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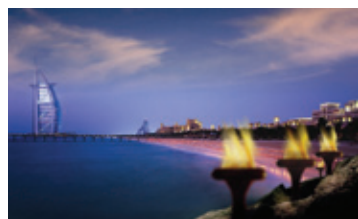
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HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

MISSION STATEMENT

Vision: To be recognised as one of the leading sports clubs in the world.

Mission: To deliver quality services on the principles of accountability, consistency and transparency.
To develop an organizational culture that recognises the importance of staff contribution and commitment.
To facilitate the development and participation of recognised sporting activities.

Values: Being accountable – to communicate, consult and provide information.

Living within our means – to plan ahead within available resources.
Developing a culture of service – to encourage commitment, integrity, courtesy and responsiveness.

Managing for performance – to set the direction and develop the necessary skills.

Aims: To provide the services the Membership needs.

To improve the quality of Club life.

To up-hold the Constitution and Bye-laws.

To encourage Members to play their part in the Club.

General Committee

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Club Magazine

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The Thoughts of the Chairman

October sees the start of the competitive league seasons for most of our Sections/DSA/Societies. Good luck to all and, as I mentioned in last month's article, let's hope you bring back some silverware to bolster our trophy cabinet!

Many of you, no doubt, will already have been watching the Rugby World Cup on the TV's and screens at the Club. At time of writing the round robin stages are just coming to a close with the quarter-finals set for the second weekend in October. As the tournament progresses I am sure certain outlets in the Club will likewise get busier (and busier). I trust everyone will keep patient on those busy days when possibly there is a longer wait than usual to get that "celebratory" (or "commiseratory") drink!

The **12th October** is the **anniversary of the Bali bombings** which affected the Club and its Members in 2002. We will, as always, have wreaths laid down at the Octagon (at the bottom of the tunnel) underneath the Bali plaque along with the condolence book that was filled out at the time. For many this is still an emotional time so, please, do be aware, of this point, when you are around the tunnel area. I can also advise that we will have a wreath laid on the day of the anniversary at the Bali memorial in London on behalf of both the Club and the Hong Kong Rugby Football Union. We are, once again, indebted to **Jeremy Summers**, who is an Absent Member living in London, for doing this for us.

I can also advise that on the **12th October** we will be holding a **Cocktail Reception** to recognise those who have been **Members of the Club for 25 years** (or more). And, a week later we hold a **Cocktail Reception** to say goodbye to **S.K. Li**, Director of Finance, after more than 13 years of service to the Club. We wish him well in his future endeavours.

Lastly, and, by no means least, please do not forget the **Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on Thursday 10th November 2011** at 7pm in the Clubhouse.

See you at the Club!

FOOK AUN CHEW
Chairman

Obituaries

We were saddened to hear the news of the recent passing away of our long time Member, Mr Dermot Taylor. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Reciprocal Club



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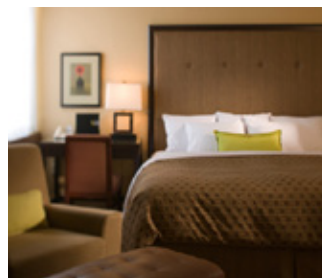
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Located in downtown Seattle, the Club has a total of 109 thoughtfully designed guest rooms and seven stylish suites. Guests of the hotel can access the Club facilities for a fee.

For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.wac.net/>

Reservation requests can be made directly from our website.



Members are reminded that they can apply for an Introductory Letter from the Membership Services Department and that room bookings should be made by the Members on their own.

For more information on reciprocal clubs, please make inquiry at the Club's Reception or visit our website at <http://www.hkfc.com.hk/reciprocal.asp>.



From the Desk of Mark Pawley

October brings with it, hopefully cooler and less humid times and, as the Chairman has noted, the start of most of the league seasons for our sporting Sections etc. Good luck to “one and all” and let’s hope all the training has paid off by season end!

From a food and beverage perspective there is a lot on in October including two wine dinners (well, one is actually a Champagne dinner), the first one being an **Exclusive Moët and Chandon Grand Vintage Dinner on Thursday 13th October**. The second wine dinner is a special dinner evening where the wines from **three “Super Boutique Wineries”** have been paired with a menu devised by 3 Michelin star trained **Chef Mickael Le Calvez**. The selected wines are all 90 points plus wines and, on the night, Mr Eric Kwok, Director/Senior Sommelier of Merit Wine Boutique will be there to talk you through the selected wines.

At the Poolside on **Friday 14th October** we will be putting on a **Banger, Sausage, Ribs and Beer Party** (there is a special price for children (excluding the beer) and there will be a kids “Splash-in” arranged on the night.) Also in October, for the children, is a **Halloween Party on Sunday 30th October** — full details of which will go out shortly on an e-newsletter and posted on the notice boards. Whilst on the subject of children I am delighted to announce that we will be holding a **Christmas Carnival on Saturday 10th December** on the Main Pitch which we hope will become an annual event. The carnival will be run on similar lines to the 125th Anniversary Fete that we held in April of this year, and, as with the Halloween Party, more information will shortly be available (re how to book for the event etc) via the notice boards and on e-newsletter.)

It has recently come to our attention that some Members maybe bringing “Private Tutors” onto the Club Premises for their children to be taught. If this is the case then please be aware that this is strictly not allowed under the Club Bye-laws: Restrictions Bye-laws 10 which is copied out for your information below which also includes the preamble.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

MARK PAWLEY
General Manager

Restrictions

It is inevitable that some restrictions are necessary for any club to ensure, among other things, the safety, welfare and comfort of Members and their Guests in the overall enjoyment of facilities.

10. Professional coaching or tuition for a fee or any form of reward may only be carried out with prior approval of the Committee or Management. All charges and the manner of payment shall be determined or approved from time to time by the Committee or Management, either generally or on a case by case basis.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

Race Boxes



HAPPY VALLEY AND SHATIN SEASON 2011 / 2012

The Club maintains a Box at both Happy Valley and Shatin race courses which are available for Members to book in advance.

COST:

Race box at Happy Valley and Shatin is \$525 per head. Admission badge is \$50 per head.

F&B ARRANGEMENT:

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

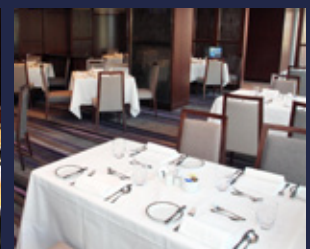
Serving time:

Lunch Buffet from 12.00 - 3.30pm

Dinner Buffet from 6.30pm to 9.45pm

BOOKING:

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



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EXHIBITION

Thursday 13th and
Friday 14th October
11am - 7pm

DAILY LONDON MARKET UPDATE

1:00pm – 1:45pm

- Five-star residents' facilities including a 24 hour hotel style concierge service, underground parking and a residents' gym
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MOËT & CHANDON

CHAMPAGNE



AN EXCLUSIVE MOËT & CHANDON GRAND VINTAGE DINNER THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER

JOIN ARNAUD MIREY, MOËT & CHANDON BRAND AMBASSADOR,
AS HE TALKS TO YOU ABOUT THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR CHAMPAGNE
LUCKY DRAW PRIZE :
A MAGNUM OF MOËT & CHANDON GRAND VINTAGE 2003

3 Michelin star Consultant Chef, Mickael Le Calvez

Born in Paimpol, France, Chef Mickael has worked under the fabulous Chef Michel Trama at L'Aubergade in Puymiroir, France, and for 6 years, devoted all his support to Mr. Trama to boost the Restaurant to 3 Michelin Stars and maintain the quality of the cuisine. Mickael came to Hong Kong a few years ago to bring his artistic creations and open the prestigious French Window.

MENU

Reception

MOËT & CHANDON IMPÉRIAL

Starter

Hand Cut Tartar of Sustainable Wild Scottish Salmon with Radish,
Horseradish Whipped Cream

MOËT & CHANDON ROSÉ IMPÉRIAL

Middle Course

St George's Bay Scallops with a Silky Pumpkin and Aged Parmesan Cheese Sauce

MOËT & CHANDON GRAND VINTAGE 2002

Main Course

Five Spice Australian Lamb Rack with a Black Truffle Mascarpone Cheese Risotto

MOËT & CHANDON GRAND VINTAGE COLLECTION 1992

Dessert

Chilled Rose Water Mousse served with a Thai Lychee Sorbet

MOËT & CHANDON GRAND VINTAGE ROSÉ 2002

Coffee or Tea

Petits Fours



Price: HK\$700 per head

RSVP: 30 seats available only

Venue: The Restaurant "Private Room"

Date: Thursday 13th October 2011

Time: 7.30pm Reception; 8.00pm Dinner

Please contact the restaurant at 2830 9562 for reservation on email restaurant@hkfc.com

◆ RESTAURANT ◆



**ALL YOU CAN EAT
SUNDAY NIGHT BUFFET:
TASMANIAN “SEA AND
LAND” BUFFET**

**in the Restaurant
every Sunday evening
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm
throughout the month of October**

Indulge in our Sunday Dinner Buffet featuring a selection of succulent Tasmanian dishes from Australia.

From traditional pub fare to modern-day cuisine, from a humble meat pie to a fiery Tasmanian salmon curry, Australian food has developed its own unique style. You will find something for meat-lovers, seafood-lovers and vegetarians.

\$250 per Adult
\$138 per Child (age 12 and under)

Just as impressive, at the dinner buffet enjoy unlimited consumption of chilled juices, soft drinks, beer and house wine for just \$55 per person

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

LOBSTER FEAST

in the Restaurant every night, except Sunday from 6.30pm to 9.30pm throughout the month of October

From now until 31st October, treat your family and friends to a whole new dining experience with our special lobster menu in the Restaurant.

Mickael Le Calvez, our 3 Michelin Star trained Chef will take you to a new horizon in tasting the freshest lobsters cooked in any way you can only imagine.

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



**SUNDAY BRUNCH WITH
LIVE JAZZ**

**in the Restaurant and Chairman’s
Bar throughout the month of
October from 11am to 2.30pm**

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



Sunday Brunch continues in October with a themed musical performance to set the mood. A Jazz duo will get your feet tapping while you enjoy your brunch.

\$245 per Adult (with Sparkling Wine)
\$138 per Child (with soft drinks and chilled juice)

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



LET'S DO LUNCH AT THE CLUB

The Restaurant

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm

Set Lunch with Starter Buffet

2 Courses: \$158
3 Courses: \$178

The Coffee Shop

Monday to Thursday
from Noon to 2.30pm

Salad and Dessert Bar

\$68

Friday to Sunday
from Noon to 2.30pm

International Lunch Buffet

\$148 (Adult)
\$75 (Child)

The Chairman's Bar

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm

Express Set Lunch

4 Courses: \$103



◆ COFFEE SHOP ◆



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AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL DINNER BUFFET

in the Coffee Shop

Fridays and Saturdays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

For a complete Casual Australian Gastronomic experience, visit the Coffee Shop for a 100% meat and seafood delight. Get yourself ready for an Australian culinary Tour with a plethora of cold and hot selections such as "Australian Baby Lamb and Pepper Salad", "Tasmanian Smoked Salmon", "Sydney Rock Oysters", "Fire-Grilled BBQ platter with Assorted Sausages, Ribs and Burgers"

\$208 per Adult

\$105 per Child (age 12 and under)

For more information please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 or email at coffeeshop@hkfc.com

AFTERNOON TEA SET TEMPTATION

in the Coffee Shop

every day from 3.00pm to 5.30pm

The High Tea begins with savoury finger sandwiches. Crusts are removed from freshly-baked white and brown breads and the delicate slices are filled with smoked salmon, egg, chicken, cream cheese and cucumber.

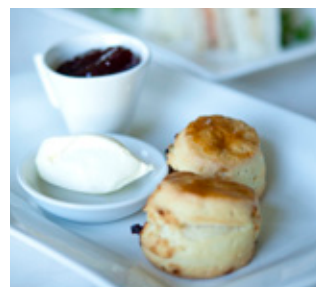
Warm scones arrive next, made from a secret recipe our Pastry Chef has used for the past 20 years.

