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Friday 14th to Sunday 16th May



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Mother's Day Celebrations
Le French GourMay at the Club
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MISSION STATEMENT

Vision: To be recognised as the leading Sports Club in the Territory.

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.

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Club Magazine

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The Thoughts of the Chairman

Even though we are coming to the close of the season for nearly all our main sporting Sections, as you may have read in the newspapers, we still have the **HKFC IP Global International Soccer Sevens** to be held at the Club between **14th to 16th May 2010**. Andy Cole, former Manchester United and England striker will be playing in the Masters tournament along with a host of other former players, and in the Main Cup tournament, we have Aston Villa, Birmingham City, West Ham United, Celtic and Glasgow Rangers. Ajax, the famous Dutch club will also be here making their debut appearance at the tournament which promises to be an exciting weekend of top class football. I encourage all Members to come down and experience this great tournament which has been held at the Club since 1999.

After a fantastic Hong Kong win over Korea, we will be hosting another **HSBC Asian 5 Nations** rugby game at the Club, **Hong Kong vs Kazakhstan** on **Saturday 8th May**. We have some Club Members playing for the Hong Kong team and Members are encouraged to come down and support the home side!

With both the Soccer Sevens tournament and the upcoming Asian 5 Nations match, please be reminded that because we fully expect to be exceptionally busy on these days that Members will have to personally escort their Guests into the Club from the Front Entrance and that Guests will therefore not be able to access the Club unaccompanied.

Lastly, and although the Annual General Meeting is some way off on the 11th November, if any Members are interested in serving on any Sub-committees or Sub-groups, then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the Honorary Secretary.

See you at the Club!

FOOK AUN CHEW
Chairman



From the Desk of Mark Pawley

Given that the Chairman has mentioned the HKFC IP Global International Soccer Sevens tournament, it is worth noting that we will be hosting the **Sportsman's Dinner** that traditionally precedes the start of the Soccer Sevens on **Thursday 13th May**. The Guest Speaker this year will be **John Motson**, the legendary TV football commentator.

Tickets are \$700 per person or \$7,000 for a table of 12 and includes a Buffet Dinner and drinks. Don't forget too that all the Sevens teams will be present including **Andy Cole** and the pro teams. There will also be a charity auction of unique and much sought after memorabilia. Tickets for this event are available from **james@laxtonmarketing.com**.

Please also note that, as in other years, the **Ladies Infield Changing Rooms** will be utilised by some of the Sevens teams throughout the tournament (14th, 15th and 16th May). As such, any lady requiring access to her locker

should, in the first instance, go to Reception in order that they can arrange for an attendant to escort you to your locker or to access the locker on your behalf.

For those who haven't registered it yet, this year **Mother's Day** is on **Sunday 9th May** and, as you will see later in the magazine, the Club has numerous functions, both for lunch and dinner. Please do book early to avoid disappointment.

The month of May, from a food and beverage perspective, is slanted very heavily towards **French food and wine** which culminates with an intriguing **Wine Dinner** on **Saturday 29th May** entitled "**The Judgement of Paris**", where French wines compete against American wines. And, those attending will be the judge!! The menu and wines look superb so, again, book early!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

MARK PAWLEY
General Manager



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'Le French GourMay'

French GourMay, a part of the annual Le French May Arts Festival in Hong Kong, aims to introduce the best of French wine and cuisine to the discerning palates of the people in Hong Kong.

We bring Le French GourMay to the Club this month. All the F&B outlets will be offering a special wine promotion from the South of France and/or Le French GourMay special menu.

We look forward to seeing you at the Club during Le French GourMay!



FAMILY POOL PARTY

with **Monster Inflatable**
Friday 28th May
from 6.30pm to 10.00pm

*(Food served from 6.45pm to 9.15pm) \$218 per Adult,
 \$148 per Child (age 3-12)*

There will be a free Wine Tasting for all parents, and wines will be available for purchase during the evening at very special price.

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

Please book early to avoid disappointment as the party was sold out last year.

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



◆ BAKER'S CORNER ◆

This month, we are featuring 3 different types of **French** croissants for takeaway:

Butter Croissant (80g): \$10

Chocolate Butter Croissant Straight (85g): \$12

Healthy Croissant Straight (65g): \$10
 (with added calcium, magnesium and vitamin E)

Order any half a dozen (mix selection accepted) at a special price of \$50.

The Croissants can be ordered in the Coffee Shop with a notice period of 24 hours.



BRING YOUR OWN FRENCH WINE
 in the Restaurant
 until 30th May
 available in the evenings

No corkage will be charged (up to a maximum of four bottles per booking) as long as a minimum of two courses per person is selected from the A la Carte menu and that there is a minimum booking for two made beforehand.

