for the 2019/20 season!

■ **Sebastian Page**

2019 Soccer Section Summer 6s



Cup Champions – Dynamics and Sons



Plate Champions – PAFC

The annual summer Soccer Section 6s took place as per tradition in July – the tournament taking on a new competitive edge however with the invitation of teams from the Rugby, Squash and Hockey Sections. This year also saw the first time a ladies team entered, giving the tournament a real club feel – making it one of the best tournaments in recent memory.

On the opening night when new teams usually take a while to get a feel for the competition, the Rugby Section came out on fire taking a 2-0 lead against Dynamics and Sons. However, experience showed and a bit of Section pride was saved with the Dynamics coming back to win 3-2. The Roaches (Rovers and Coaches) were next up for the Dynamics and roared into a 4-0 lead, only to leak 6 up the other end to end up losing 6-4.

In group B, Wanderers opened up the campaign with a 5-0 victory over Lucky Mile followed by a 4-0 win against the Hockey Section – and began looking like the team to beat in this year's tournament.

At the end of the initial group stages, the tournament splits into a cup and plate competition. Into the plate from group A went Dynamics and Sons, The Roaches and Galatasalibion and from Group B, Wanderers, HKFC Ladies and Lucky Mile. The remaining 4 teams went into the plate, they were the Rugby Section, Squash Section, Hockey Section and PAFC.

Onto the final's qualification night and the match of the week was essentially a semi-final between old rivals Wanderers and Galatasalibion. Wanderers came out 4-1 winners, but it was a close game which could have gone either way. The other decider saw Dynamics and Sons comfortably beat reigning champions Lucky Mile to take their place in the Final.

On finals night, a hard-fought battle between the Hockey and Rugby Section for a place in the plate final saw Hockey snatch a 1-0 win. They then took on PAFC in the plate final and looked like they would take home the victory until a late show from Ned Millington Buck's PAFC secured the trophy.

Guest referee **Kieran Flynn** was drafted in to officiate the final as it was expected to be a well contested affair. Dynamics and Sons had been lead so well throughout the tournament by the legendary **Mark Grainger**, so as news filtered in that he would be missing the final due to a spider bite, the Wanderers players started to fancy their chances. The match itself lived up to the hype with a very tight game between two excellent sides. Wanderers had their chances, but conceded a breakaway goal which proved to be the winner – the game ending 1-0 with Dynamics and Sons champions again.

Many thanks to all who took part in making it a great tournament which continues to be a fixture in the Section Calendar and many thanks to co-tournament director **Adrian Sung** and Kieran Flynn for an excellent referring display on finals night.

■ **Sebastian Page**



For those of you who have kept track with the progress of this squad over the last two seasons you will be familiar with their winning mentality. These lads won the HKFA U15 1st Division in dramatic style and then followed that by winning the HKFA U16 1st Division remaining undefeated all season.

In fact the only two teams in the world who stopped us in our tracks were the Gothia Champions 2018 and the Gothia Champions 2019 from Poland and Spain respectively. Sensational statistics when you consider that the Gothia cup saw 172 teams from 29 countries in the U16 section.

It was a fantastic achievement last summer to reach the last 16 and we headed to Sweden with a simple goal. Go one stage better. We did it and fell to a Spanish side who went on to lift the trophy.

I have coached this group for 2 seasons and it's the end of our journey. By the time you read this we will have played our final match together on the 23rd of August. We don't know the opponent yet but it could be either the HKFA National team or Manchester Utd. A fitting end for this Band of Brothers. Read on to find out how our Gothia Cup 2019 went in detail.

Traditionally we land in Gothenburg 4 days ahead of the tournament which gives us some decent time on the pitch to work on some shape as well as getting a couple of friendly matches under our belts. The boys need these games as their season ended over a month previous, so in order to get back up to speed there is a lot of work to be done in a short time.

We played a local side from Gothenburg and an English outfit in the build up games beating both of them. Our general levels of fitness had dipped and despite playing OK in phases, overall we were not at the usual high tempo we had come to expect.

We were in a group with teams from the USA, Sweden and Norway. VBR Star (USA) were first

up and had clearly not done their homework. They looked visibly shaken when they saw us. I have no idea what they expected but their body language suggested they would have preferred a walk round IKEA than have to play us. We smashed them 7-0 despite having **Olly Lam** and **Alfie Walker** sent off. Olly had the temerity to glance at a fallen opponent and Alfie's impersonation of Graeme Souness didn't impress the ref despite absolutely thrilling my good self. The scoreline might have suggested the American lads were going to be the cannon fodder of the group but as later results proved that was far from true.

We had watched our other Scandinavian opponents play each other and we knew exactly what to expect when we faced IK Junkeren (Norway). It was a classic battle of 2 styles. The Norwegians were a big and physical team with a fierce will to win. We matched that and were the better footballing side but a 0-0 draw was a fair result and one the Norwegians had played for.

It left us needing to beat Karra KIF (Sweden) in the final group match to guarantee topping the group. Should we draw and finish 2nd, it meant another fixture on the same day and we desperately wanted to avoid that. We didn't even contemplate losing and ending up in the B section of the tournament.

Football always has a habit of surprising you. We were convinced the Norwegians would destroy the Americans in that final group match meaning we had one eye on goal difference.

The Norwegians had beaten the Swedes and the Swedes had beaten the Americans. Our game against Karra KIF (Sweden) was first up. We were way off the pace and played as poorly as we had in 2 years. A devastating rib injury robbed us of our colossus at the back, **Noah Leddel**. We conceded our first goal since arriving in Sweden and suddenly an early exit was on the cards. The boys were shell shocked at losing Noah and facing defeat. They are though a group of lads who have developed a very strong winning mentality. They are physically and mentally strong. They hauled themselves back into the game and got a grip taking a 2-1 lead. Karra KIF were not lying down though and they equalised to share the spoils. We were gutted at the prospect of finishing 2nd and having another fixture that afternoon. The only choice we had was to return to the accommodation and rest and refuel. Then came the surprise. With 3 minutes to go in the other fixture, the Americans had equalised and if it stayed that way we would top the group and not play until the following day. It did.