They are served with glistening homemade jam and Devonshire clotted cream.

The final course is the pièce de resistance, the platter of cakes and tartlets. Served with tea or coffee.

The Coffee Shop Afternoon Tea is not for people in a hurry as the service is done in sequence.

Please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 for more details.



MICKAEL LE CALVEZ



3 Super Boutique Wineries from around the World
Featuring the Cuisine of 3 Michelin Star trained Chef Mickael Le Calvez
With 3 times Hong Kong Sommelier Champion Eric Kwok
Thursday, 20th October, 2011

Menu

Welcome Drink

Champagne Cattier Brut NV, France
(92 pts Wine Spectator)

Roasted Saint Georges Bay Scallop, Thin Onion and Black Truffle Tart
Domaine Chante Cigale, Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc white, 2010, France
(90 pts Wine Spectator)

Pan Seared Duck Liver with Confit Carrots and Natural Jus
Domaine Chante Cigale, Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge red, 2007, France
(90 pts Robert Parker)

Roasted Fillet of Australian Lamb with Potato Cake and a Simple Coriander Reduction
Destiny Bay, Mystae, Waiheke Island 2006, New Zealand
(91 pts Robert Parker)

Passion Fruit Crème Brulée
Château Doisy Védrières, 2003, France
(91 pts Robert Parker)

Tea or coffee
Petits Fours

Haute Cuisine will take on a new (and literal) meaning in the evening at a highly intimate affair that will take place in the Private Dining room at the Restaurant. Diners will be treated to a four-course dinner prepared by three-Michelin Star trained Chef Mickael Le Calvez. These dishes will be paired with wines from Three Boutique Wineries from around the World. Fine cuisine and elegant wines; there is no surer way to guarantee happy diners!

The dinner will be hosted by Mr. Eric Kwok - Director / Senior Sommelier of Merit Wine Boutique making him the ideal person to guide you through the night with informative insight into those selected wines. For this Dinner, Eric has personally selected a few exceptional Wines to share with Members. The evening will commence at 7:30pm with pre-dinner wine followed by a four-course dinner at 8:30pm.

Venue: Private Dining Room, The Restaurant

Time: 7:30pm Pre Dinner Drink
8:30pm 4-Course Dinner served

Price: \$798 per person

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

Last day for cancellation: Friday 14th October

** Cancellations made after this date will be charged in full to the Member's account, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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◆ POOLSIDE ◆

BURGER, SAUSAGE, RIBS AND BEER PARTY BY THE POOL

Date: Friday 14th October

Time: From 6.30pm to 10.00pm (Food served from 6.45pm to 9.15p.m)

- \$238 per Member (age 18+)
- \$258 per Member' Guest (age 18+)
- \$138 per Junior (age 13 - 17)
- \$88 per Child (age 3-12)

Price includes:

- All you can eat BBQ: Burgers, Sausages and Ribs
- Salad and Dessert Buffet
- Unlimited serving of beer and soft drinks (until 9.30p.m)
- Splash-in for the kids

Reservations are required and the pool will be closed to non-participants from 5.30pm onwards. Poolside will only be "open" after 6.30pm on the day of the event to Members (and their guests) who have booked.

Don't miss the chance to attend a great party! Book early to avoid disappointment as seats are limited.

Please contact Kenny on 2830 9504 or email: Kenny_chu@hkfc.com for reservations.



◆ CHAIRMAN'S BAR ◆

OYSTERS EXTRAVAGANZA WITH SPARKLING WINE IN THE EVENING

in the Chairman's Bar

every day from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

throughout the month of October

Oyster lovers are in for a treat. The Chairman's Bar is offering a happy-hour special throughout the month:

- *Get two jet-fresh oysters and a glass of Sparkling for just \$98 or*
- *or 6 oysters and 2 glasses of Sparkling for \$150*
- *or 12 oysters and 2 glasses of Sparkling for \$250*



"WINE-DERFUL" WINE CAROUSEL

in the Chairman's Bar

every day from 6pm to 10pm

throughout the month of October

From 6pm until 10pm daily, you can enjoy 2 hours of free-flowing wines specially selected to match the season at a set price of **\$140 per person**. There are 12 wines on offer. Alternatively you can select any two glasses of wine for only \$75.

All these wines can be purchased from our takeaway list. Forms are available on our website or at Reception.



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OCTOBER SUPER WINE SALE

Super Value for Money

Offer valid until 31st October 2011

How to order?

- Please fill out the enclosed order form or pick up the form at the G/F Lobby or download it from our website www.hkfc.com.hk
 - Fax it to: 2576 7598 or e-mail to: bar@hkfc.com
 - Please allow 5 working days for the processing of your order
- ** Allocation is limited until stocks last (on a first come first served basis)



FOAM “SWEET” FOAM

Moët & Chandon on Special offer

\$320 per bottle Only in October

\$300 per bottle if 3 or more bottles are purchased

How to order?

- Download the order form our Website or
- Pick up the form at the Reception

By Fax – 2576 7598

By Email – bar@hkfc.com

CATERING SERVICE

The Club has a professional Catering Service team for Members offering a wide variety of value-added packages to suit your needs and occasions: Business Meetings, Cocktail Parties, Private Dinner Events, Barbeque Parties or Children’s Birthday Celebrations – all are catered for!

For enquiries and bookings call the Catering Office on 2830 9513 or email to catering@hkfc.com

WINE SALES COUNTER

“Super Wine and Food Fair”

Friday 7th – Sunday 23rd October

- Selection of take away and enjoy at home
- A large variety of wines: Everyday wines, Party wines and Fine wines
- We have something for every wine enthusiast.

OPENING HOURS

Ground Floor Lobby

Monday to Friday from 12.30pm to 9pm

Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays from 11am to 9pm



OCTOBER IN THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR



FOOD AND BEVERAGE:

Drop by the Sportsman's Bar this October for a taste of **Tantalizing Lamb Promotion.**

We also have the **Friday and Saturday Night Kebabs.** All that running around the pitch or, down around town must have made you hungry. Fortunately the Sportsman's Bar has the right dish for you. For eat in or take away...

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ON THE SCREEN

- The Barclays Premier League is full on this month, so come out and watch your favourite teams on the big screen!
- Formula One:
Japanese Grand Prix : Suzuka, 7th-9th October
Korean Grand Prix: Yeongam, 14th-16th October
Indian Grand Prix: Greater Noida, 28th-30th October
- Rugby World Cup
The World Cup is in full swing with teams fighting to qualify for the quarter finals starting October 8th
Upcoming fixtures can be downloaded on:
<http://www.rugbyworldcup.com>
- 2011 Rugby League Four Nations
Friday 28th October: Australia v New Zealand
Saturday 29th October: England v Wales

Keep up to date on the Club website and all sports Notice Boards. For further information, please call the Sportsman's Bar at 2830 9531

See you around...

Is your team going to play for first place? Or first prize?

Date: Wednesday 19th October 2011

Venue: Sportsman's Bar

Time: Buffet – 7.00pm / Quiz 8.30pm to 10.30pm

Entrance Fee: \$168 (Includes one Standard Drink, Buffet and Quiz)

*Maximum of 6 person per team (with at least two being Club Members)

QUIZ NIGHT IS BACK!

Wednesday 19th October

From now on, *every 3rd Wednesday of the month* will be quiz night.

Register soon as this popular event sells out quickly. The quiz starts at 8.30pm sharp, so please do not be late!

Entrance Fee: \$168
(includes one Standard Drink, Buffet and Quiz)

Please contact Kenny at the Sportsman's Bar for reservations on 2830 9531



NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA PARTY

**Saturday 31st
December 2011**

Where: 1/F, Sports Hall

Time: 7.30pm Reception
8.30pm Buffet Dinner

Dress : Black Tie

Price: Members: \$1,400 per person
Non-Members: \$1,900 per person

If you're looking for an epic night of entertainment and festivity then look no further than the Hong Kong Football Club New Year's Eve Party. The talk of the town is that it's one of the biggest and best nights out in all of Hong Kong. So who needs fireworks when you can have a blast of your own in the company of those looking for a night to remember!


The evening will kick off with pre-dinner cocktails and canapés followed by an extensive Buffet featuring a sumptuous culinary journey of global flavours, accompanied by unlimited pouring of wine, sparkling wine, beer and premium spirits throughout the night. As always live bands from

the U.K. will be flown in especially for the big night and will keep the party alive and everyone on the dance floor well into the early hours of 2012.


For those needing a recharge, a full Breakfast Buffet will be served at 2am. And of course the night will not be complete without Champagne served at Midnight to celebrate the arrival of the New Year.

Please book now to avoid disappointment as this event will sell out!

A booking form is available at the front desk or you can book through our website or by email: kenny_chu@hkfc.com



Book now to avoid disappointment!



Section Chairman's Report

A first-class season of rugby for the Club

With the 2011-12 playing season well and truly here, the Rugby Section has set itself ambitious goals for success on the pitch.

The Hong Kong Rugby Football Union has made welcome changes to the divisions which means our teams are now back to playing at the levels where they have traditionally competed. HKFC players last season were asked to play up a grade and we made that sacrifice (paying for it with increased numbers of injuries in particular) in order to support development of Hong Kong rugby. This season Division 1 and 2 have been renamed as Premier and Premier A, with Newedge Club in Premier and Newedge Dragons returning to its traditional slot in the Premier A division. Newedge Scorpions will play in the renamed Community Division 1 and both Newedge Select and Newedge Sequins in Community Division 2. Newedge Bulls will play in Community Division 3. In addition, tighter restrictions will be enforced by the HKRFU limiting the scope for playing up or down.

With a return to the usual playing levels, we expect all teams to be able to bring silverware back to the HKFC at the end of the season. We want to improve on our successes from last season, when Newedge Club won the First Division League championship; Newedge Sequins finished second in the third division; and Newedge Bulls won the Grand Championship in the fourth division.

Players are being encouraged to push themselves to attain high levels of fitness, and one or two new guys who have moved to HK for work have joined HKFC that will certainly complement our current squad of players.

Fitness will be a major item this season for all players as we improve competitiveness. We welcome **Jeremy Meyer** as fitness conditioning coach who has extensive expertise in getting rugby players fit for the

pitch. We have also invested in enhanced physiotherapy including a Game Ready system, an advanced cold and compression regimen that can help reduce pain, swelling, tissue damage and muscle spasms.

We have a strong coaching team this season too. Thanks to our coaches for the Newedge Club and Newedge Dragons teams: **Rob Naylor**, **Richard Kirke**, former All Black **Terry Wright** and **James Mendes**, with **James Cook** as manager. Newedge Scorpions and Newedge Select will also train as a unit with coaching from former British Lions representative **David Egerton** and **John Moore**, the duo from Bath. Newedge Sequins are again captained by **Damian Kelly**. Newedge Bulls' coaches are **James Riordan** and **Karl Rowe**.

Congratulations to **Antony Phillips** on being elected as Section Captain. A well-regarded captain and back row player, **Antony** has made significant contributions over his past three seasons with the Club.

The Rugby Section Committee also welcomes **James Thomson** as treasurer taking over from the long serving **Nigel Hobler** and **David Slater**, aka Animal as membership secretary, taking over from the hard working **James Manders**.

Newly created committee positions have been filled by **Alex Duperouzel** as Veterans representative and **Kevin Taylor** as Mini Rugby Reprehensive. These positions give voice and recognize the importance of past and future rugby players of the Section.

Mini Rugby and Colts players started the season at the beginning of September, in bigger numbers than ever.

Colts Rugby will continue to receive support and encouragement. We want to see ongoing development of younger players so that they are confident enough and welcome to move from U16-18 teams into higher grades. This is crucial for the long-term competitiveness of our club's rugby sides. If all goes to plan,

some colt's games will be the curtain raiser to some Club games.