5 reasons to **Bring Your Own Wine...**

1. Your **French** wine is taking up too much space in your flat.
2. You want to enjoy the wine you have purchased in the past with friends.
3. You want to come and enjoy a good meal with a good bottle of **French** wine.
4. You want to experience a touch of quality in your everyday busy lives.
5. You are not allowed to buy new wine from our wine kiosk unless you empty your current stock!

So, get a bottle or two of **French** wine that will compliment the food and book your table now. No matter the type of wine you bring, we have the glass to accompany it.

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

PLEASE NOTE: THIS OFFER ONLY APPLIES TO B.Y.O. **FRENCH** WINES THIS MONTH

Mother's Day Celebrations on Sunday 9th May

◆ RESTAURANT ◆

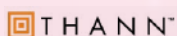
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH WITH UNLIMITED SPARKLING WINE

from 11.00am to 3.00pm

\$298 per Adult

\$148 per Child (age 12 and under)

**All mothers will receive a gift from Thann Aromatherapy and Natural Cosmetics*



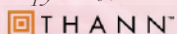
TRUFFLES AND FRUITS OF THE SEA DINNER BUFFET

from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

\$328 per Adult

\$168 per Child (age 12 and under)

**All mothers will receive a gift from Thann Aromatherapy and Natural Cosmetics*



***Each table of 6 or more adults will receive a Cold Snow Crab with Cocktail Sauce*

No A la Carte available on the day for Lunch and Dinner

For reservations please call the Restaurant at 2830 9562 or email at restaurant@hkfc.com. Booking is required.

◆ COFFEE SHOP ◆

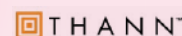
MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION LUNCH BUFFET

from 12.00 noon to 2.30pm

\$218 per Adult

\$128 per Child (age 12 and under)

**All mothers will receive a gift from Thann Aromatherapy and Natural Cosmetics*



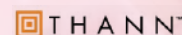
LOVING MUM DINNER BUFFET

from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

\$268 per Adult

\$158 per Child (age 12 and under)

**All mothers will receive a gift from Thann Aromatherapy and Natural Cosmetics*



*** All patrons ordering the buffet will receive a mini egg tart with bird's nest for dessert*

Very limited A la Carte available on the day for Lunch and Dinner

For reservations please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 or email at coffeeshop@hkfc.com. Booking is required.

A complimentary photo will be taken for each family

To Mother with Love

◆ RESTAURANT ◆

RECREATING **FRENCH** CHEF RAYMOND BLANC'S CUISINE

in the Restaurant

throughout the month of May

Every night (except Sunday) from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

Raymond Blanc, one of the country's most respected self-taught chefs, was born in Besancon, the capital of the Franche Comté region, between Burgundy and the Jura mountains. His dishes are inspired by the local terrain, and most of all by his mother, Maman Blanc who has always prepared her meals with love, and used only fresh, local and seasonal produce.

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



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◆ RESTAURANT ◆



'The Judgment of Paris'



Wine Dinner: California vs France
(The Re-Match)

in the Restaurant
Saturday 29th May
Pre Dinner Drink starts at 7.15pm
5-Course Dinner served at 7.45pm

The Day California Wine Made History



'The Judgment of Paris' or the Paris Wine Tasting of 1976 was a wine competition organized in Paris on 24th May 1976, in which French judges did blind tasting of top-quality chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon wines from France and from California. California wines rated best in each category, which caused surprise as France was generally regarded as being the foremost producer of the world's best

wines. (The 1973 *Stags Leap Wine Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon* won the red category and the 1973 *Chateau Montelena from Calistoga* won the white.)

The effects of the '1976 Paris Blind Tasting' led to the real-estate boom in the Napa Valley and surrounding wine regions, like Sonoma County and Mendocino. Since then, California has been validated as a bonafide wine producing region. California now produces some of the best wines in the world, including several 100 point wines.

The question for the evening is **how the California wines fare against the French wines of today**. All patrons will be part of the judging panel. Your task for the evening is to taste the wines, and rank them in order of your preference.

*There will be No 'A la Carte' available on the evening.