The draw for the knockout stage presented us with English opposition who played in green and white hoops. Motivation for myself wasn't going to be an issue. The game started finely balanced with nerves playing a part but once the boys settled down we ended up cruising to a 4-0 victory.

The second knockout phase saw us face a very similar side to ourselves. **Tommy Halder** had done some decent scouting work and we knew all we needed to know. KL Youth Soccer (Malaysia) were a mixture of good technique and strength. They had an Argentinian coach and were well drilled if a little lacking in discipline. They gave us a good game but again we pulled away and were able to use the whole squad, running out 4-1 victors. We had done it again. We had made the last 16. The boys were euphoric and we headed back to the accommodation to rest, eat and sleep. All except Tommy. He had scouting work to do and the English side awaiting us in the final 16 were to be scrutinised.

Guernsey Schools (England) were in our way. We wanted the Quarter Finals badly. Would they want it as much? Simple answer was yes.



They bombarded us with set pieces right from the first whistle and took the lead from a corner which was headed home. They were on top and we had resorted to a one style of play which although had served us well was looking very predictable and flat.

Half time came. We were 1-0 down and had missed a penalty. Changes needed to be made. We mixed up our approach when in possession and when out of possession stopped giving away needless set piece chances for Guernsey.

We went from a 4-3-3 to a 4-4-2 and stuck our flying machine, **Stan Mason**, out on the left wing. We stuck **Alfie Walker** on the right. Alfie quickly caused mayhem and won us another penalty which he dispatched himself. With the final seconds ticking away we were heading for penalties and **Aristide**, who was on the bench, demanded I put him on as he was the better of the 2 goalies in a shoot-out. I agreed but as this was happening **Stan Mason** tied the full back up in knots and whipped a cross to the near post. Alfie Walker ghosted in from the right and smashed a header into the top corner. We had done it. The celebrations were wild. The U14's and U15's were there to support us and invaded

the pitch. Security got things under control and the game resumed. Not for long though. The final whistle meant this Band of Brothers from Hong Kong had actually done it. The final 8. Insane!

The format meant our Quarter Final was to be played just hours later. We limped to lunch and then collapsed in a park to try and get some rest. Injuries and fatigue had taken a massive toll. The Quarter Final would be our 9th game in 6 days. We had a squad of 16 players. We lost Noah and added **Arnav** from the U15s. ED Moratalaz (Spain) had a squad of 19. Their bench was as strong as their starting line up. They had smashed everyone before them. They would sweep us aside 4-0 and go on to win the tournament.

It was a step too far and a level just out of our reach. We locked ourselves in the changing room and emotions were high. It was the end of a 2 year journey where the boys had grown into young men and achieved so much. They have set the bar so high. Their conduct off and on the pitch has been first class. They are a credit to their families. Let me introduce them....

Aristide Gry

Nobody has worked harder on their game than this young keeper. He has had a tremendous battle with Gaspard for the starting slot and they brought out the best in each other.

Gaspard Villet

Gaspard and Aristide are never an arm length from each other off the pitch. On the pitch, it's a fierce rivalry. The experience of that battle will serve them both well in the years to come.

Cyrus Ng

Cyrus was with us in 2018 and returned with us in 2019 despite spending the last year in the USA. He is a born warrior and boarded the plane as a fringe squad player. His performances in the 2 friendlies and in training sessions saw him start every single game.

Graham Delashmutt

This young man has captained us for 2 seasons. Known to all now as "Skipper", he proved to be a natural born leader and winner. He is leaving Hong Kong to move with his family to Bangkok. Thailand's gain is Hong Kong's loss.

Noah Leddel

He played for 2 seasons's alongside skipper. He has matured into a player many look up to for inspiration. He has worked hard on and off the pitch making improvements to his game and to his character. If you are interested in any details of the strikers he has faced over the last 2 years then have a look in his back pocket.

Raphael Merkies

Raph ... the silent assassin. We took this colt and 1st team player with us as our 1 of 2 overage players. He was immense on the pitch and off the pitch. You could play Raph anywhere. He is majestic.

Morgan Powell

You never get below 8 out of 10 from this Rolls Royce. Everything about the lad is controlled, organised and classy. We would have achieved nothing without him.

Olly Lam

Olly has come such a long way from the slightly built boy who couldn't get a start in the U14's. He's now built like a middle weight boxer and has an unrivalled engine in fitness tests. He works hard away from scheduled training sessions and can play wide or through the middle. He is the heartbeat of team morale.

Ethan Squires

Ethan was one of our overage players in 2018 and ended up top scorer. We were delighted to have him back this summer and once again he was crucial in our progress. We would all love to see him at the Club full time!



Noa Fjelddahl

This boy is a genius. Player of the season. He glides around a football pitch and does things which still surprise me and I've been watching football for 50 years. Watch out for him at the Colts next season. Legend.

Stan Mason

The flying machine. His cross for the winner in the last 16 clash was a thing of beauty. He was our most improved player this year. He has gone from the Lucky Mile squad to being a crucial part of the best young squad in Hong Kong. He can't rap though.

Alfie Walker

My wee Souness and Gazza all wrapped into one. He is as daft as me which is why I loved having him in the squad. Produced the goods for us on a number of occasions and I still love his tackle in the opener.

Jay Smallbone

The most popular player with the Swedish groupies. He didn't allow his fame to interfere with his performances on the pitch though. His dad said to me before the tournament that he would like to see him score more. He delivered more than once. His grandad was there to see it too. I reckon I'm as proud of Jay as they are.