Rugby for women and girls will also continue to be a high priority. The ranks of our Ice team are growing and first class coaching provided by **Quinton Wrigley**. We welcome back the Tai Po ladies who will continue to joint venture with Newedge Ice in the Women's 15s division.

Touring is the essence of rugby. Every HKFC Rugby Section player from U6 through to veterans has the opportunity to tour with the HKFC Rugby Section this season.

It should be a first-class season of rugby. ■

— *Damian Babis,*
Chairman of the Rugby Section

Rugby World Cup Final Long Lunch

Sunday 23rd October, Sports Hall

We have confirmed speakers for the RWC Final long lunch on Sunday 23rd October in the Sports Hall; Chester Williams, Rico Gear, Mike Teague and Tony Daly will be offering their punditry on the Final before kick off and at half time. Guinness is sponsoring the event and in addition to free flow stout all afternoon, they will have a 'pour your perfect pint' tap with a master Guinness barman on hand to guide.

We will have 4 large screens and special PA sound system set up for great viewing and a fantastic atmosphere. We expect to sell out early, so we suggest that people book early to make sure they get seats.

Email: RWCFinal@complianceasia.com for tickets.

Section Captain's Report



Antony Phillips,
Section Captain

Dear all, as the season is right around the corner this month's article comes in the way of match and tour reports.

There are reports from the Section tour to Singapore and the Vandals tour to Qingdao...

Vandals Tour to Qingdao

It was with great anticipation that the Vandals (accompanied by ICE representatives) toured from 19th – 21st August 2011, on the invitation of Sun Lin (last seasons' Scorps/Drags import hooker from Mainland China) to his home town of Qingdao. Now a major shipping port for northern China, Qingdao boasts the world's second largest beer festival held over two weeks in August each year. It was fitting that the Vandals should happen to be touring to Qingdao at this time.

Lin and the city of Qingdao proved to be outstanding hosts, starting with tinnies in the Airport carpark on arrival through to the historical tour of the original Tsing Tao brewery. The town of Qingdao showed that it had a lot to offer a touring rugby team.

On the topic of rugby, the Vandals managed to spread the good word of the running game by conducting a Saturday morning training clinic with the U15 regional representative side before playing a game of rugby against a team of players from the region, hand-picked by Lin. The Vandals turned up fresh on the Saturday after having made their presence known at the beer festival and the town the night before. A credible mention must be made of an outstanding try by a very hungover **John McGale** during the match, where he opened the door late in the game, and exploded in some soggy conditions through a solid defence to put one away and

help the Vandals towards a 3 try to 2 victory over the local team. All Vandals played attractive rugby to post the victory and should be commended.

On the whole, a great tour, great place to visit with great growth potential for the game of rugby. A place definitely worth revisiting in future years.

"Thank yous" must go to the following for ensuring the success of the tour:

- **Lin** and his team mates provided great hospitality and assistance on the tour;
- **Clint Borle** for acting as fines master for the weekend;
- **Sean Purdie** provided a great deal of guidance in the general organization and in holding a very memorable fines session in a karaoke parlour where one **David Graham** was forced to retire to the hospital after slipping and busting his head open on a wet tiled floor during an enthusiastic rendition of Dancing Queen by ABBA;
- **Chairman Babis** must be thanked for planting the seed for the tour idea and for encouraging it to go ahead; and
- **Carbo Chang** in accounts for assisting with general payment issues and administration.

Miss **Diana Li** of ICE deserves special mention. She provided an extraordinary amount of help in organizing and in liaising with Lin and Mainland China to ensure that everything on the tour went smoothly. Diana translated, negotiated and organized above and beyond what is required of a normal rugby tourist and it was appreciated by every one of us on the tour. I would like to personally thank her for the amount of work she put into the organization of the tour and the success of the tour was in large part due to her efforts.

Finally...FLOOD!!! — **Paul Moley Douglas**





Singapore Tour: Contemptibles

The Contemptibles travelled with the young lads from our 1's and 2's to Singapore for the biannual tour to visit the Singapore Cricket Club. SCC Growlers were our opposition. The pitch was firm and our touring party was looking strong as Singapore turned on some cooler than normal weather for our afternoon kickoff. Cookie had us fired up ahead of the game with several of the tourists already requesting substitution prior to the toss. We won the toss and elected to receive.

That we did, but shortly after lost **Gillespie** to a suspected fractured leg. I say suspected because two and a bit days later he still cannot walk on it, but we were just having too much fun to get him to hospital. Tour Big Boy **Woodfin** then retired hurt and suddenly we were struggling in the backs. We had opted to bring **Coach Joonyah** into the side at the last minute to beef up our backs with **Cookie** moving from fullback to 5/8th. But the early injuries meant sending **Steve McCullough** in from lock to out centre to give us more cover there. The decision was made easy for Contempts management as we all know he just drifts into the backs anyway.

The chaps tried hard and **Alex Blyth** made his long awaited return to HKFC with **Ramsay Carter** joining in the fun as well. **Rob Christie** was bought onto the wing and even **Grahame Low** had a run in the backs. **Pete Robinson** and **Scott Haylock** featured in the pack with Chairman **Babis**, **Mark** "Bus Monitor" **Leonard** and **Tom Hutchison** holding up the front row. **Mark Pulvirenti** was surprisingly fast on the wing given just how hungover he was earlier that day.

Ross Bolton, **Richard Scarth** and **Derek Titterington** all performed well as they sweated out the night before.

It was shades of 1992 with **Marty Robbins** also on the field and yours truly opting to wait for the players to tire a little before injecting myself into the action.

Keith Martin and **Grahame Brechin** looked on enviously from the sidelines still somewhat shocked from that morning's RWC game where Scotland almost got done by Romania!!

SCC Growlers however were just too strong and went out eventual winners 3 tries to 1 despite a solid last 20 minutes for the boys in blue. In the greatest tragedy of the day, **McCullough**

scored the only Contempts try and we had to put up with **Doris** talking us through it later at the SCC.

SCC were fine hosts and Contempts then joined in a large fine session with the younger chaps.

Sunday saw a bit more mayhem in Singapore with the chaps all heading over to try out **Alex Blyth's** Megazip adventure course on Sentosa and then an afternoon of beers at the Wave House.

Great tour, back again in two years.

— *Alex Duperouzel, Contempts Manager*

Singapore Tour: Dragons

Hong Kong Dragons 24-8 Singapore Cricket Club

Tries: Day, Rouse, Brass **Cons:** Raby 3 **Pens:** Raby

Improvement throughout the 80 minutes after a slow start allowed the Dragons to record a deserved victory against a committed Singapore side.

Antony Phillips' side were 5-0 down within the first few minutes when a fast recycle from the Singapore side from the kick-off allowed their alert fly half to break the line and move the ball quickly and put their left winger in for a try.

It was a worryingly slow start for the Dragons and the first quarter carried on in a similar vein with Singapore consistently more competitive and committed at the breakdown and securing good ball and achieving a number of turnovers from effective counter rucking putting the Dragons defence under pressure. The second phase ball the Dragons were securing was scrappy and a lack of control led to poor ball for scrum half **Tom Blackwell** or knock-ons or spills where the Dragons forwards were blindly hitting the rucks.

A four quarter format for the game allowed the side to come together after the first 20 and regroup. Points relayed were for the back row to get to the breakdown quicker, commit the right numbers to the ruck and to improve ball retention. In the backs the focus was on closing down the Singapore back line, stopping their fly half from getting over the gain line.

At the start of the second quarter the Dragons gradually started to improve ball control and were committing to the breakdown and delivering good quality ball to the backs. A strong lineout performance from **Phillips** was giving good service to the Dragons backs who were starting to make inroads across the gain line and requiring Singapore to defend their line. A number of clean breaks were made, especially **Adam Raby** attacking effectively through the 12/13 channel. It was from a period of good ball retention that Dragons got the levelling score, good work from the backrow with man on the match **Marcus Neil** outstanding, **Conor Clancy** and **Patrick O'Connor**, recycled to Phillips who put impressive winger **Jai Day** in with an effective no look pass. **Raby** added the conversion.

Substitutions in the back row brought on fresh legs with Florian Servian increasing the work rate at the breakdown and **Alan**

Brass at lock competing hard, the Dragons began to secure the bulk of possession. This increased possession was allowing the ball to be used effectively with **Blackwell** and **Andrew Abernethy** combining well, allowing the Centre partnership of **Stuart Taylor** and **Richard Rouse** to make ground. Good sustained attacks from the Dragons led to the second score with **Rouse** taking the ball near half way and stepping inside the Singapore defence and outstripping the defenders to score a superb individual try under the posts with **Raby** again adding the conversion.

Near the end of this quarter Dragons again came under intense pressure under their own posts with a series of attacking scrums which had to be defended. Strong scrummaging from the front 5 particularly **Richard Gallagher**, **Lachlan Chubb** and **Daniel Brown** allowed the danger to be averted and the second quarter to end with the Dragons 14-5 ahead.

Into the Second 2 quarters it was clear the Dragons needed to consolidate their position and start to play for field position. The penalty count grossly in favour of Singapore meant that the Dragons needed to play in the Singapore half. A lapse of concentration with Brass going off his feet gave the Singapore side a straightforward penalty which brought the score to 14-8 with Singapore looking to take advantage.

Further rolling substitutions in the final quarter with the return of **Phillips** and **Clancy**, with **Paul Douglas** at hooker built on the work rate of the pack, with **Jeremy Myer** carrying and rucking strongly and the impressive **Neil** seemingly everywhere. Intelligent kicking brought a try for the onrushing **Brass** only to be thwarted by an illegal tackle in the act of scoring, this led to a penalty try and a yellow card for the Singapore full back, converted by **Raby** for a 100% record.

The Dragons continued to dominate the play with a slick backs move missing the inside centre for replacement left winger **James Cook** to score in the corner. A certain try was missed when **Cook** believing he would not make the line executed a difficult back pass only for **Rouse** to spill the ball. This was compounded when a further clean attack had **Rouse** only to catch and score, which was inexplicably dropped. A final penalty put some space between the two teams and the Dragons went on to win the match comfortably.

Overall a pleasing display, with the Team responding to their sluggish start and ending with a deserved victory, after a controlled and precise display with all the rolling substitutes making a big impact.

Dragons: **Raby, Day, Rouse, Taylor, Gerrard, Abernethy, Blackwell, O'Connor, Clancy, Neil, Phillips, Myer, Chubb, Minju, Gallagher**

Replacements: **Douglas, Browne, Brass, Servian, Cook**

— *Jonathan Moore*

HKFC Club vs Singapore CC Report

With little game time prep plus new faces and losing our skipper **Steven 'Horse' Nolan** before kickoff things were always going to be a challenge for the Firsts against the SCC last weekend.

But true to form the 1st XV Club side stood up against this challenge and took the game right to the SCC. Added to that losing **Guy Payn** and **Will Hunt** within the first 10 minutes this was going to be a true test of our boys.

Under immense pressure to our line early on in the game we defended solidly until a solid lineout drive took SCC to the lead 5-0. We bounced back almost immediately with a try to **Jake Phelps** who stepped his way over after some great lead up forward work and good backline movement. Our forwards began to gel and attack and combine well, and we turned the screws to put SCC under a lot of pressure for the next 20 minutes to get away with another try by **Rory Hussey**, before the half and led 14-5 at the break.

Unfortunately this definitely became a game of two halves and from the kick off SCC took the game by the horns and dominated for the next 30 minutes scoring twice to take over the lead 22-14. We did fight back in the final 10 but failed to capitalize on a few penalties and field position. A penalty by us was cancelled out by an SCC dropped goal which is where the games ended up 25-17.

All in all not a bad performance considering the disruptions and lack of prep time. We do however now have things to build upon before our trial against Valley on **24th September** and Queensland University on **28th September**.