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



Menu

TIAN OF PREMIUM SEAFOOD AND CURED SALMON

Caviar, Roasted Confit Tomato and Olive Oil Reduction

RIESLING WHITE

Trimbach Riesling AOC 2007

VS

Château Ste. Michelle Riesling 2006/07

SAUTEED FILLET OF HALIBUT

Herbed Couscous, Baby Bok Choy and Vanilla Emulsion

CHARDONAY WHITE

Louis Jadot Pouilly Fuisse 2008

VS

Château Ste. Michelle Indian Wells 2006

GNOCCHI A LA RUSTICA

Tender Veal, Porcini Mushrooms, Sweet Peas and Parmesan Cheese

MERLOT

Château Haut-Châtain, Lalande de Pomerol 2004

VS

Château Ste. Michelle Canoe Ridge Merlot 2005

PAN ROASTED VENISON LOIN

Braised Cabbage and Applewood Bacon, Château Potato, Vintage Port Wine Jus

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 1999

VS

Cabernet Sauvignon, Estate Stag's Leap Vineyard 2005

CARAMELISED WILLIAM PEAR TART

Blackberries, Almond and Sauce Anglaise
Ginestet Mascaron Sauternes 2005

\$698 per person

◆ RESTAURANT ◆

FAMILY SEAFOOD BUFFET WITH A *FRENCH* TWIST

in the Restaurant

every Sunday for dinner (except 9th May)
throughout the month of May

After a strenuous week, unwind at the Restaurant's famous Sunday Seafood Buffet.

An opportunity to sample different seafood dishes and get together with family and friends.

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

SUNDAY DELUXE *FRENCH* CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

in the Restaurant

Sunday 23rd May from 11am to 2.30pm

\$298 (with free flowing Soft drinks and Chilled juices)

\$398 (with free flowing champagne and wines: Beaumont des Crayeres Grand Prestige N.V Champagne and selected white and red wine)

* Beaumont des Crayeres Grand Prestige N.V Champagne is rated 89 points (Wine Spectator)

**Dress Code: Smart Casual –
no shorts, no round neck T-shirts**

FAMILY BRUNCH BUFFET AND SPARKLING WINE

in the Restaurant and Chairman's Bar

Sunday 2nd, 16th, 30th May
from 11am to 2.30pm

\$198 adult (with sparkling wine)

\$120 per child (with soft drinks and chilled juice)

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



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◆ COFFEE SHOP ◆

FRENCH BISTRO FAIR

in the Coffee Shop

throughout the month of May

Lunch: Monday to Friday

Dinner: Monday to Thursday

This month, the Coffee Shop presents a menu from casual steakhouses in France. Menu includes Mussels, Escargot, Asparagus, Steak Frites, Coq au Vin and much more!



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AFTERNOON TEA *A LA FRANÇAISE*

in the Coffee Shop

every day from 3pm to 5.30pm

throughout the month of May

In celebration of *le French GourMay*, the Coffee Shop will put on a special Parisian afternoon tea set. The set includes complimentary coffee, tea or chilled juice.

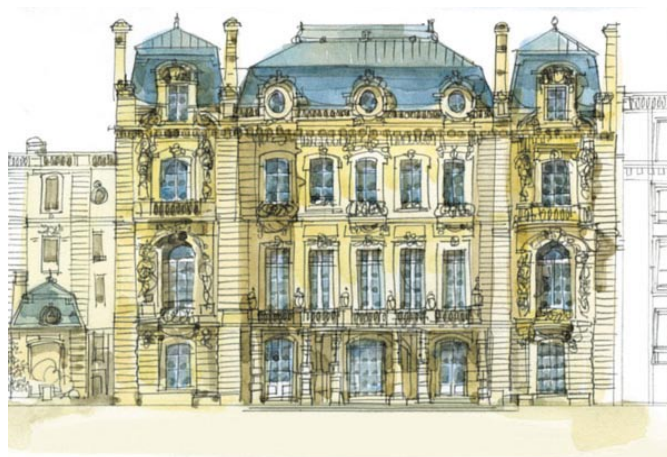


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◆ COFFEE SHOP ◆

**WEEKEND DINNER BUFFET WITH
FRENCH FAVOURITES**

in the Coffee Shop

Fridays and Saturdays

from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

throughout the month of May

Enjoy our popular Weekend Dinner Buffet every Friday and Saturday at the Coffee Shop.

A special corner will feature a variety of French favourites, guaranteed to make you come back for more.

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

**SUNDAY NIGHT “STEAK AND
MUSSEL SPECIAL”**

in the Coffee Shop

Every Sunday from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Throughout the month of May

Every Sunday night at the Coffee Shop, you can enjoy a “Steak and Mussels Special”, with your choice of Rib Eye Steak or Mussels, served with pasta, rice or potatoes and seasonal vegetables. Soup, salad, and dessert are also included. Bring your family along this Sunday!



◆ CHAIRMAN’S BAR ◆

**SPARKLING *FRENCH* WINE
CAROUSEL**

in the Chairman’s Bar

every day from 6pm to 10pm

throughout the month of April

Chairman’s Bar is offering 2 free-flowing *French* Sparkling Wines. From 6pm until 10pm daily, at a set price of \$130 per person, you can enjoy 2 hours of unlimited servings of wines. Alternatively select any two wines for only \$68.