Beckham Wilson

Becks has struggled with fitness after injury but he is a proper footballer who knows the game. He never misses training and once he gets his fitness back to the level he wants he will push on and shine. A tough kid and a pleasure to coach.

Kajun Ko

Kajun can dribble with the ball faster than most can run without it. His performances coming off the bench were top drawer and he had an affect on every single game he featured in.

Gabriel Kennish

Our mercurial number 10 broke his ankle at the start of the season. Standing at the bottom of his hospital bed I told him to make Gothia 2019 his goal. I wasn't sure if he would make it. He did. He was part of the history making squad. Once he is back to full fitness he will once again be the player people would pay money to watch.

Arnav Rai

Arnav was promoted up from the U15 squad after they were knocked out. We didn't have a naturally left footed left back. He slotted in seamlessly and his performances and attitude in pre-season so far give me the feeling he might just end up Captain of the U16's.

■ **Coach Monty**





HKFC Vandals Rugby 2019 Tour to Bengaluru

Hong Kong Football Club Vandals (the Rugby Section's touring side) completed their end of season tour from 5th to 10th June, this year to Bengaluru in India. Originally the tour was going to be to Sri Lanka, but after the bombings there, and taking advice from the Hong Kong Rugby Union and the Section the decision was made to postpone the tour, hopefully only until 2020.



Our good friends, the Kolkata based Jungle Crows rugby team and their charity arm Khelo Rugby, stepped up and helped organise the tour at very short notice, thanks to **Paul Walsh** and **Harinder Singh**. But the biggest thanks go to **Zaffar Khan**, the Khelo Rugby main representative in Bengaluru, and now a lifelong friend to the Vandals. Also thanks to the Rugby Section (and indirectly the Section sponsors including Natixis), and the Vandals tourists themselves who were able to support two Puffins Rugby players from Sri Lanka to join the team in Bengaluru and participate in the whole tour, including charity events and the match against the Bengaluru Barbarians. Finally, and not least, thanks to those (HKFC Rugby Section Colts and Mini Rugby divisions, **Gaz Wilde**, **Tara Barot** and **Seb Alfonsi**) who donated items of rugby kit to distribute on tour, you can see many of the happy recipients in the photos. The

Bengaluru Colts team subsequently played in a regional tournament in their HKFC kit, with one of their players selected for the representative team.

Arriving late evening to Bengaluru we were joined by **Rahantha Abayakoon** and **Shahan Rodrigo** from the Puffins at the airport and travelled to Area 83 outside Bangalore. We also met up with **Nandalal Majhi** from the Jungle Crows Kolkata who also toured and played for the Vandals. The following morning the Vandals tested themselves with various sporting challenges before heading to the Bethal Baptist School, a Khelo Rugby Kids initiative where the Vandals took 120 children and teenagers in various rugby linked sports drills and passed on all their coaching experience, followed by a welcome cup of tea with the headmaster and senior teachers.

Next stop was Hasiru Valley camp site, a regional park near Bengaluru. Of course a night trek was needed, which passed peacefully until the guides decided to set off large explosions, without warning, to let the wild elephants know some humans were passing.

Next morning a longer hike in daylight, followed by mud kabbadi – if you haven't tried kabbadi it's a popular sport in India, with some similarities to rugby.

Match day dawned, but before the Vandals could blow out the cobwebs on the pitch we were invited to coach, referee and coordinate a Khelo Rugby organised tag rugby tournament. Ten teams entered, and the donated kit that hadn't been handed out at Bethal School was worn by many of the players. Kick off for the senior match was at 3pm, and the Vandals warmed up in the heat, careful not to use up all

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their energy prior to the first whistle. The match itself was played in great conditions and to a high standard, refereed with light touches by a member of the undead from the Vandals ranks. The Vandals ran out the winners in a tight game with some big hits and long distance tries by both teams 38 to 17. Tries by **Nanda Majhi, Ben MacCarthy (2), Andy McEvoy, Damon Sze** and **Jacob Huang**. Four conversions to **Niall Rowark**. The joint evening out that followed, allowed both teams to educate each other in an exchange of cultures, rugby fraternity and songcraft.

A great tour, and any Rugby Section Members reading this report make sure you book a few days off work for May 2020 now.

Vandals tourists 2019: JD Pequignot, Ben MacCarthy, Scott "Ghost" Lindsay, Justin Flowers, Rahantha "Ra" Abayakoon, Bobby Jones, Christian von Kimberley, Paddy O'Connor, David "Davidharrity" Harrity, Niall Rowark, Fabian Ko, Nanda Majhi, Conor Cole, Max Young, Andrew McEvoy, Josh Barard, Damon Sze, Gary Hamilton, Shahan "Sha" Rodrigo, Marty Robbins, George Koreman, Jacob Huang and Sean Purdie.



Summer holidays

Another short report; it is still summer, as I write this report. However, by the time you read this, the new season will have started hurrah!

Dates for your diaries: Festivals and Tours

Month	Date	Event	Venue
Sep 2019	1st (Sun)	First Training Day of Season	HKFC and Happy Valley
Oct 2019	13th (Sun)	TMS Festival (U6-U11)	TSK Sports Ground
	27th (Sun)	USRC Tigers Mini Festival (U6-U11)	King's Park
Nov 2019	17th (Sun)	HKU Sandy Bay Mini Festival (U6-U11)	Sandy Bay
	TBC	Centaurus Mini and Youth Rugby Tournament	Singapore
Dec 2019	1st (Sun)	Flying Kukris Mini Festival (U6-U11)	King's Park
	TBC	Tanglin Rugby Club Girls Tournament (U10-U12)	Singapore
Jan 2020	1st (Wed)	New Year's Day Tournament (U12 only)	HKFC
	19th (Sun)	Tai Po Festival (U6-U11)	King's Park
Feb 2020	23rd (Sun)	Valley Fort Mini Festival (U5-U11)	Sandy Bay
Mar 2020	22nd (Sun)	HKFC Mini Festival (U5-U11)	HKFC and Happy Valley
		Richard Hawk Cup / Kim Lam Cup Finals	HKFC and Happy Valley
	TBC	Taipan's Day	HKFC
	28th and 29th (Sat and Sun)	Sai Kung Stingrays All Girls Tournament	King's Park
Apr 2020	3rd-5th (Fri, Sat, Sun)	Hong Kong Sevens Showcase Games	Hong Kong Stadium
May 2020	TBC	Tanglin Rugby Club Tournament	Singapore