Mentions must be made of **Tom Boland** who stepped into tighthead prop and to **Lachlan Chubb** who played 160 minutes as well as **Jeremy Meyer** and **Pat O'connor**. The 3,2,1s went to **Rory Hussey** (3), **Tom Bolland** (2), **Rob "Shagger" Mcdermott** (1)

See you next month. ■

— *Antony Phillips, Club Captain*



Mini Rugby News

Gearing up for another fun-packed season of Mini Rugby with new laws

The Mini Rugby season is off to a flying start. Hong Kong Football Club, as it prepares to enter its 126th year of operation, has the biggest and strongest Mini Rugby programme ever. More than 400 players, ranging from the U6s to the U12s, are hitting the pitches every Sunday morning.

They are gearing up for an action and fun-packed 2011-12 season. In this Rugby World Cup year, it was fantastic to watch the U12s compete in Hong Kong's own tribute to one of the sporting world's great events, in the form of the Te Aka Aorere Mini Rugby Tournament 2011 at King's Park on 10th September. Organised by the New Zealand Consulate-General with the support of the Hong Kong Rugby Football Union and the Hong Kong Mini-Rugby Football Union, the tournament brought together 300 players to represent the 20 nations vying for the Rugby World Cup.

Every Sunday morning, and for some age groups also Monday and Thursday, our players are not only enjoying coaching sessions which provide them with a solid grounding in rugby, they are preparing for a season of tournaments. There are about 10 tournaments this season which provide players and teams with an opportunity to put their developing skills to the test. From the DEA Festival in early November to a regular highlight in March, the Hong Kong 7s Mini Showcase, and the HKFC's second commemorative event, the Taipan's Festival in April, there's going to be plenty of fun and competition.

Our tours for players and their parents are growing in size as well as competitiveness every year. Last year, we had a record turnout for the Bintan Rugby Tournament in Kuala Lumpur. More than 300 players

and parents joined the games or supported from the sidelines as we played teams from across Asia. The tour this year is from 17th to 19th February and children particularly from the U10 to U12 age groups are expected to join, and it will be open for other age groups including the U7s. We also expect to send teams to tournaments in Singapore hosted by the Centaurs (December) and Tanglin (April).



Our sponsors are key to providing our young players with the opportunity to enjoy mini rugby. I would like to thank our main sponsor National Australia Bank (NAB), our associate sponsors CLSA and Kennedy's, and new associate sponsor EC Harris the Built Asset Consulting Company.

Our coaches have had the opportunity before the start of the season to attend coaching courses run by the Club with support from HKRFU and HKMRFU. This is a fantastic effort from our coaches and I am confident this focus will benefit the players.

A number of important playing law changes have been adopted by the HKMRFU, based on input from HKFC

and other clubs. There have been concerns that the previous laws and lack of playing space in Hong Kong are holding back the development of players. So a number of changes have been adopted which make the game more enjoyable for children, increase the technique and skills they are developing as well as prepare them for a lifetime of enjoyment of rugby on the pitch. I support these positive developments as they provide better opportunities for players and teams to play more open games of rugby when attacking while requiring they defend more vigorously. At the same time, the new laws provide a solid grounding for players' safety.

Girls are being more actively encouraged to enjoy mini rugby at the Club, and we have experienced an increase in registrations for female players. We will enter girls' teams at U11/12 and U9/10 levels for festivals and involve those in other age groups in mixed festivals and training. I am delighted Liz Moser is managing the girls' mini rugby sides this year and is taking a more active role in promoting rugby for girls.

I want to thank our mini rugby committee, coaches and managers for their time and dedication to a first-class mini rugby section. All have contributed significantly during our pre-season preparations and are now relishing the enjoyable task of getting their teams up to speed for the coming festivals. Thank you to our players and parents for their sense of fun and commitment to rugby.

See you on the pitch! ■

— Kevin Taylor

Chairman - HKFC Mini Rugby



Rugby World Cup fever inspires U12s

On a bright Saturday, the day after the All Blacks kicked off the 2011 Rugby World Cup, RWC fever came to King's Park, Hong Kong, in the form of Te Aka Aorere Mini Rugby World Cup (U12 - mixed) tournament. Players from all clubs were asked to state the countries they wished to play for and were allocated by HKRFU to teams representing each country participating in the official tournament. The official RWC pool format and finals schedule was followed.

On paper, the Australian side featuring a number of HKFC upper tier players looked like favourites, and a strong Valley-French contingent meant France would be competitive. Scotland had the good fortune of HKFC's first choice half back pairing of **Jack Abbott** and Aussie **Nicky 'Mc'Spence** and had a strong pack including HKFC No. 8, **Cameron Henderson**.

There was disappointment as HKFC coach **Brendan O'Toole's** New Zealand failed to qualify as Japan, South Africa, Ireland, Australia, Fiji, Scotland, France won through to the QFs. Ireland under HKFC **Merv Jacob's** stewardship, drew with Australia in the pool matches and could have won after dominating possession. South Africa emerged as the tournament dark horses, driven by HKFC's **Richie**

Walker at scrum half and by a tall and pacy free scoring DEA winger. Scotland defeated England 5-1 despite the efforts of HKFC's **Kai Miles** to inspire the English team. A relatively weak Namibia side won two and lost two, but HKFC's flying wing **Calvin Harris** did enough for the Namibians to earn himself the MVP award for the tournament.



In the Quarters, France defeat South Africa, who lost their star wing to injury, Australia disposed of Fiji, and Scotland beat Japan. Ireland, later voted as the team displaying the best Olympian values, were also into the Semis, where they would face France. A draw in this match led to France winning on the toss of the coin, and the Irish accepting defeat gracefully. In the other Semi, Scotland beat Australia 4-1, with HKU's Frenchwoman **Beatrice**

Boroon (renamed Broon for the day) starring for Scotland. **Beatrice** was awarded the fair play award on the day.

The final started evenly with **Jack Abbott** twice stopping a certain try on his own line with brave cover tackles, before **Nicky Spence**, skipped through the French midfield off the back of a scrum to score. Two more tries from Scotland Captain **Cameron Henderson** contributed to a 5-0 final victory and much flag waving amongst the delirious Scottish fans as the 'Bravehearts' took the trophy (probably not a much used sentence in the history of sporting journalism!!)

The tournament proved a tremendous success, building camaraderie with players from other clubs, and gave an opportunity for players and coaches to experience coaching tips from different coaches. ■

— *Russell Henderson*
U12 Head Coach



Soccer News



Section Captain's Report



Scott Semple,
Soccer Section
Captain

Hello everyone and welcome back to the Soccer Sections "Captain's Corner".

I have taken over the reins as Section Captain from **Neil 'Growler' Jensen.**

I am sure you will all agree that Growler did an outstanding job as Captain last season and I would like to wish him all the best in his new role as Soccer Section Chairman. He certainly leaves me with big shorts, I mean boots to fill. It won't be easy with my small feet, but at least my boot size is the same as Pele's!

To give you all a little bit of background, I was born and grew up in Hong Kong and have very fond memories of the "old" Club. The HKFC was a big part of life growing up back then, and I'm delighted to say it is exactly the same for me and my family now. Since my return to Hong Kong and indeed the HKFC over 7 years ago, it goes without saying that it is an absolute honour and privilege for me to be the Soccer Section Captain for the season ahead. I hope to carry on the tradition of those who have held this prestigious position before me, and to maintain the highest standards that we should all expect.

As well as my appointment, there have been a number of other changes to the Soccer Section Committee and I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to our outgoing Chairman, **Francis Chung**, for all his time and effort over the many years he has served on the Soccer Section Committee.

In what must have been one of the most well attended AGM's in recent memory, a few other new faces have come into the fold so please find below a full list of your Section representatives for the coming season. During the Soccer Section AGM,

a number of thorny issues were raised and keenly debated which just reaffirmed what I already knew - that we have a great deal of passionate and committed members and that "the beautiful game" means so much to so many in the Section. It is now up to the incoming committee to embrace the challenges that lie ahead. Having now already sat in on two committee meetings, each lasting well over 3 hours (with further discussion spilling over to the Sportsman's!) it is clear to see we are taking all tasks and issues seriously.

Thankfully over the summer months we did have some football to keep us ticking over. **Kieran Flynn** and his trusty sidekicks once again organised a successful inter-club 6's tournament and congratulations go to the "Legends" on their victory.

The Club also played host to two separate touring teams. The First Team welcomed the familiar faces of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club in a match that the Club ran out 2-1 winners (*see Match Report on adjacent page*). A Captain's Select team then faced the Kanto Celts from Japan and duly defeated them 4-3 with much help from hat-trick hero on the evening **Kenichi Sekino**. The Kanto Celts are a team that former Section Captain **Andrew Gardner** now plays for, unfortunately he was unable to travel with them and so his record of having NEVER scored a goal at the Club remains intact!



Kanto Celts manager/coach receiving the HKFC Shield from Soccer Section captain Scott Semple

As you read this the soccer season is well and truly underway and at the time of writing, the HKFC First Team have had a terrific start with two wins out of two as they seek to win back promotion to Division 1. What is especially pleasing to see is that the 1st team has welcomed players into their squad from ALL four of the other competitive Section teams, highlighting the quality of players we now have throughout the Section.

For Lucky Mile I would like to extend a warm welcome to their new coach **Richard Ewart** and his assistant **Darren Russell**. Richard and Darren join the HKFC Soccer Section from Yau Yee League (YYL) team USRC. Having played against and watched USRC for a number of years, they always maintained very high standards which were reflected in their continual presence there or thereabouts at the top of the YYL.

Dropping down to the YYL, it was a bumper season for all HFKC representatives, as the Club almost took a clean sweep of every trophy up for grabs.

Albion won the 1st Division in the most dramatic fashion, Wanderers rightfully won the Cup, and Colts were beaten finalists in the 6's. The bar has been set very high and it will take another great effort from those involved. As I alluded to above, the standard of player we now welcome into the Section is very high, which ensures a healthy competition for places.

Finally I would like to wish everyone the very best of luck for the season ahead, no matter what level and remember:

"Football isn't something that you can fake; it's a feeling, a passion, a lifestyle. If you don't live, eat, sleep, and breath football, then you are not a true football player, you just wear the jersey"

Cheers, **Scott Semple**

Match Report:

HKFC vs Royal Bangkok Sports Club



HKFC and RBSC Squads line-up for a pre-match prior to kick-off

On the evening of Friday 12th August, it was the Hong Kong Football Club's turn to host the Royal Bangkok Sports Club in the annual Interport Match.

In what was a keenly fought and highly competitive match, the HKFC, under the stewardship of 1st Team Manager **Tony Sealy**, managed to run out 2-1 winners with goals coming from **Sam Gilliland** and **Max Poon** to regain the Interport trophy, having been narrowly beaten 4-3 in last year's encounter.

Although having to lick their wounds in the Sportsman's Bar afterwards, players from the RBSC commented on how much they enjoyed the match and the hospitality that is always provided to them.

The HKFC now look forward to defending the trophy on our next visit to Bangkok at a date still to be determined, but more than likely to be at the end of the season. Ideally we would like to try and take an additional team with us to Bangkok and turn this into an official Soccer Section Tour.

Man of the Match: **Raymond Lo** (aka **Hung Jai**)

Special thanks go to outgoing Social Convenor **Tony Hamilton-Bram** for helping to organise this match. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Tony** for completely transforming the "social" aspect of the Section. I am positive that all of us that have attended the Christmas and end of season events over the last few years have been amazed and grateful for his huge efforts. **Campo** has a tough act to follow – no pressure! ■



HKFC Captain Liam Brannan receives a pennant from RBSC captain

Soccer Section Committee Members for 2011/2012:

Committee Position	Name
Chair	Neil Jensen
Section Captain	Scott Semple
Treasurer	Pat Burns
Soccer Section General Committee Representative	Martyn Russell
Membership Secretary	Rob Norman
Secretary	Douglas Thomson
Section Coach	Tony Sealy
Social Convener	Michael Campion

Team Representatives

Rovers Representatives	Dave Owens
Junior Soccer Representative	Chris Plowman
Lucky Mile Representative	Jamie Milne
Ladies Soccer Representative	Kelly Clark
Gazelles Representative	Kieran Flynn
Club Albion Representative	Lee Douris
Club Wanderers Representative	Mark Bavis
Club Colts Representative	Bobby Lawson
Dynamics Representative	Andy Hunter



Liam Brannan gratefully receives the Interport trophy

Junior Soccer News



Junior Soccer kicks off for 2011/2012

With a new sponsor and new kit!