***FRENCH* OYSTER IN THE EVENING**

in the Chairman’s Bar

from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

throughout the month of May

The Chairman’s Bar attitude to Happy Hour:

Get two jet-fresh oysters and a glass of bubbly just for \$88 or enjoy 6 oysters for \$100 (minimum order of 6 pieces)

◆ CAPTAIN’S BAR AND FAMILY LOUNGE ◆

***FRENCH* SANDWICH: CROQUE MONSIEUR**

in the Captain’s Bar and Family Lounge

throughout the month of May

As part of *Le French GourMay*, the Captain’s Bar and Family Lounge will be introducing the famous *French* snack this month – le Croque Monsieur.

A croque monsieur is a hot ham and cheese grilled sandwich (typically gruyère cheese is used). It originated in France as a fast-food snack served in cafés and bars.



◆ MAY IN THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR ◆

OPENING HOURS

As the Mini Soccer and Mini Rugby training seasons are coming to an end, starting from June, the Sportsman's Bar will open at 11am on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays until further notice.

SALAD PROMOTION

throughout the month of May

During the month of May, we are marking the warm weather's arrival by 'lightening' our menu with a special selection of salad dishes. Even though they are large enough to serve as a main course, you can also enjoy them as an appetizer.



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BBQ EVENING

Every Friday and Saturday from 6pm until 10.30pm throughout the month of May

A mouth-watering fare of BBQ items grilled to perfection.



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ON THE BIG SCREENS

The month of May is all about End of Season Cup Finals.

Soccer has some big end of season games, including the **FA Cup final** between **Chelsea and Portsmouth** which will be played at Wembley on the evening of **Saturday 15th May**. The **Champions League Final** will be played in Madrid on **Saturday 22nd May**. For those who are not able to stay up late, don't worry, we will be replaying the game the next day. Mark your calendars, and please check the notices for final timings.

Our very own **HKFC IP GLOBAL International Soccer 7's tournament** is back with a bang on the weekend of **Friday 14th to Sunday 16th May**. Building on past experience, we have put together some great food and beverage delights that will be available "Pitch-side" throughout the weekend.

In Rugby, the **Heineken Cup final** held at Stade de France is on **Saturday 22nd May**. The final of the **Super 14's** is on the afternoon of **Saturday 29th May**, venue and time to be confirmed. The **Guinness Premiership Final** is also on **Saturday 29th May**, played at Twickenham.

In our own 'backyard', we play host again to the **HSBC Asian 5 Nations**, with **Hong Kong vs Kazakhstan** on **Saturday 8th May**. So come out and show your support!

Other highlights on the screens include:

Spanish and **Turkish** F1 Grand Prix on **Sunday 9th** and **30th May** respectively.

The French Open, Roland Garros starts on **24th May** and the final will be played on **Sunday 6th June**.

**JUNE PREVIEW –
IN THE RESTAURANT:**

From 22nd to 26th June, we are pleased to welcome **Australian Guest Chef Justin Beilin** to the Restaurant. With a wealth of experience gained from numerous top restaurants in Australia, Justin finds his passion in creating Modern European food.

Two evenings to mark in your calendars:

Friday 25th June

Gourmet Wine Dinner – featuring a flamboyant and innovative menu

Saturday 26th June

Private table held for a limited number of patrons - showcasing Justin's signature dishes paired with exquisite wines. More details to follow in the next issue...stay tuned!



THE STORY OF LEIGHTON, HIS HILL AND HIS ROAD

The PRIZE of FAILURE

Look up from anywhere near the HKFC swimming pool and you can't see the hill for the high-rises. The patch of concrete jungle that looms over the Club along its eastern boundary is dominated by the wall of towers that is The Leighton Hill, in which deluxe apartments first went on sale in 2000. But who *was* this fellow Leighton? 170 years after he set foot in Hong Kong his name endures – perhaps undeservedly so.

Longer and shorter at the same time

Way back in the 1840s the hill was there, of course, in its natural state bigger than it is today. It was called Leighton's Hill then and the dirt track that wound around it was called Leighton's Hill Road. As the area developed over the next century – up to 1951 – the road began from Morrison Hill Road (as it does today) and ended at its junction with Caroline Road and the start of the horseshoe that is Caroline Hill Road. In 1951 the Government pruned 'Hill' from the name and extended 'Leighton Road' eastward as far as Causeway Road, superseding what had been Caroline Road. Leighton's road, it might be said, was made longer and shorter at the same time.