Thursday Afternoon Training: Contact Year Groups

REMINDER:

When planning your children's After School Activities, please remember that we have (during the season) our second weekly training session every Thursday on Main Pitch from 16:30 to 18:00. This is for

U9, U10, U11, U12, U10G and U12G. These sessions will also be led by our ProCoaches.

These sessions are important, and (as I explained previously) the increase in registration fees has been hypothecated to pay our

ProCoaches. Please do not waste this valuable benefit, for which you have paid!

Best,

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

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Welcome Message

Well another season is nearly upon us, though with everything that has been going on during the summer “break” with tours to Macau, Hua Hin, visits to Everest, Perth Junior Tour, Summer Sixes, Summer Leagues, AGMs, committee meetings it feels like we haven’t stopped!

A couple of important things to do. Firstly, to thank last year’s committee for leaving a thriving vibrant Section and a plan of how to maintain and improve our Section and our game. Secondly, to welcome the new committee and thank them for volunteering and we look forward to your contributions to the Hockey Section Legacy. The new committee is listed below.

Chair	Lyle Williams
Treasurer	Anthony Ford
Secretary	Louise Clark
Director of Hockey	Simon Chapman
General Committee Rep	Charles Poulton
Men’s Captain	Chris Keegan
Men’s Vice Captain	To be appointed
Ladies’ Captain	Christina Matula-Hakli
Ladies’ Vice Captain	Emma Sturgess
Vets’ Captain	Steve Rook
Junior Hockey Chair	Helen Dowding
Men’s Convenor	Jonny Ervine
Ladies’ Convenor	Anthea Murray
Men’s Membership	James Billet
Ladies’ Membership	Connie Chan
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Umpire Coordinator	Alistair Clark
Kit Convenor	Louise Clark
Men’s Social	Mike Heaven
Ladies’ Social	Lyndsay McKenzie
Sixes	Ben Sharples
TeamSnap / Tech.	Charlie Banfield
Communications	Annie McManus
Club Magazine	Holly Millward
Social Media	Sam Hill

Helen Dowding has taken on the vacant Junior Chair role and she and her ‘squad’ are hard at work readying themselves for the influx of around 300 juniors continuing the success of Junior development at the Club – thanks Helen and good luck!

As you can see, we are still looking for a Men’s Vice Captain and I would encourage any members, especially TP’s to reach out to **Chris Keegan** to fill this vacancy. We would also like to find a Kit Convenor to take some of the burden from our hard-working secretary **Louise Clark** to ensure that we have all Members looking good and playing in our regulation kit.

Please reach out to any of the committee for any questions/queries that you may have, contacts will be on the Section notice board leading into the Sportsman’s Bar.

Whilst mentioning TP’s, I would like to welcome New Members to the Section and encourage all TP’s on commitment to join in contributing to their team and the Sections progression by volunteering in any way possible, be it umpiring, coaching, being part of the administration of the Section. We always welcome more help. More information on how you can help your Section will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Chappie continues to lay out the ethos of the Section “The team is valued more highly than any individual”. As we continue our journey, please think about how you can contribute in any way to the continuing success of our Section and our game. We have shown with the successful indoor league and summer sixes that HKFC continues to lead the way in developing Hockey in Hong Kong and this requires commitment and effort from a wide range of people. I’d like every Member to look to be a participant, not a passenger.

Having delivered the encouragement, lets look forward to the new season, we have new rules changes being implemented and I would recommend all Members to review the changes as listed on the FIH website <http://www.fih.ch/inside-fih/our-official-documents/rules-of-hockey/>

Main changes (all to be confirmed by the HKHA)

- Game time –
 - Premier divisions 4 quarters of 15 mins, time stopped for penalty corners – no change
 - Lower divisions 4 quarters of 17.5 mins - no time stoppage for short corners
- Removal of the ability to play a ‘Field Player with Goalkeeping Privileges’ (kicking back for those of an older vintage!) So, no more kicking backs
- Free hits for the attacker close to the circle – all players must be 5 metres from the ball including those inside the D. Defenders who are inside the circle and within five metres from the ball, may shadow around the inside of the circle as per the explanation of the Rule before 2019
- Free hits awarded to the defence inside the circle can be taken anywhere inside the circle
- Short corners taken after the end of the half and end of the game – corners must be taken until completion so the previous rule of the corner being completed when the ball goes outside the circle for a second time no longer applies

Please read the rules to learn how these changes affect your game.

Coming up this year on the Section front, we have received invitations for a tournament in Japan in October, and the RBSC Bangkok tournament in December. On a wider front, The Grand Masters Asia Cup will be held in Korea in October, Dutch ZOAT tournament in November and the Junior AHF cup in December. So, plenty to do in addition to training, playing and umpiring.

I’m encouraged by the changes in the committee, new coaches for teams and a diary of events across all ranges and ages of players designed to whet our appetite for a new season – see you on the Smurf!

I would also encourage all Members and spouses to attend the Club Town Hall meeting that was announced recently on the 12th September at 7pm at the Club.

To a great season.