Members I'm sure will be well aware by now of the resumption of the junior sports programmes run by the Club for both Members and non-Members' children, and the HKFC Junior Soccer programme kicked off again in September with over 500 players running out on Club pitches (Main, Hockey and Sports Hall) on a Saturday morning. Previously known as Mini Soccer but with the adoption over recent years of the names 'Junior' and 'Youth' for the older players, leading to the clumsy term for the programme of 'Mini/Junior/Youth Soccer', the programme's committee made the decision to simplify the programme name to 'Junior Soccer' starting this season.

Managed and run by players' parents and other volunteers, the Junior Soccer programme, as part of the Club's Soccer Section, provides coaching and competitive football for children starting as young as five years' old and goes right through to Club representative sides at Under 13, Under 15, Under 17 and most recently Under 19 levels. As the largest programme of its kind in Hong Kong the HKFC Junior Soccer programme is part of the Club's commitment to provide sports activities and facilities to the community, hence it is open to non-Members' children too. The volunteer coaches, mostly parents, all undertake an English FA equivalent 3-day level 1 coaching education course, provided by the programme, to ensure they have at least a basic understanding of helping to run safe and effective coaching sessions for large groups of children – more important at the younger age groups than any advanced football playing or coaching skills – whilst more advanced coaches can take an in-depth level 2 course to further develop their coaching expertise.

From P4 level (ages 7 to 8) the players begin to play competitive football against other local clubs and soccer schools in the Hong Kong Junior League and those that progress into the programme's recently developed Youth Pathway also start to compete in local HKFA arranged leagues. Across all age levels, HKFC Junior Soccer continues to be successful in these competitions, but the aim of the programme remains focused on providing the opportunity for children of all levels of ability to learn how to play the beautiful game and most importantly get some healthy enjoyment from the sport.

One of the big initiatives for this season has been to equip the players and coaches with a modern new design of kit that will be consistent for all the HKFC competitive soccer squads from the Club's first eleven to the P1 level Junior Soccer players. At the time of writing, more kit is still to be delivered but the intention is to ensure that by the end of this season there will be a more consistent identity and kit design in the Club's famous blue and white colours for soccer at the Club.

For the Junior Soccer programme this would not have been possible without the additional financial support (to add to parents' registration fees) by our sponsors. **Regus**, a major provider of business centre accommodation, are continuing to support the programme for the second year as major sponsor, and this season we welcome the support of the **Meco Group**, who will be the main sponsor of the Youth Development Pathway and associate sponsor for the Junior programme. Additionally for the first time, the programme has an official charity partner: **Indochina Starfish Foundation**, an organisation that provides education and sporting activities, including a junior soccer programme, for underprivileged children in Cambodia. At the end of last season players and parents generously donated their old Junior Soccer kit and boots, which has been shipped down to Cambodia to be put to good use and this season the Junior Soccer Committee intend to develop this relationship further with the possibility of an overseas tour to play local Cambodian teams. Look out for the new Junior Soccer kit and our sponsors' and charity partner's logos featured prominently.

Finally thanks must go to the volunteers that make up the Junior Soccer Programme committee, many of whom give so much of their time up to make this programme possible and to make the HKFC Junior Soccer as popular and successful as it continues to be. ■

*Chris Plowman
Chairman, HKFC Junior Soccer*

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Balls to the Walls:

The annual Wing Ding Fancy Dress Charity Squash Tournament once again coming to the Hong Kong Football Club



Wing Ding Tournament in 2010

It was a goal no one thought possible, but thanks to the goodwill of the Hong Kong's squash community and the Hong Kong Football Club, last year's Wing Ding Squash Tournament raised over HK\$1 million for the city's most needy.

It was an incredible one-day record for an annual sports tournament that simply started as a tribute to YUEN Kam-Wing "Wing", a physically-disabled employee who looked after players, court bookings and the bar at the Hong Kong Squash Centre before passing away in 1998.

Now in its thirteenth year, the squash tournament honours Wing's spirit, courage and commitment to community while collecting money for many local charities and their worthwhile projects.

Funds are raised through entry fees, auctions, raffle sales and individual donations with every dollar going to Operation Santa Claus (OSC), a holiday campaign organized by the South China Morning Post (SCMP) and Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK).

Established in 1988, OSC reviews project proposals from a variety of Hong Kong charitable organizations, selects between 10 to 20 beneficiaries per year, and then launches an appeal on their behalf during the months of November and December. All donations are then distributed to each charity based on their project costs.

This year, 16 charities have been selected as OSC beneficiaries. Those charities are The Hong Kong Boys' Brigade; The Children's Heart Foundation; Chi Heng Foundation Limited; Operation Smile – China Medical Mission Limited; The Hong

Kong Christian Kun Sun Association Limited; Art in Hospital Limited; Rehabaid Society; Enlighten Hong Kong Limited; Children's Medical Foundation Limited; Diabetes Hongkong; Hong Kong Arthritis & Rheumatism Foundation Limited; Families of SMA Charitable Trust; Hong Kong Federation of the Blind; Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong; Hong Kong Princess Alexandra School; Riding for the Disabled Association Limited.

"OSC has once again selected an amazing group of charities, and we're really looking forward to helping them," said Tim Everest, coordinator for Wing Ding. "Last year's tournament was truly something special. We raised HK\$1,075,280.40, but we're not going to rest there. We're calling on all of our friends and colleagues to join us as a participant, a viewer or a contributor so we can make this extraordinary event even better. You can give money. You can donate prizes to the raffle draw or a 'special item' to the charity auction. You can just come and applaud. All forms of support and encouragement are appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help. We look forward to seeing you at the Wing Ding."

The actual eight-hour squash tournament is one of the more spirited contests to hit Hong Kong courts.

The rules are simple – 140 people, representing 14 teams and 10 levels of expertise, compete during a running-style of play. Each player must wear a creative costume (which incorporates their team's designated colour); face thirteen members from his or her grouping, and dash to the next court at the end of each three to four-minute match.

"It's pretty gruelling, but a lot of fun. You really have to see it to believe it," said Everest, with a smile.

The 2011 Wing Ding Squash Tournament will take place on **Saturday 19th November**, at the Hong Kong Football Club. To learn more about the event or to make a cash or raffle contribution, please contact Everest at tim@hk.polargrp.com or 9104 6383 or 9182 8299. More information is available on the **Wing Ding website: www.wingding.hk**

Since 2003, the Wing Ding has gathered an astounding HK\$2,762,402.40 million for charity -- with HK\$2,728,402.40 million of that amount going to Operation Santa Claus (OSC) and HK\$ 34,000.00 raised in 2003 going to HOLF (Home For The Loving Faithfulness). Come and help us make a difference! ■

Squash Summer League

Squash Summer League Results

This year we have a double champion, Team Mercury, which won both the League and Cup Championships. Final Results are summarized below.

- Cup and League Winner:
Team Mercury (**Tim Fan, Kien Ng, Kalpesh Doshi** (Convenor), **Charles Li** and **Steve Gollop**)
- Plate Winner: Team Earth (**William Fan, Roger Liden** (Convenor), **Eli Bitan, Kate Geary** and **Mike Woods**)
- And the recipient of the Wooden Spoon is ... Team Mars (**Phil Neilson, Lee Robinson, Mark Rittmayer, Tom Keenan** and **Catherine Ho**)!

Congrats to all winners.



- Total number of participants: 40 regular players and 45 pool players
- While Team Mercury eventually won both the League Championship and Cup Championship, they only nudged past a very determined Team Jupiter in the Cup Semi-Final by the narrowest of margins: one point (losing 2-3 by match score but winning total games won by 10-9 thus earning 2 extra points, making the final point 4-3!)
- The Plate Final was a monumental battle between Team Earth and Team Saturn, with 4 of the 5 matches going to the 5th. There was an amazing spirit among all the players, including the match of the day with veteran **William Fan** coming back from a 0-2 deficit to beat the imposing power hitter **Jon Gillespie** 3-2. Team Earth came up on top at the end.
- Only 2 of the 5 original players showed up to play in the Final for the Wooden Spoon recipient, Team Mars. One of them, **Mark Rittmayer**, ran off in hiding after the tournament but was eventually tracked down for a memorable photo at the bowling alley. This team also set a record as the only summer league team that did not win any of the 7 regular season matches.

By Jo Babis



Report by Team Mercury

As soon as we knew it was a match against Team Venus, we knew it was going to be a battle of the Titans. **Steve** played well in first 2 games but then let loose in the next ... we thought we were doomed but **Steve** got back and won the match 3-2. The first match is always a confidence boost for the team. However, it didn't quite get to **Charles** as he lost to **Pat** 0-3. Was **Charles** being a gentleman or was **Pat** too competitive, we will leave **Charles** to answer that. So now it's one match each and the pressure is on for both planets. Our Captain, **Kalpesh** was next and he won 3-0 showing no mercy. **Kien** was relieved after **Kalpesh's** win. **Kien** also won 3-0 with great style and consistency. All pressure was gone as we had already won in matches and games. No matter losing or winning, all I needed to do is to take the planet home but winning would be better, so I played my best and also won 3-0.

We celebrated the double champ, 2 bottles of wine each, a winner's photograph and lots of beer and milkshake (for me, obviously!)”

By Tim Fan



Lawn Bowls News



Chairman's Corner

The second half of the Premier League is well under way and everyone is busy brushing up their bowling skills so they can do their part.

Most of our teams are holding their own in the League and some are on track for honours.

I believe, whatever team you are in you can do your part in supporting it, not just by practicing but also by being prepared for the game and by noticing what is going on, especially towards the end of the game.

If you look back at the results from the last half of the season and the start of this one you will notice that the aggregate score in a number of games was decided by one or two woods. Seasoned bowlers please forgive me for this but there are a few bowlers who still do not know how the scores are calculated so I would like firstly to explain this. A team is made up of three rinks. A win for a rink is worth two points, a draw one. At the end of the game the total number of shots for each team are added up and two additional points are given (the aggregate) for the team with the highest score. If the total scores are the same each team receives one extra point. This means that a team winning in all three rinks will receive eight points. It also means that a team only winning in one rink could still obtain four points if it won by a large margin and this meant the teams aggregate score was greater than the opposition.

You may well be losing in your rink towards the end of your game and yet your score could be critical in helping the team to win the aggregate score.

I have to say, there are many times I have spoken to a bowler towards the end of a game and they have been totally unaware of the closeness of the aggregate scores.

One aspect of this awareness is that the score on the score board needs to be displayed so that every player is aware of the scores on all three rinks. This is especially important towards the end of the game.

To support the team all bowlers should ensure they arrive in good time for the start of a game and have everything they need at hand. I have noticed, especially at home games, that some players arrive a minute or two before the start of a game and are still fussing around looking for their towel, or measuring tape, or gripper etc long into the start of the game. For this reason, if you look, you will see that often we get off to a bad start at home games when in actual fact this is the time we should be gaining a lead while the opposition get to grips with our green.

Finally, I see many bowlers deliver their two woods then go off and make telephone calls, or chat to friends who are walking by. You can learn a lot about the line of delivery and the changing nature of a green by watching the other bowlers. This also helps you maintain your focus. It is important that all bowlers keep their level of concentration throughout the game. To turn off your mobile for three hours won't result in the end of the world!