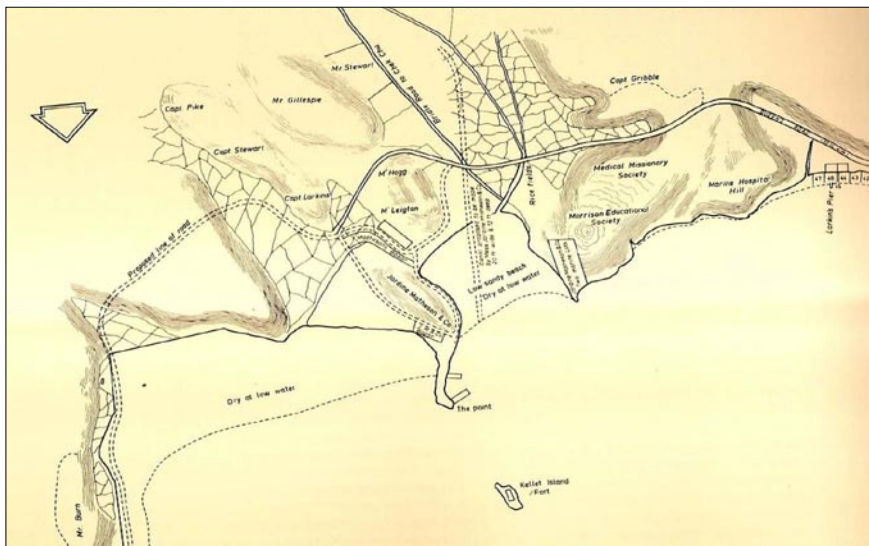
His full name was Henry John Leighton. He came from Calcutta, then the capital of British India, where he was the senior partner in a trading house called Ferguson, Leighton & Co. The other founding partner, James Ferguson (often written as 'Fergusson' and suggesting Scottish origins), severed his connection in 1839. Excited by what he was hearing about a new business frontier at the mouth of the Pearl River in China – especially the port settlement planned for an island

called *Hong-kong* – Henry Leighton set sail. On 1 January 1841 he registered an office in Macao in the same 'style and firm' of Ferguson, Leighton & Co., and began hiring staff. One of them was a wandering teenager, a clever lad called Charles Hillier who would become Chief Magistrate and have a street in Sheung Wan named after him.

High and mighty priority

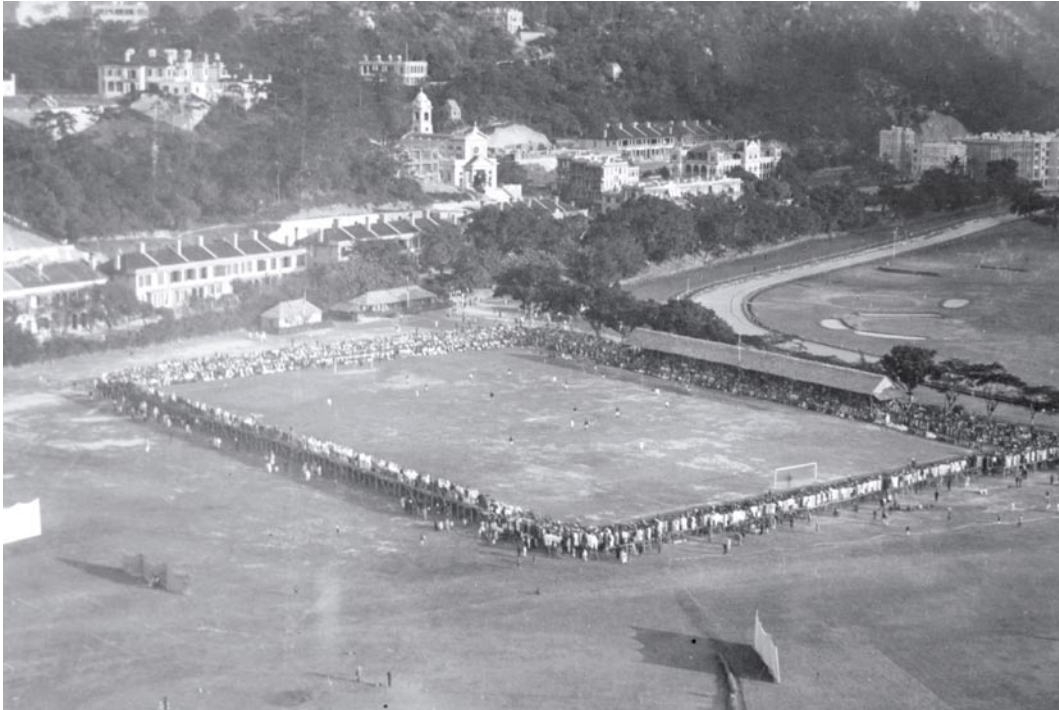
Henry Leighton had big plans. He envisaged a spot of commercial empire-building akin to those other Scots pioneer-entrepreneurs called Jardine and Matheson. At the first land auction in Hong Kong in June 1841 he bought Marine Lot 14 for £21 and was granted Inland Lot 27 and Suburban Lot 6. He may have followed Jardines' lead, jumped his claim and even before the auction started was building his bungalow atop the hill that had taken his fancy behind East Point. He had brought his wife Mary Anne and their child with him from Calcutta, and a son also called Henry had been born in Macao in April 1841. A family home with a 360-degree view above the district that had been recommended by a respected Royal Navy surveyor in January 1841 as 'the most suitable site for a settlement' (it became Happy Valley) was a high and mighty priority for a Calcutta trader with the reputation and intent of Mr. Leighton.