■ **Lyle Williams**



Cycling to Everest

On the 21st of June, three intrepid members of the Hockey Section set out from Kowloon West headed for the North Face of Everest. The trip was the culmination of months of training in the Club gym and on the South Lantau hills to build up the necessary cycling muscles and stamina to cope with the thin air and steep mountains at altitude. Father and son, **Justin and Loughlin Davidson** and **Findlay Mayo**, made their way by sleeper train 5,500km across China, up over the Tibetan Plateau, to the fabled city of Lhasa.

After 62 hours on the train, they finally pulled into the Tibetan capital. A few days of acclimatisation and sightseeing, visiting the impressive Potala Palace and some of the most sacred Buddhist monasteries in Tibet, reset their lungs for the task ahead. One more train to the second great city of Shigatse and then it was time to mount their trusty steeds (TREK Marlin 7's) for the eight days ride/climb to Everest (North) Base Camp.

Three mountain passes of over 5,100m lay between them and their goal. Each day was a gruelling combination of painful switchback ascents followed by glorious descents, donning all the clothes they had at the top to cope with the icy air on the way down. Some nights they camped by glacial streams and others they stayed in local Tibetan guest houses, one of which at 4,300m was reputed to be the highest

guesthouse "on the roof of the world". Cycling at altitude had lots of challenges (breathing being first and foremost!). Even taking a drink from the Camelbak required planning, since it meant missing a breath to take a sip and then missing another to swallow, leaving one gasping for oxygen as though underwater for a minute.

Mt. Everest was first spotted from the top of one of the passes, with about 200km still to go. From then on there were only occasional glimpses until entering the Rongbuk Valley for the final 40km. For that last stretch, the infamous North Face just grew and grew. The landscape was like something from Mars, with very little growing or living. On finally arriving into Base Camp at 5,200m you simply couldn't remove the beaming smiles at having achieved their objective - to travel overland from their doorstep in Hong Kong to the foot of Mt. Everest. That sunset and next morning's sunrise over Everest will forever be etched into memory as a highlight of the expedition.

From there it was one of the longest downhill cycles in the world, dropping over 3,000m down to the Nepalese border. The changing ecosystem was incredible, from soaring mountains to high plateau lakes, through dry deserts and dusty gorges, and finally down to Swiss-style alpine meadows. The trip finished in Kathmandu with a couple of days of well-deserved R&R before catching the flight home.



Summer Camps



Summer camps were popular options again... I happened to drop in on one myself in Boston, where **Damien Tarala** and **Anna Aiello** were participating as coach and player respectively at a Harvard Hockey Summer Camp. Anna also took part in a camp at Stanford and another with younger sister **Lucy** at WC Eagles in Philadelphia. Across the pond, so to speak, **Beatrice Furniss** was revelling in another Sportways Camp, this time her first in Amsterdam, the home of Sportways and host of the largest summer hockey camp programmes in the world. Be it at the foot of Everest, in classrooms, on sports fields, at the beach or travelling the globe, it has been fantastic catching up on what some of our junior members have been up to over the Summer. Now it's the hockey season... time to get to work!

■ **Simon Chapman**



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Challenges Ahead: Foresight Shared by our Ladies' Captain – Daisy McNie

While writing this, we are all enjoying the little summer break and hopefully looking forward to the start of the latter part of the Premier League.

For the past many years, the Lawn Bowls ladies section has been the only club in Hong Kong that has managed to maintain two teams in Division One. This might not continue as we are going through a transitional period where we have suffered from a loss of senior players either for personal or family reasons. On the bright side, these vacancies provide an opportunity for other players to have the chance of experiencing the excitement of games at a higher level.

For the second part of the Premier League, it will be tough especially for the B Team which is trailing at the bottom of the league. Since the A and B Teams are both in Division One, the HKLBA bye-laws state that no substitutes can be interchanged. The A Team has already utilised 7 substitutes in the first 9 games which leaves few choices for the B Team in the situation of any shortfall in players. Of course we shall overcome this challenge if players try their best to keep up with their commitments.

The C Team is trying hard to stay in Division Three, but with the constant demand from the A and B Teams for their regular players, it is difficult to maintain a well-balanced line-up. But our spirit remains high by helping each other with exchange of encouraging words and regaining our confidence and enthusiasm by practising more often rather than just 7-9pm every Tuesday evening. Last but not the least, everyone in the Section plays their part to make a difference rather than being simply a rink participant.

For the Triples League, I understand some players traditionally prefer to 'take a rest' thus fewer sign-ups are expected. We have always struggled with players as the lower division game schedules are at odd hours. The question is 'Are we going to register 4 teams or simply 3 to make matters easier? My answer is 4 teams so that newcomers will have a chance to experience real competition and build up their confidence.

As always, I welcome suggestions and comments.

Notable Achievements 2018-19 Attained by Club Bowlers

Once again, it is a celebratory season attributable to our Club Bowlers' great efforts and outstanding performances. Let's review what they have achieved as a team in 2018-19:

National Games:

Competition	Title Won	HKFC Bowlers
National Women's 2-4-2 Pairs 2018	Champion	Josephine Lam and Camilla Leung
National Women's Singles 2018	Runner-Up	Rita Shek
National Women's Triples 2018	Champion	Shirley Ma, Grace Chu and Phyllis Wong
National Women's Indoor Pairs 2018	Champion	Emmie Wong and Alice Antunes
National Men's Indoor Singles 2018	Champion	Tony Cheung
National Men's Singles 2018	Champion	Tony Cheung
Bowler of the Year Award (Men's) 2018	Winner	Tony Cheung
National Men's Triples 2018	Runners-Up	Terry Kung, Warren Cheung and Tony Cheung
National Men's Indoor Pairs 2018	Champion	Anthony Yip and Kenny Tam
National Women's Fours 2019	Champion	Phoebe Ho, Lydia Yang, Priscilla Lam and Camilla Leung
National Women's Pairs 2019	Runners-Up	Christina Yeung and Emmie Wong
National Women's Indoor Singles 2019	Champion	Shirley Ma
CCC Masters 2019	Champion	Tony Cheung
National Men's Fours 2019	Champion	Warren Cheung, Ian Yau, C S Suen and Patrick Choi
National Men's Indoor Singles 2019	Runner-Up	Patrick Choi
Aitkenhead Fours Lawn Bowls Competition 2019	Champion	Francis Chau, Barry Ho, Donald Wu and Peter Chow