We all have our part to play in supporting our team and this isn't just about how we deliver our woods. Let's ensure we all do our part. ■

— *Mark Mahoney*

Lawn Bowls Section Annual General Meeting

The Section held its Annual General Meeting on the evening of Friday 9th September 2011. Over forty Section members attended.

The accounts of the Section were presented and approved and outgoing officers gave their annual report.

The nominations for the forthcoming year were read out and an election was held for the one contested post, which was that of the Section nominee for the General Committee Representative to go forward to the Club's AGM in November.

The officers for the forthcoming year were then duly elected to their respective posts. They are as follows:

Chairman:	Mark Mahoney
Deputy Chairman:	Johnny Tsang
Men's Captain:	Bernard Young
Ladies Captain:	Daisy McNie
Secretary:	Walter Kwok
Treasurer:	Donald Wu
Green's Secretary:	Adrian Reincke
Membership Secretary:	Raymond Au
Nominated G.C. Representative:	Roger Nissim

The Secret Diary of a Hockey Girl



Dear Diary,

Saturday 3rd September was a night unlike any other — it was the Start of Season Hockey Pool Party, which I was elated to attend, particularly as there was a gentleman on the B team that I had my eye on and was rather enthusiastic about getting to know better, more on that later.

On arrival, I was dressed to kill (wearing a bandana, garter, and of course a pirate sword) I noted a number of great outfits, C team ladies as mermaids, F team ladies as pretty pirates- the list goes on, everyone looked marvelous, but where was my man?!

The party looked to be a wet and wild one, as a mutiny had begun before people had even finished eating! One after another fellow pirates were reluctantly tossed into the pool made even more amusing when a B team lady emerged in a soaking wet see-through dress!! I noticed a number of the gentleman approvingly nudging one another, cheeky glances all around. I even heard one lady, I think she was the Ladies Captain, declare that this is how she imagined 'spring break' would be! How right she was!!

Note to self, in future when donning a full-length skirt don't forget your smalls. One lady found this out the hard way...having jumped in the pool her now-soaking wet skirt simply floated around her waist revealing a little more than she had hoped! I think her husband was quite amused and his male friends suitably impressed! Certainly mini hockey on a Saturday morning will never be quite the same!

Although I was still busy searching for my B Team hunk I couldn't help but notice the men's A team, all of whom were clearly drunk before 9pm! One guy in particular, renowned amongst friends for being the tame German & (very) part-time DJ, foolishly 'revealed' what lies beneath... a pair of stars and stripes boxer shorts; really, I ask you, what was he thinking when he got dressed for the event?

As the night progressed the party continued down in the Sportsman's, I was quietly confident this would be where my delectable B team hunk and I would fall madly in love. Lo and behold, to my horror, I stroll into the bar to find him locking lips with a very foxy fox. Heartbroken and totally devastated I left the venue with other revelers to plunder every open bar in Wanchai and drown my sorrows. On arriving at Dusk Til' Dawn it appeared I was not the only one 'down in the dumps' as word got round that a former Section committee member was already fast asleep in the toilet!! He was clearly neither the life nor soul of the party!

Moving onwards and upwards I decided to try another venue. Having only been in the bar a few minutes a certain member of the men's A team had already pounced on me. Sporting a rather unusual get up, this man stumbled towards me dressed in a singlet, a pair of strange shorts, work shoes and wearing bright red lipstick. I thought, different, I'll give him a chance...but when the first words he slurred into my ear were "do you fancy playing twister" ladies, I am proud to admit I gave him the boot and sent him on his merry way with some stern advice; to brush up on his chat!

At 4am, rather tipsy, wet, badly dressed and disheveled I decided it was time to leave this taco stand, alone and with no B team player to cling to in the taxi home. Convincing myself the foxy fox would only be a phase, I vowed I would make my next move on my dreamy B teamer at the Christmas Party on Saturday 26th November cunningly disguised as a Heather Graham 'Spy Who Shagged Me' look alike given that the theme is 1960s ('The Sixties' people, when the Section first came into existence). And if that doesn't work there is always the Bangkok Tour starting on the 3rd December, no doubt this will be a very cheeky weekend and the perfect chance for some bonding with the B team! Dear diary, stay posted to find out if we are the perfect match! ■

Start of Season Pool Party



Chosen Charity

We are delighted to announce The Crossroads Foundation is this year's Hockey Section chosen charity. Proposed by Clare Calderwood The Crossroads Foundation is a great local charity based here in Hong Kong. Throughout the year they receive donated goods from companies and individuals within Hong Kong – home furniture, school and office furniture, computers, household goods, toys, clothes, stationary, electrical items, medical equipment, eyeglasses – which are then sorted and distributed both internationally and locally.

Around half of the goods are distributed within the HK SAR - to local NGOs or Social Welfare Department sponsored cases benefiting a vast range of people in need, including the old, young, sick, victims of abuse or drug use, refugees and the homeless. Shipments are sent in response to natural disasters and also to support in-country NGOs in their on-going programmes. Recent aid destinations include Northern Japan, Haiti, Pakistan and Cambodia.

All staff at The Crossroads Foundation are volunteers, with the HK SAR Government charging a rent of only HK\$1 per annum. However there are substantial transportation and operating costs to cover, to which monetary donations are applied, which is where the support of the HKFC Hockey Section will have substantial impact (with all donations feeding straight through into supporting the delivery of aid to where it is needed).

Watch this space for our first Charity fundraiser of the season...

“Men’s A’s set sail for new season”

In anticipation of a tough season ahead, the Men’s A’s took to the South China Sea for some team bonding. The sun was shining and everyone was on time (keep that up fellas) - it boded well for a good day. After boarding the Volvo Ocean Racing yacht in Stanley, a few of the guys, obviously believing this was a fancy junk, took out their towels and newspapers and set themselves up on the deck. Such optimism was short lived as the skipper told

everyone to get to work.

A quick 101 of ocean sailing for us novices resulted in a stint of grinding and pulling of ropes to hoist the massive sails up and on our way out past Po Toi. What started as a peaceful journey soon resulted in smashing (an accurate nautical term I am told) into large waves at over 15 knots and an exhilarating trip out to mix it with tankers in the shipping lanes. Team communications were put to the test on our first tack and we almost lost a couple of guys as they didn’t cross the boat quick enough. The ensuing cuts, bruises, rope burns and desire not to end up in the water meant everyone was on the ball from then on and as we headed downwind towards Lamma, we were all in sync.

After four hours, a few more tacks, grinds, hoists and a couple of 180’s to rescue Russ from the shipping lane by Aberdeen (he won’t miss the rope when jumping in again!), we made it back to dry land in Stanley. Thanks to the guys at HK Yachting for a great day and a unique experience. Let’s hope it transfers to the pitch now! ■

Meet the Committee:

Claire Fulton

Committee Position: Ladies section vice-captain

Nickname: Blackie

Team: B Team

HKFC Member since: 2008



Greatest sporting moment: Surviving a 5 day surf camp at Padang Padang, Bali. Moral of the story – never exaggerate your surfing capabilities..not even a little bit!

Where are you most commonly found? Outside

Favourite song: Use Somebody, Kings of Leon

Favourite quote: “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” – *Maya Angelou*

If you could invite 4 people to a dinner party, who would they be?

1. Aung San Suu Kyi; 2. Ranulf Fiennes
3. Billy Connolly; 4. Jane Austen

Who is your sporting hero? Steffi Graf

Would you rather fly or be invisible? Fly

Claire Archer

Committee Position: Kit person

Nickname: Archie, Archibald, Clairebear, Clairee

Team: A Team

HKFC Member since: 2008



Greatest sporting moment: Winning the Nationals in Squash and Shot Putt

Where are you most commonly found? China! That’s the job. Or D2D to get over being in China!

Favourite song: At the moment Rolling in the Deep, Adele

Favourite quote: “Impossible is nothing!”

If you could invite 4 people to a dinner party, who would they be?

1. Kathy Griffin; 2. Steven Gerrard
3. Adam Levigne; 4. Prince Harry

Who is your sporting hero? Steven Gerrard

Would you rather fly or be invisible? Fly – certainly would save a bob or two on airfare

Owen Hughes

Committee Position: Sponsorship Sec and Men’s A Team captain

Nickname: O, Hughsie, Yozzer

Team: A Team

HKFC Member since: 2008



Greatest sporting moment: Personal - winning Fort Myers, Florida U10 Tennis Champs - Age 8.

Watching - any European Ryder Cup win, Welsh Grand Slams (one much rarer than the other)

Where are you most commonly found? Wherever my kids lead me

Favourite band: U2

Favourite quote(s):

1. *M* - “Bond, what are you doing?”. *Bond* - “Just keeping the British end up sir”
2. “Look what these bastards have done to Wales. They’ve taken our coal, our water, our steel. They buy our houses and they only live in them for a fortnight every 12 months. What have they given us? Absolutely nothing. We’ve been exploited, raped, controlled and punished by the English – and that’s who you are playing this afternoon”. *Phil Bennett (1977)* - use *** as necessary!

If you could invite 4 people to a dinner party, who would they be?

1. John; 2. Paul; 3. George; 4. Ringo

Who is your sporting hero? Too many – Gareth Edwards, Bjorn Borg, David Gower

Would you rather fly or be invisible? Fly

Tony White

Committee Position: Treasurer

Team: H Team

HKFC Member since: 1990



Greatest sporting moment: Golf – hole in 1 last year

Where are you most commonly found? On the golf course

Favourite song: Fly Baby Fly

Favourite quote:

Charlie Poulton: “ Whether I value participation over winning - I DO NOT “ 2011 AGM

If you could invite 4 people to a dinner party, who would they be?

1. Neil Armstrong; 2. Chuck Yeager
3. Warren Buffett; 4. Margaret Thatcher

Who is your sporting hero?

Tricky but Margaret Thatcher – politics is a sport right?

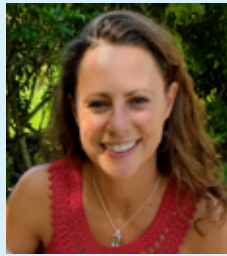
Would you rather fly or be invisible?

Silly question as I hold various pilots licenses (fixed wing)

Meet the Committee (continues):

Lydia Santa-Olalla

Committee Position:
 Communications Manager
Nickname: Lyds
Team: C Team
HKFC Member since: 2009



Greatest sporting moment:

Travelling around Australia to watch England lift the Webb Ellis cup in 2003 (I'll be forever grateful to the boss who gave me 6 weeks off work!)

Where are you most commonly found?

If not at work; swimming or biking (I hate running)

Favourite song:

Dancing in the Dark – Bruce Springsteen "The Boss"

Favourite quote(s):

"Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right." Henry Ford

"If you worried about falling off the bike, you'd never get on." Lance Armstrong

If you could invite 4 people to a dinner party, who would they be?

1. Mahatma Gandhi
2. Chris Moyles – he makes me laugh out loud every morning
3. Margaret Thatcher
4. My Maternal Grandfather – a WWII vet who I sadly never met

Who is your sporting hero?

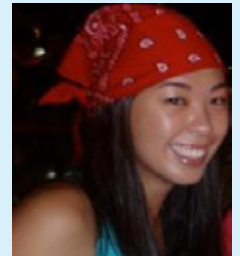
Lance Armstrong – to overcome cancer and win as he did was amazing (with or without the drugs, I hope it's the latter)

Would you rather fly or be invisible?

Fly – Jonathan Livingstone Seagull style

Jocelyn Teh

Committee Position:
 Ladies Membership Officer and Ladies C Team captain
Nickname: Joce, Jocey, JT
Team: C Team
HKFC Member since: 2000



Greatest sporting moment:

Three years ago, I was pulled up from the Es to the Cs to play centre mid for one game. Cs were down 0-1 against KCC B and I scored a goal to draw the game!!

Where are you most commonly found?