On 8 November 1842, the Leighton family boarded a vessel called the *Amazon* and sailed back to Calcutta. Henry Leighton had survived on the scene for less than two years. A month earlier all his 'household furniture, plated ware, books, horse and cows' had been offloaded at public auction. His marine lot was taken back by the Government; his inland lot, on which he had put up a godown, and his suburban lot which 'he had prepared for building,' were transferred to Jardines – who, operating from Macao themselves until 1844, were snaffling all the land they could get their hands on in and around East Point.



1842 - A section of a map drawn by Hong Kong's first Governor, Sir Henry Pottinger. It shows Henry Leighton (mis-spelt 'Leigton') in residence atop his hill on the eastern flank of the Valley and its paddy fields (but as yet no racecourse), the Morrison Educational Society (named

for missionary Robert Morrison) on the western flank, and Jardines in place on East Point Hill. The present-day location of the HKFC was then a beach. During excavation for the Club's redevelopment in 1993, shell-grit and other seaside evidence appeared in the depths.



1923 - The HKFC Club ground in the 1920s. The 'temporary' mat-shed pavilion (first put up in 1897) and changing rooms can be seen in the south-east corner behind the eastern temporary stand, separated from the pitch by the Jockey Club's branch track used for the 3/4 Mile sprint that started outside CCC. This photo seems to have been taken from an airplane, with the match in progress perhaps 'China vs. Hong Kong' (South China Athletic Association's touring team to Australia versus the Hong Kong Interport XI) in 1923. The match was such an event that a film was made of it and shown in a local cinema. In the foreground are the cricket fields of the Civil Service Club at right, CCC at left and Police Recreation Club in between. Leighton Hill is at left, fronted by terrace-houses (built after World War I on property repurchased from Jardines) that provided a good view of the match.

(Courtesy of Hong Kong Museum of History)

Exception that proves the rule

Was it due to a business setback, or in protest at the authorities' sticky-fingered land sequestration policy that had lost him his marine lot? Was his authority needed back in the head office in Calcutta? (Ferguson, Leighton & Co. was still trading with Jardines from there in 1844.) Was it family pressure and/or health concerns exacerbated by the 'miasmatic vapours' rising up around his bungalow from the paddy fields in the valleys below – Wongneichong ('Yellow Mud Creek') to the west and Sookunpoo ('Straw Broom Plain') to the east? Whatever the reason, Leighton

decided that his Hong Kong gambit was a failure and quit the place in something of a rush.

It is a rare thing in a business community that has developed such a cut-throat reputation as this one to come across an itinerant trader who is given more than the time of day, let alone 170 years of recognition on its map. Henry John Leighton however can rest content, having imprinted his name – as well as having that monument to himself standing over the Football Club – as the Hong Kong exception that proves the rule.

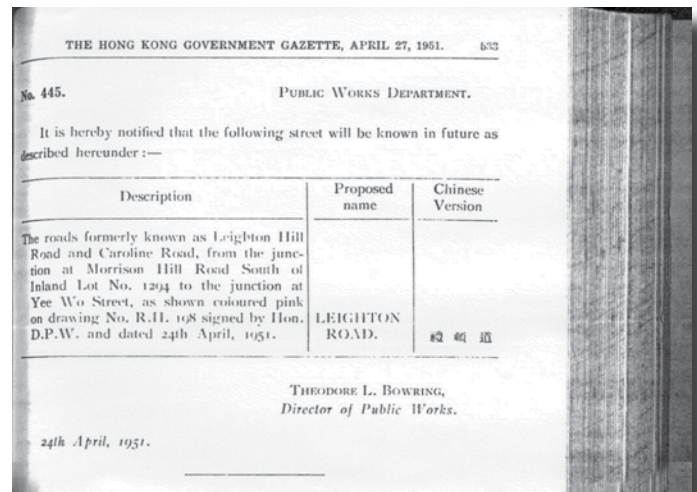
By Denis Way



1935 - Leighton Hill Road as it was in the 1930s, looking west from the Wongneichong Road (East) junction towards the Bowrington Canal bridge (now Canal Road with a flyover on top of it). The CCC and PRC grounds are out of picture on the left. Note

the tramlines that in those days ran along Leighton Hill Road into Wongneichong Road at the foreground junction, but which are no longer there.