HKLBA League Competition :

Competition	Title Won	HKFC Bowlers
Men's Premier League 2018 - Division 1	Champion	Men's Team A
Men's Premier League 2018 - Division 1	Champion Team	Frankie Siu, Terry Kung, Warren Cheung and Tony Cheung
Men's Premier League 2018 - Division 2	Champion	Men's Team B
Women's Premier League 2018 - Division 1	Runner-Up	Women's Team A
Men's Premier League 2018 - Division 9	Champion Team	Kelly Yu, Edmund Leung, Eddie Loke and Francis Chau
Women's Premier League 2018 - Division 2	Champion	Women's Team B
Women's Premier League 2018 - Division 2	Champion Team	Grace Chu, Calinna Chan, Priscilla Lam and Lydia Yang
Men's Triples League 2018 - Division 1	Runner-Up	Men's Team A
Men's Triples League 2018 - Division 2	Champion	Men's Team B
Men's Triples League 2018 - Division 5	Runner-Up	Men's Team D
Men's Triples League 2018 - Division 5	Champion Team	Ian Yau, Keith Yau and Kevin Lee

International events :

Competition	Title Won	HKFC Bowlers
13th Asian Lawn Bowls Championship 2018 – Men's Singles	First Runner-up	Tony Cheung
13th Asian Lawn Bowls Championship 2018 – Men's Pairs	Champion	Tony Cheung
13th Asian Lawn Bowls Championship 2018 – Men's Fours	Champion	Kenny Tam
13th Asian Lawn Bowls Championship 2018 – Women's Triples	First Runner-up	Phyllis Wong
Asia Pacific Championships 2019 Gold Coast, Australia	Bronze Medal	Tony Cheung
Asia Pacific Championships 2019 Gold Coast, Australia	Bronze Medal	Phyllis Wong

What's more! Let's look forward to more bowls fun in the following line-up of upcoming competitions and events:

September/ October:

- Club Unisex Triples 2019
- Club Singles 2019
- Club Unisex 2-4-2 2019
- Junior Lawn Bowls Course

November:

- Section's End-of-season party at Club's Happy Valley Suite

December:

- Interport match away at Royal Bangkok Sports Club, Thailand
- Home friendly game against Singapore Cricket Club at Club's indoor green

JNA Summer Camp 2019



While many take a much-needed break from the netball season, there is no rest for Junior Netball. We have been busy with two Summer Camps throughout the holidays. The camps have proved very successful, particularly in allowing a number of girls with no prior netball experience the chance to get involved in our great game. Catering to a large variety of ages and abilities, the girls have learnt and developed the basic skills of netball, playing games and working well within different team environments. The improvement and progression

shown by all in the camps has been a testament to their hard work and enthusiasm. A big thank you to all who have attended the summer camps and to Coach **Stella** from the senior team who has assisted in its delivery. We are looking forward to seeing these girls progress in their netball careers, and joining our full-time netball programme soon!

■ **Rebecca Thompson**

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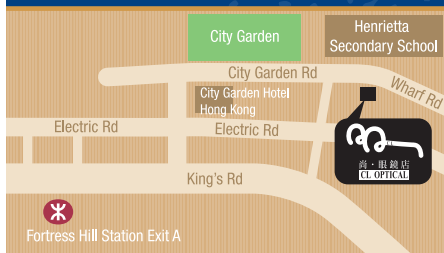
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A+ Mens Tennis Team 2019

After coming off a solid year in 2018 the A+ Mens Team added two more strong additions to the team, **Matiss Libietiss** and **Roy Cheung**. With the addition of these new players and the welcome return of **Warwick Foy** and **Tim Gauntlett** to the team the A+ team had the strongest playing list it has had in years. Having the strongest playing list is great but having everyone available for practice and the start of the season would have been even better. Needless to say with Easter being the start date for the Mens A+ league season and players

being away for work or holidays we didn't have the greatest of starts. Our strongest line up was ready to take on the toughest team in our draw HKCC and after taking a 2-1 lead after the first round and looking to take the win that night the rain set in, as it did with a lot of our matches. The rain interrupted season is in the past and we are surely looking forward to getting **Toby Clark** back in the line-up after hip surgery for the upcoming Winter season. Hopefully next season we can move on through to the finals.



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Ladies Morning League - Division 3 - Season Report 2018/19

Our team enjoyed a wonderful season of hard-fought tennis and camaraderie, with a 5th place finish and multiple team socials both on and off the Court. We kept our tradition of conviviality going by winning the Division 3 Sportsmanship Award yet again.

We are excited to welcome a new Football Club Team to the ladies morning league. All the best to **Michelle Paige** and her lovely teammates in Division 5! All the best also to **Charlotte Cheung** who takes on the team captaincy. Here's to another season of great tennis with great people!

Mini Tennis



On the Sunday 16th June was HKFC's inaugural inter club team mini tennis red ball 8&U competition. This was run in parallel with a mini orange ball competition where 24, 8 and 9 year old players were battling it out.

So with 88 players under the age of 9 competing on 16 mini red, and 6 mini orange Tennis Courts created on the Hockey Pitch, we believe this was the largest turn out of competing mini tennis players in HK at one venue.