Sportsman's, hockey pitch, squash courts, gym, by the pool in the summer

Favourite quote:

"If you look to others for fulfillment, you will never be fulfilled. If your happiness depends on money, you will never be happy. Be content with what you have and take joy in the way things are. When you realize you have all you need, the World belongs to you."

If you could invite 4 people to a dinner party, who would they be?

I'd much rather have a massive party and invite everyone I know!

Who is your sporting hero?

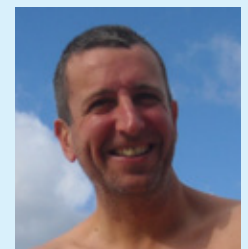
The ladies I play hockey with

Would you rather fly or be invisible?

Neither, I would like to read minds

Patrick Watts

Committee Position:
 Chairman HKFC Hockey 6's
Team: E Team
HKFC Member since: 2009



Greatest sporting moment:

Ipswich Town winning FA Cup in 1978

Where are you most commonly found?

In the air

If you could invite 4 people to a dinner party, who would they be?

1. Nelson Mandela
2. Atticus Finch
3. Abraham Lincoln
4. Tony Blair – so he can see just how pathetic he really is

Who is your sporting hero?

Sir Viv Richards, because I saw him get 291 v England, and booed Greig when he bowled him

Would you rather fly or be invisible?

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Netball News

Message from the Chairman



Karin Looram,
Netball DSA
Chairperson

Welcome back everyone!

We are back into the swing of things here at the Netball DSA. After holding three nights of trials, we were amazed and lucky to see such a great turnout. After the first training session it was down to the bar for our first social event of the season and a chance to get to know each other. This year's trials saw over 20 existing members trialling for a place on the teams and we were therefore, able to once again enter the HKNA League with strong promising teams

for the 2011/12 season ahead of us.

All the teams will train hard for the month of September, prior to the start of the league which kicks off on the 3rd October. This season has seen the welcome addition of many great players, including **Jessica McKay**, an Australian State player, **Elise Davy** and **Natacha Cuvelier** who returns to HK from the USA where she has been studying and playing netball in the world of basketball.

We head into the season with 5 teams as well as our social team whom we have appropriately named "Monsoons".

I would like to take a minute to thank everyone who helped during the trials. For many of you who were not expected to be there, your help was much needed and appreciated.

For those of you lucky enough to have had some fitness sessions with **Rod McIntosh**, I hope that you 'enjoyed' his sessions and that you were able to take away some valuable knowledge and advice to apply to your netball training. Thanks Rod for the love-hate relationship we have with you!

Big welcome to **Evey Siu**, who is our new physiotherapist. Once again, it is your chance as players to learn as much as you can from her and put it all into practice from exercises to strapping, she is there to help, and for us all to learn from for prevention and cure.

Lastly, look out for game and training times on the website, as well as up to date information and committee contacts.

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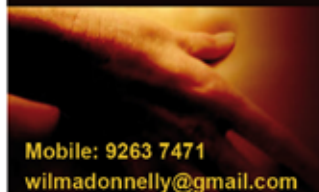
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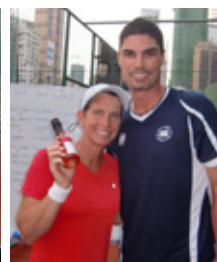
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Tennis News

US Open Social

To celebrate the final major tennis tournament of the year, the ATA team arranged a US Open social tennis competition on September 3. In addition to five rounds of doubles matches for the twenty-two players, Alistair also organized a tennis quiz, which

included a very entertaining 'name that grunt' audio section! It was another great afternoon of tennis, made more enjoyable with American-style snacks (pretzels and chips) and plenty of beer!



Junior League Update

We now have two junior teams for the first time playing at B and C grade. The B grade squad had a tough opening match losing 2-7 to SSP at home, but several of the matches were very close and could have gone either way. The C team won their first match away at Kowloon Tong and lost their second against the Country Club at home, but they did very well considering most of the opponents were at least 2-3 years older than our players.



Start of Season Pentathlon

In preparation for the new league season, players from each of the three men's teams took part in a fun pentathlon event for the first time. 12 competitors took part in five disciplines – Ten Pin Bowling, Table Tennis, Snooker, Golf and Basketball (a late replacement for Badminton). Apart from learning that we should all stick to tennis, it was a great afternoon and an excellent chance for some 'team bonding' ahead of the winter league. Thanks to **Kevin McNamara** for making all of the arrangements.

We are always on the lookout for talented players to help strengthen our league teams. Anyone interested please send your details to tennisociety@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

Sunday 6th November – Cup of Nations

Make a note for your diaries – more details will be available on the 3/F noticeboard and the website.



Sunday Social Tennis

A reminder that Sunday Social Tennis takes place every Sunday morning from 9am -12 noon. This social event is open to all Tennis Society members. Just come along with your racquet and you are set to go.

Singles Ladders

If you are interested in competing in the men's or ladies singles ladders, information is on the 3/F noticeboard and on the website. For those presently on the ladder, it's time to get in there and make some challenges!!

Be sure to check out the Tennis Society website which is updated regularly with lots more photos from all of the recent events. www.hkfc.tennis.com

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions for the Tennis Society, please email the following address: tennisociety@gmail.com



The Men's B team getting ready to dominate the winter league

Report from ATA Tennis

After an enjoyable, yet busy and productive, summer, the new term of junior coaching officially kicked off at the end of August. It was all hands on deck for the coaching staff as we welcomed back old and new faces alike for the start of what we know will be a great season of tennis for all our junior stars.

This term we have added a number of new classes to cater to the ever-expanding base of junior players now involved in the programme. ATA's goal has always been to create a solid, clear pathway of development that will allow our players to progress through from the beginner level right the way up to high-level competitive play, and it has been exciting for us to watch our HKFC junior players grow and develop in this way over the past year.

Our beginner programmes for tiny-tots and younger players offer a fantastic way of introducing kids to the joys of tennis whilst developing their coordination and movement abilities, static and dynamic balance, listening skills, spatial awareness and tracking skills, along with the added social and cooperative benefits of being in a group environment.

Looking at the upper end of this development pathway, the beginning of September saw the kick-off of the Junior C League season, as well as the inaugural match for our newly formed Junior B League team. Both teams performed fantastically in their opening matches, with the C League team registering a tightly fought 5-4 victory, and our B League team narrowly going down to last year's B League champions. All the coaches were incredibly proud of the efforts from all the players involved!

For more information on ATA/HKFC Junior Tennis Programmes and League Teams, please contact us at hkfc@atatennisaces.com



Coaches Corner

Nerves can be a difficult thing to handle, especially at important stages in a match such as game point, break point, set or match point. They can manifest themselves in a number of ways: self-doubt, anxiety, poor decision-making, to name but a few. Knowing how to deal with nerves can help to improve your enjoyment of competing, and hopefully even win you a few of those important points or games!

Here's a couple of hints for what you can do next time you feel yourself in a pressure situation on court...

1. SLOW DOWN! Too often as the pressure starts to mount and nerves kick

in, players begin to rush and forget to take time in between points to steady and compose themselves. Next time you feel this happen, turn and walk towards the back of the court and take a two or three long, deep breaths to slow your breathing rate down and relax. Adjust the strings on your racquet to help bring your focus back on track, then when ready turn and head back to your serve or return position.

2. HAVE A PLAN! Having a basic plan of how you want to play a point can really help focus you in at those important or pressure-filled moments in a match when nerves can often take over. It might be

something as simple as hitting everything to your opponents weak side, or more complex like serving wide, hitting the second ball to the open court then looking to dominate with your strong shot. Whatever your plan, having one in place and really thinking about it before you begin the point will help you to focus on simply playing the point well and take focus away from feeling nervous.

See how these two hints work for you next time you feel the nerves kicking in.

Enjoy your tennis, and see you on court soon!! ■

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Golf News

19th Hole with the Chairman



Andy Ho,
Golf Society
Chairman

Summer is over and perfect golf weather beckons.

Over the weekend of 17th and 18th September, 24 golfers visited the all time favorite Pine Valley Golf and Country Club in Zhuhai, China. Please see adjacent article for full story.

At the time of writing, the Golf Society (GS) has organized the first October event to KSC East Course on Monday 10th October and the Walmsley Cup on Friday 21st October, to be held at KSC South Course, followed by the GS AGM. Please mark your diaries and we look forward to seeing many of you on the course and in the meeting afterwards. Formal notification will also be put up on the notice board. Should you fancy helping to run the largest golf society in town, please let any of the existing committee members know.

October is one of our busiest months of the year, when there will be the "Bucket of Shame" match against the HKCC, also the Ryder Bowl against the American Club. Also, the Reunification Cup will take place at Lotus Hill on the first weekend of November 5th -6th. Captain Dallas is trying to assemble a side that will hopefully win this year, so let's give him all our support and answer the Captain's call.

Again, our main communication with members other than through the magazine and notice boards is by email and the GS website <http://www.hkfcgolf.com>. If you are a Society member and are not currently receiving any notifications from us as regards to events, please send us your most up-to-date email address by leaving us a note at the Club's Reception or in the Society's post box in the Lobby.



Pine Valley Golf and Country Club, 17th and 18th September 2011

While August was a month for the ladies of the Golf Society, September turned out to favour gentlemen golfers. A total of 24 golfers set off to Pine Valley Golf and Country Club at Zhuhai on 17th September 2011 and played a round of 18 holes in the midst of extremely hot and humid conditions with the company of pheasants, ducks and goats. Just when **Jonathan Li** prided himself with 38 Stableford points, the Daily Best prize was taken by **JP Cuvelier** who shot the best round of his life so far, a gross 78 with 43 Stableford points. All participants gathered for a sumptuous dinner in the evening before another round was played in the morning of 18th September 2011. **JP** remained unbeatable when his second round collected 34 Stableford points, making a total of 77 points. **Jonathan Li** was the Runner up with a total of 68 Stableford points. Second Runner up was **Andrew Wood** who beat **Amy Cheng** by count back when both scored 63 Stableford points. ■



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Swimming and Triathlon News

Ironman 70.3 World Championships 11th September 2011, Las Vegas

There's a certain feeling deep in your stomach that comes from competing in a World Championship even one curiously sponsored by the US Marine Corps. It's a mixture of relief that the race has finally come around after months of training, of excitement from knowing that at some point in the race you will see the best in the world close to you and of course that feeling of fear: will I embarrass myself and finish long after most people have gone home? And then there's the anxiety of making sure the airline actually manages to get both you and critically, your bike, to the intended destination.



Sian Abate, Jacqui Saffery and Laura Walsh

So after all that do you really need the race director to tell you that the reason why the race has been moved from Florida to Las Vegas is because the course is so much harder and, in the view of the organizers, a course worthy of the World Championships? The 1.9k swim in Lake Las Vegas was straightforward enough as was the run of three 7k laps round the suburbs of Henderson but it was the 90k bike in between that was going to sort out the Ironmen and Ironwomen from the rest. A brutally hilly out and back course in the Lake Mead Recreation Area open on all sides to the notorious local desert winds and with no protection from the sun: even the professionals were predicting at least 20 minutes more in the saddle than usual. HKFC members **Laura Walsh**, **Sian Abate** and **Jacqui Saffery** all dealt with pre race preparation in their own way but come 9 p.m. the night before all were in bed nervously awaiting the dreaded 4 a.m. alarm.

Weather in Las Vegas is about as changeable as England but a bit warmer and a bit drier (obviously). In the three days before the race the temperature had varied by as much as 20 degrees (real ones not Fahrenheit), there had been showers and sandstorms which had damaged planes at Nellis Air Force Base but race day dawned with almost perfect conditions. And if having a prayer at the race briefing was just plain weird at least today, the tenth anniversary of 9/11, having a minute of silence before the start was much more appropriate: 2000 hyped up athletes observed it impeccably.