(Courtesy of HKSAR Government Public Records Office)



1951 - Hong Kong Government Gazette notice of April 1951, making 'Leighton Road' official and extending it eastward as far as the junction with Causeway Road and Yee Wo Street. There is still, however, a Leighton

Hill Road – the access road leading up to The Leighton Hill complex off Broadwood Road at its junction with Link Road.



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Squash News

Chocks Away! HKFC v RAF



The Royal Air Force (RAF) from the UK sent a team of 12 players for a series of matches in Hong Kong, including two matches against HKFC.

The first match was played on the evening Monday 29th March, the day the RAF arrived in Hong Kong via Helsinki. Despite being a little jet lagged the RAF team played well but HKFC managed to secure a 7-5 win. The RAF Team spent the rest of the week playing other clubs and then came back to HKFC on Saturday 3rd April for a second match.

HKFC won the second match 8-4, which included some very exciting games. While their four ladies played well, they struggled against the predominantly male HKFC team, as Carmen Lee was the only lady player representing HKFC. Tim Fan played against a fast runner (a jet pilot who was a jet around the court too) and Tim recovered nearly every shot until he crumpled in the corner with cramp.

The games went on till 6.00 pm when players and supporters alike moved to the Captain's Bar for refreshments and then to the Coffee Shop for a super Japanese buffet (and a tincture or two of sake, courtesy of our General Manager **Mark Pawley**). **Phil Head** managed to sneak in from a wedding reception in the Club and helped with the Boat Race. We later retired to the Sportsman's Bar for further lubrication to finish off a great day.

HKFC were represented in the two matches by **Vincent Yu, Malcolm Kerr, Tim Fan, Chris Witherspoon, Adrian Ng, Gene Soo, Henry Ng, James Harley, Phil Nielson, Andrew Wood, David Pun, Steve Gollop, Nick Chirls, Lincoln Chan, Carmen Lee, Ajay Hazari** and **Henry Ng**.

The RAF were a great bunch and very kindly presented the HKFC Squash Section with a signed picture of an RAF jet as a memento. In return, we presented them with a souvenir photo of the glass court used at Hong Kong Open sited on the Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront, signed



by the great Jahangir Khan. We were invited to send a team to the UK, and perhaps we can and will!

By Mike Belbin



News from the Courts

Team / Division	League Position as at 8th April 2010
Main League	
Henley-HKFC 1	3rd
Henley-HKFC 2	Champions
Henley-HKFC 3	Champions
Henley-HKFC 4A	4th
Henley-HKFC 4B	Champions
Henley-HKFC 5	Champions
Henley-HKFC 6A	4th
Henley-HKFC 6B	2nd
Henley-HKFC 9	Champions
Henley-HKFC 10	Champions
Henley-HKFC 11	Champions
Henley-HKFC 12	2nd
Henley-HKFC 13	4th
Henley-HKFC 14A	1st
Henley-HKFC 14B	9th
Henley-HKFC 16	4th
Ladies League	
Henley-HKFC L1A	6th
Henley-HKFC L1B	5th
Henley-HKFC L2A	Champions
Henley-HKFC L2B	3rd
Henley-HKFC L3A	7th
Henley-HKFC L3B	9th
Masters League	
Henley-HKFC M1A	4th
Henley-HKFC M1B	5th
Henley-HKFC M2	8th

The Squash Section's season 2009/2010 trophy haul continues to grow. Since the report in the April 2010 Club Magazine, Henley-HKFC 2, 3, 10 and 11 have become the champions of the Hong Kong Squash League's Divisions 2, 3, 10 and 11 respectively. Congratulations go to:

Henley-HKFC 2 – **Patrick Choi** (convenor), **Vincent Yu**, **Neal Soo**, **Malcolm Kerr**, **Glenn Hitch**, **Keith Frith**, **James Barrington** and **Paul Ng**.

Henley-HKFC 3 – **Terence Teo** (convenor), **Nick Chirls**, **Jason Waldie**, **David Watts**, **Manoj Nihalani**, **Brian MacDougall**, **Rajesh Nihalani**, **Simon Barton**, and **Ken Lindeque**.

Henley-HKFC 10 – **Simon Ho** (convenor), **Thomas Tang**, **Emma Pike**, **Peter Tang**, **Simon Ng**, **Henry Ng**, **John Kok**, **Julian Harniess**, **Steve Pike**, **Maurice O'Brien**, **Michael Belbin** and **David Kan**.