In the team competition 8 ATA teams competed, HKFC x 2 teams, IRC, JLRA, GCRC, HKTC, ESF Select, Harrow International School. Every team played each other, and there were 8 players per team ranked 1-8, who played timed singles



matches against their opposite ranked player. All contributing to team point score. The overall winners were the Club red team who narrowly beat team IRC to win the title, third place went to the Harrow International School team.

The winner of the orange ball competition which comprised 4 round robin groups and a knock out playoff was **Evan Vigouroux**, Runner Up: **Theo Ostendorf**.

Summer Tennis Camps



The ATA Tennis Camps have been a hit! Throughout the summer holidays, once again the ATA coaching team have run their very popular tennis camps at the Club.

Players aged 3-17 years old have hit the courts over a period of 9 weeks this summer, many enjoying playing tennis for the first time, and many returning once again for a week of intensive fun tennis action furthering their games.

The next holiday camps will be mid-term break 8-11th October. If in town over that period and keen for your child to get out on the court in a fun, structured and progressive tennis environment then do make sure you register them to join the ATA tennis team at the Club for a tennis camp.



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Petersen Texas Scramble

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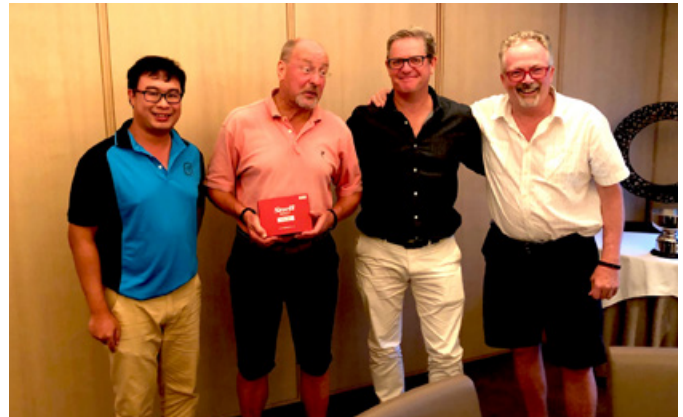
One of the Golf Society's highlights of the year is the ever popular Petersen Texas Scramble; maybe because the format allows players to play numerous appalling shots on a hole and still walk away with a birdie thanks to their partners' contributions; maybe because we are normally able to play on the Fanling courses during a nice part of the year; or maybe it is just the sheer status of the event on the international golf calendar! Whatever the reason, there was no problem in rounding up 21 players for this year's event to be played on the HKGC New Course.

The first to tee off were **Alistair Murray, Graeme Brechin** and **Chris Meecham**. They started off with a par but they made three consecutive bogeys and shot 5 over par for the front 9. However, on the back 9 they shot 1 over par with a total 76 to end the round.

The next to tee off were **Chris Frost, James Riordan** and **Darren Measures**. They started off with a birdie thanks to one of the longest putts in history from Darren. He rolled in a 40 footer reminiscent of Tiger Woods in the Players Championship back in 2001 shaping from left to right. A shot like that early on tends to create momentum and indeed it did as they went on to shoot 71 and finish the round with a 62 net. After a count back that was good enough for first place.

I played in the third flight with **Allan Homeming** and **Jukka Hakli**. We did have a nice team combination with Jukka hitting long straight drives, myself hitting the greens, and Allan sinking every putt inside 6 feet. We shot even par until the very last hole! Sadly the magic ended there and we made a double bogey to finish the round with a gross 72 and net 64.

The fourth to tee off were **Ian Petersen, David Lindsay** and **Andrew Sams**. They had a perfect start with an even par front 9 but again the magic disappeared with a 4 over back nine which will not cut it in the scramble format. Their 74 gross and 62 net was still good enough for second place however.



Left to right: Sponsor Ian Petersen with his runner up team mates Andrew Sams and David Lindsay

Here is the breakdown of this event,

NP2	James Riordan
NP4	Ted Li
NP8	Ian Petersen
NP13	Jim Suitte
NP17	Graeme Brechin
LDM	Graeme Brechin
LDF	Helen Hayward

1st Place Gross 71 Net 62
Chris Frost, James Riordan and Darren Measures
2nd Place Gross 74 Net 62
Ian Petersen, David Lindsay and Andrew Sams

That's it for this event

See you all at the next event.

Inter-Section Cup

26th July 2019

Now in its second year, the Inter-Section Cup gives all of the sports Sections, DSA and Societies of the HKFC the chance for bragging rights as the Club's best golfers. There is both a gross and net version (without and with handicaps) so everyone has a shot at glory even if they are not top golfers. This year entries were received from Rugby, Squash (last year's gross winners), and Golf.

We were lucky to have a bright sunny day, and whilst hot, with buggies and drinks stops every three holes, the conditions were not too demanding. On the downside, Macau had recently cored and sanded the greens as part of their regular maintenance programme so the putting surfaces were not as good as they usually are at Macau GCC.

The flights were split up to put players from all three teams into each flight. Leading off were **Phil Head** (Golf), **Alastair Murray** (Rugby) and **Dallas Reid** (Squash). There was some reasonable golf with each player



The victorious Squash team: Dave Cross, Dallas Reid, John Thompson (Captain), Andrew Wood



The first flight (Phil Head, Dallas Reid, Alastair Murray) hoping to show off their sharp-shooting skills!

making at least one birdie, despite stopping for beers at every drinks stop.

Next up were **Andrew Wood** (Squash), **Chris Frost** (who volunteered for Hockey under strict instructions from his wife but ended up representing Rugby as Hockey did not manage to field a team), and **Jim Suttie**. Jim arrived wrapped in a knee bandage and looking grateful for the buggie. This probably slowed him down somewhat, and Andrew Wood came out top scorer in that group with an excellent 41 net stableford points, 5 better than his handicap.

The final flight contained **Dave Cross** (Squash), **Don Rider** (Rugby), **Heather Deayton** (Golf), and **John Thompson** (Squash). Again in that

flight there was some remarkable scoring with Dave registering 41 points and John a staggering 42.