The girls were in one of the earliest swim waves right behind the pros and with white swim hats bobbing among the safety kayaks and paddle boards they headed off towards the rising sun. The downside of being in an early wave is that testosterone fuelled men in a later wave will swim right through you and, if you are particularly unlucky, maybe remove one of your limbs on the way: fortunately the girls exited the water intact, **Laura** first followed by **Sian** and then **Jacqui**, a sequence that was to remain intact for the next few hours.

Now, as the girls are discarding swim hats and goggles and replacing them with helmets, bike shoes and the finest carbon flying machines that their husbands can afford let's pause a second and consider why Hong Kong consistently punches well above its weight on the global triathlon circuit. This is not a recent flash in the pan: it's existed for years dating back to the days when Ruth Hunt and Kim Isherwood dominated the international ladies circuit. The answer must surely be that our year round climate combined with our unique geography ensures that Hong Kong is a fantastic place to train all year round in all three disciplines. So while the rest of the world headed out into the Lake Mead Recreational Area with a collective touch of trepidation the girls took off: what might be considered hilly to Americans were mere bumps to the girls of HKFC. And best of all they could hammer the down-hills at over 60k an hour and not worry about that mini bus coming on the wrong side of the road. The bike course might have been tough but it was also stunningly beautiful and when the race was over everyone without exception was ecstatic: there's no chance the World Championships will be moving from here any time soon.

The second transition was impeccably handled and the girls were soon out on to the run: three laps of 7k each but designed in a way that ensured the run stayed close to the crowds near the finish and as the temperatures steadily climbed the enthusiasm of the spectators kept the girls focused. **Laura** was clearly in the zone and even though she was being given live updates on her position (you can't beat having an iPhone on the course to give someone their run splits) she clearly wasn't taking it in. **Sian** was tapping out a consistent rhythm with a beautifully controlled run whilst **Jacqui** was digging in and trying to ignore the fact that a plantar fasciitis injury had prevented her running much over the last four weeks.

As the run headed towards its inevitable conclusion the girls picked up the pace and all of them finished strongly. **Jacqui** ended up 28th in her age group, **Sian** 25th and **Laura**, a stunning 5th place which earned her a spot on the podium (and let's not forget this is the World Championships).

Laura had clearly given it everything and needed an IV shortly after crossing the line, **Sian** headed for the food tent and **Jacqui** was seen wandering off mumbling something about bubbles and some guy she must have met on the course called Dom Perignon.

The most bizarre bit of the day however was when a clearly still depleted Walsh met a bunch of race volunteers who were Welsh. Poor **Laura** was under the illusion that as the Marines were sponsoring the

event they were also supplying a bunch of hunky men to help out. Sadly this was not the case and the bunch of overweight sons of Pontypridd who were manning the exit barrier took great delight in lifting her off her feet and planting her on the other side.

It was nearly enough to bring a man to prayer but we had enough of that yesterday so we didn't bother. ■



Karen King braved the tail end of a typhoon to compete in the Vietnam Triathlon in early September. Big seas for swimming, busy roads for cycling and a steaming hot run! Great result Karen!

ITU World Championships Grand Final Beijing 10th and 11th September



Jonathan Perrin – racing in the ITU Triathlon Grand Finals in Beijing

Now for those of you who do not know anything about the way triathlon works in Hong Kong you can read the following opening paragraph:

I was honoured to be selected out of the many thousands of Hong Kong triathletes to represent Hong Kong at the ITU World Championships Grand Final as a result of my outstanding race results over the past year.

For those of you who are aware of how it all works in Hong Kong you should read this paragraph:

As a result of being able to afford a plane ticket to Beijing I was placed on the Hong Kong team for the ITU World Championships in Beijing despite my less

than impressive race results over the past year:

The Hong Kong team that went to Beijing was some 35 strong and had representatives in most age groups. There were over 2000 athletes attending from countries all over the globe. Most of these had "qualified" to represent their countries in their national championships and were therefore pretty fast. My goal was therefore set very high, "don't come last!"

The races were based around the beautiful ChangPing area of Beijing, the swim being in Shisanling reservoir, the bike was a very scenic but hilly ride around the lake itself and comprised of three loops. The run was again three loops around the dam wall itself which made it fairly hilly, with one particular section seeing many athletes walking! It was a challenging course and not one where Personal Best times were going to be set, but a very enjoyable course to compete on..

As this was the Grand Final rules and regulations were the order of the day with even our race suits being checked to ensure they complied with the ITU guidelines. Race morning started bright but chilly but that was a significant improvement on the day before which saw the Elite men race in wet, windy and cold conditions. My race was scheduled to start at 7:25 am so I dawdled along to transition at 6:14 to be told that it was shutting at 6:15. so there started my race with me being unable to check my bike out which had been sitting in the rain overnight and just enough time to put down my helmet and shoes before being ushered away. What was good was that the portable toilets

were very robust aluminium jobs, but as there were only three of them and one broke those of a nervous disposition had significant problems!

The swim was wonderful with the water temperature stated as 24.5 degrees. Exiting the water I arrived at my bike and started the second leg, the good news being that I did have air in my tires, the bad news being that my three gels had started to come away as the rain had got into the tape that I had used to secure them. As I played around trying to fix this issue I managed to open all three, so I was left with little option but to consume all three at once and I was now a little worried that I may start to falter at the end of the bike leg. As it turned out I was fine and started the run with a spring in my step. The sun was now fully up and the temperature was up to the mid 20s which was good for those of us who have been training in the heat of Hong Kong. With one third of the run loop being within the stadium area the support was great and kept the mind off the hill at the half way point. The hill was very much a heads down and grit your teeth moment particularly in the heat. Interestingly the elites did not have to do with their turn around being at the bottom of the hill with an additional loop added in to make up the distance!

The good news was I did not come last, and managed 42nd place in a time of 2:42. Overall the team did well with the best result coming from **Kate Rutherford** with 8th place in the women's 35-39 age group in a time of 2:28. ■ — **Jonathan Perrin**

Badminton News

Interview with Philip Woolf, Chairman of the HKFC Badminton Society



Philip Woolf, Chairman of the
HKFC Badminton Society

“...We are also organizing more friendly matches against other clubs, are currently organizing our 3rd Annual Inter-club Tournament for later this year, and arranging our first Junior Inter-club Tournament, which is a very exciting development..”

We know you are passionate about badminton and about promoting the sport. When and where did you take up the sport originally and what was it about badminton that attracted you to it particularly?

PW: My father introduced me to badminton. He didn't play, but thought it would be a good idea to set up a court in our back garden. I played with my friends, when we weren't ripping up the grass (and destroying the flowerbeds) playing football, (which is probably why he set up badminton - it would be safer for his flowers!). Although badminton wasn't my main focus it stuck with me and I played at university where the sports hall wasn't that busy at night, and we could play no matter what the weather. Back in London I played at the Hawks club in Boreham Wood. Interestingly (given that the club is in the middle of nowhere) a number of other badminton players in HK including a few in the HKFC BS played at the same club (all many years after I played there, of course). After years playing football - badly - in Asia, I fell back into badminton after bumping into some of the Sunday "gang" at the Club, and now play twice a week (business travel permitting). I love the game, and the fact that it can be punishing, challenging and forgiving (when you are feeling your age), and that it can be fun whatever your age, physical condition or ability. My kids also play at the Club.

Badminton is the biggest competitive sport in HK in terms of the number of participants, and I am keen to develop the sport at the Club, to the point where we can compete at the highest level in Hong Kong.

As you say, badminton is Asia's biggest participant sport. Yet at HKFC it's probably been more of a social thing. However, there have been noticeable changes in recent months in terms of new players, coaching and competition. There have been more matches against local clubs and, of course, the grand tournament for HKFC's 125th Anniversary. Can you tell me what's been happening?

PW: The Badminton Society (BS) Committee wants to raise the profile of badminton within the Club, and given the sport's popularity in

Hong Kong, to ensure that HKFC, as the premier sports club in Hong Kong, develops a reputation for badminton excellence. Broad objectives have been set to:

- a) Develop and expand the Society, and promote Badminton as a sport both within the Club membership and in the community;
- b) Provide a forum in which those Club Members interested in playing badminton can play, and improve their skills;
- c) Develop the junior training programme as a means of improving the skills of junior players;
- d) Attract and develop players to a standard that allows the Club to compete successfully in external leagues and competitions.

There's been talk of entering teams into local leagues and many more competitive matches, as well as initiatives around junior coaching and high quality player recruitment. So what are the big plans for the next 12 months?

PW: As you know we have been fortunate enough to attract a number of good players to the Club in the last 12 months allowing us to strengthen our playing squad and coaching capability. We hope to continue with this process and are registering a team to play in the Hong Kong men's doubles league as a starting point to becoming a competitive force in Hong Kong. We are also organizing more friendly matches against other clubs, are currently organizing our 3rd Annual Inter-club Tournament for later this year, and arranging our first Junior Inter-club Tournament, which is a very exciting development. This allows our players more opportunity to play competitively, allows us to better judge our standard compared to the other clubs, and develop relations with a greater number of badminton clubs and associations (both in Hong Kong and around Asia). We are also planning an overseas tour first half of next year.

We are particularly keen to recruit more senior and junior players into the BS, and are specifically on the look-out for good players in

the 16 to 22 age bracket to form the core of future league teams. At the same time, we are also looking closely at our junior coaching offering, which has improved considerably in the last 12 months, to attract more youngsters to our junior programme. If we can also attract sponsorship to the Society, that would provide a real boost to our efforts.

Finally, we are excited at the opportunity to provide input into the new designs for the Sports Hall which is due to be renovated next year.

Thanks Philip. You've given us an excellent insight into the plans and ambitions that you have for the BS. I know the BS Committee is working hard behind the scenes to help make this happen and so for now it just remains for me to say: Thank you – and good luck! ■



Inter-club Match – HKFC vs Kowloon Cricket Club

On Sunday, 4th September, the Badminton Society (BS) hosted a ‘friendly’ match against Kowloon Cricket Club. After seeing a few changes in team personnel in recent months, it was time for us to test ourselves against some stiff opposition. The match was a combination of Men’s, Ladies’ and Mixed Doubles, with each team fielding five Men’s pairs and two each of Ladies’ and Mixed.

There was some truly excellent badminton, and although the final result was a 19-14 win for KCC, there were some very encouraging signs - especially for the Men’s team, which is about to embark on its first foray into the Hong Kong Badminton League.

The result of the Men’s tournament was a 13-12 defeat for the BS, the match really being decided by the clean sweep of wins by KCC’s top pair. Particular praise goes to the pairs of **Jaff Lo** and **Leo Ng** and **Khoo Boo Boon** and **Matthew Wong**, who each won four of their five sets.

Our Ladies were less successful, losing all four sets, although the defeat of **Yoke Mong** and **Wing Ha** by 31 points to 30 in their final game was a real disappointment. Meanwhile, our Mixed pairs of **Jimmy** and **Samantha** and **David McDonald** and **Yoke Ming** drew 2-2, winning one each. This competition also included a 31-30 defeat for **Jimmy** and **Samantha**, so in the end we were really just a handful of points from a victory in this match. Some tweaking of the team selection and the availability next time of one or two players that were missing on Sunday and we will go into the next match confident of success.

Once again thanks go to **Ben** and **Boon** for organizing a great match. ■

— *Brian Lovell*



Matthew and Boon - a picture of concentration



Great defence from Ryan



Samantha hits a winner



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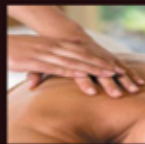


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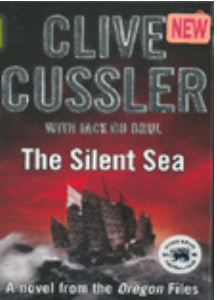
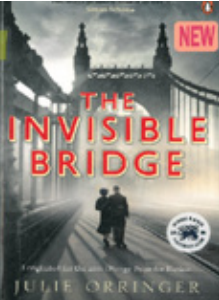
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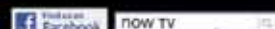
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