As the top score in each group was returned by a Squash representative, it did not take a **Cray** computer to calculate that Squash came out top on the Net event with an embarrassing average point score of 40.25. As it turned out, they also managed to win the gross event with a creditable average stableford score of 24 with no handicap. So a clean sweep for Squash this year!

The prize presentation was held in the bar of the MGCC with suitable liquid refreshments, and then most of the players carried on to Fernando's for a very sociable meal before catching the ferry back to HK. Phil had already dashed off earlier as he had to fight his way through the airport demonstration to catch a plane for his family holiday. I believe he made it!

All in all a great event and a very sociable day out with the chance to mingle with members from other Sections/Societies. Looking forward we hope to host more teams in this event next year.

Final Average Stableford Scores

Squash Nett	40.25	Gross 24
Rugby Nett	31.67	Gross 17
Golf Nett	30	Gross 15.67

Other Prizes

Andrew Wood	Near Pin 17 and Long Drive
Phil Head	Near Pin 11
Alastair Murray	Near Pin 6
Dallas Reid	Near Pin 4,14 and nearest the pin in 2 shots hole 15

■ Dallas Reid



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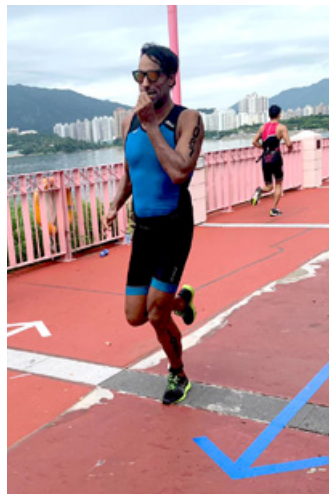
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Swimming & Triathlon Report



Leanne Claxton and Mattieu Maury



Vasco Van Der Flier



Jessica McCarroll

It was another exciting month for the Swimming and Triathlon Society.

Leanne Claxton and **Mattieu Maury** continued to make a name for HKFC in the Action Asia Kayak and Run race series. The race, held at Discovery Bay on 13th July, is a combination of a total of 6km kayaking and a 5km run. They finished 3rd overall and 2nd in mix teams out of a total of 35 teams!

On 4th August, our triathletes dominated Race 3 of the Aquathlon Series. Held in Tai Po on 5th August, **Vasco Van Der Flier** finished 1st in his age group and 3rd overall – out of 208 competitors! For the McCarroll's it was a family affair! **Jessica McCarroll**, finished 1st in her age group, and 10th overall! **Alexandra McCarroll** finished 5th in her age group and her father **Adrian McCarroll** finished 3rd. Well done everyone!

Badminton News

Badminton Society Team Update

Hong Kong Football Club Junior Badminton Championship 2019

HKFC Junior Badminton Championships 2019 was held successfully on 7th July 2019. The

tournament attracted over 50 players including some from Malaysia and Taipei. Junior players experienced a wonderful afternoon with high level games. **Chou Tien-Chen**, world rank 2

(dated 7th August 2019) Men's Singles player was our guest of honour who presented medals to the players.



Left to Right: ICC coach John Leung, U17 boy's singles 1st runner-up Leory Cheung and Chou Tien-Chen



Left to Right: ICC coach John Leung, U11 boy's singles Champion Darren Ng and Chou Tien-Chen

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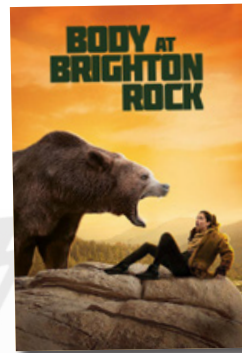
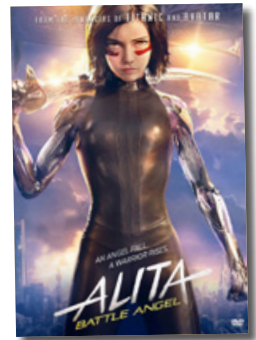
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12days Australia & New Zealand

Australia - Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart | New Zealand - Akaroa, Fiordland National Park [Scenic Cruising], Dunedin (Port Chalmers), Tauranga, Auckland

Date: 2019: 15, 27* Dec

- * Itinerary operates in reverse order
- Experience Maori cultural & cuisine in Tamaki Maori Villiage

Inside
HK\$ 13,370 up

Balcony
HK\$ 18,050 up

Mini-Suite
HK\$ 21,248 up

2019 NEW SHIP

Sky Princess

Roundtrip Copenhagen

11days Scandinavia & Russia

Denmark - Copenhagen | Norway - Oslo | Germany - Berlin (Warnemunde) | Estonia - Tallinn | Russia - St. Petersburg [overnight] | Finland - Helsinki | Sweden - Stockholm

Date: 2020: 25 Apr | 06, 17, 28 May | 08, 19, 30 Jun | 11, 22 Jul | 02, 13, 24 Aug

- Explore the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, one of The world's four museums.

Inside
HK\$ 15,576 up

Balcony
HK\$ 16,886 up

Mini-Suite
HK\$ 19,257 up

Emerald Princess Ruby Princess

Roundtrip Seattle

7days Inside Passage

United States - Seattle | Alaska - Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay National Park* [scenic cruising] | Canada - Victoria

Date: 2020: May to Sep (Every Sat & Sun)

- * Scenic cruising Endicott Arm & Dawes Glacier replaces scenic cruising Glacier Bay National Park for Emerald Princess
- Enjoy an unforgettable day of sailing through glacier where glide along emerald waters and past calving icebergs.

Inside
HK\$ 8,396 up

Balcony
HK\$ 13,550 up

Mini-Suite
HK\$ 15,847 up



2019 NEW SHIP
SKY PRINCESS
mediterranean season