Henley-HKFC 11 – **Roger Liden** (convenor), **David Naville**, **John Wilby**, **Roland Weatherall**, **Eddie Wu**, **Lawrence Lai**, **Michael Tsang**, **Martin Wright**, **Neil Roberts**, **Marcelo Perez**, **Desmond Ko** and **Harry Hughes**.

In addition, Henley-HKFC 6A, 6B, and 13 convened by **Julian Tanner**, **James Harley** and **Nick Tan** respectively have also made it to the end of season play-offs.

Hong Kong Closed Squash Championships 2010

The Hong Kong Closed Squash Championships are the most prestigious local competition organized by Hong Kong Squash annually attracting Hong Kong's top national players and lots of local squash enthusiasts to compete in 13 separate categories. The Closed Championships will be held at the Hong Kong Squash Centre between 24th May and 5th June 2010, which includes men's and women's main competition and masters.

Further details about the Hong Kong Closed Squash Championships 2010 are posted on the Hong Kong Squash website. Go to www.hksquash.org.hk

HKFC Squash Section members won the following categories at the 2009 Hong Kong Closed Squash Championships:

Dallas Reid won the Mens B Grade (Div 6 – 10 & M2) Championship

Malcolm Kerr won the Mens Masters (40-44) Championship beating **Marc Meldrum** in the final.

Peter Hill won the Mens Masters (45-49) Championship beating **Hugh Dyus** in the final.

Brian MacDougall won the Mens Masters (50+) Championship

Lawrence Lee who won the Mens Masters (40 – 44) Plate

Forthcoming Events

Inter-Club Matches – Sunday 9th May 2010

On Sunday 9th May 2010 HKFC and the RHKYC will once again go head to head for the Scribes Trophy (now that the trophy has been found!). The match will be played at the RHKYC. Match Convenor Mike Belbin will issue an email shortly inviting players to sign up for the match. Alternatively, if you would like to play please contact Mike by email at belbin5@yahoo.com

The tri-cornered masters match between a joint RHKYC/American Club team, a joint Hong Kong Club/Discovery Bay team and HKFC will now be held on Saturday 12th June 2010. Match Convenor Mike Belbin will issue an email shortly inviting players to sign up for the match. Alternatively, if you would like to play please contact Mike by email at belbin5@yahoo.com

Squash Section AGM – Saturday 22nd May 2010

The Squash Section AGM will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 22nd May 2010 and will commence immediately after the conclusion of the Club Championship Finals. All Squash Section members are encouraged to attend the AGM.

Squash Section End of Season Party – Saturday 22nd May 2010

Mark the date in your diaries, for the Squash Section's prize presentation dinner and end of season party. It's sure to be a great night out! Social Convenor Adam Wilson will email further details in early May 2010.

Prize Presentation Dinner – scheduled on Friday 25th June

The Hong Kong Squash League Prize Presentation Dinner for season 2009/10 has been tentatively scheduled on Friday 25th June 2010. Further details will be announced shortly.

Coach's Corner

Five Lets, That's Your Lot ...

This month we have a look at an interesting development concerning the rules of squash.

The US Pro Squash Tour, a series of tournaments running across the USA, is set to implement a new rule which allows players only five lets per match.

Over the years there have been many discussions about how to reduce the number of undecided points in a squash match. It is a feature of the game which has marred, even ruined a number of professional matches. However, it seems that this is the first time a measure like this has been implemented.

US Pro's explanation of their move to "change the way squash is played" is as follows:

Natick, MA (March 29, 2010) - US Pro Squash is reshaping how squash is played. Players will now be restricted to five lets per match in US Pro Squash Tournaments – a bold move that will significantly enhance the fan experience. This will eliminate the endless replaying of points that has long characterized match play in squash. The rule change will take effect beginning with the New England Open, May 11-13, 2010.

Five Lets, ... the wording

Each player will begin a match with 5 lets at his disposal.

A player requesting a let will still say "Let, please" to the referee. And the referee will continue to have three options: "Yes, let", "No let" or "Stroke to Player A".

If the call is "Yes, let", the referee will then follow with, "Player A has used his first let. He now has four (lets) remaining."

If a player requests a let and the referee responds with a "No let" or "Stroke" call, the player will still retain his five lets.

Once a players five lets have been exhausted, the referee will only be able to award a "No let" or "Stroke" call.

It has been suggested that by limiting a player to five let calls per match, players will have to start playing and clearing the ball a lot more, it should eliminate the many lets where there is minimal interference and where players know that it could come down to a "Stroke" or "No let" call they will start to play the ball.

There is lively discussion about the merits of this rule change on squash website discussion forums.

Player of the Month – Simon Ho

Junior of the Month – Jaden Li Head

SOCCER

Captain's Corner



Sir Alex Ferguson and Monty

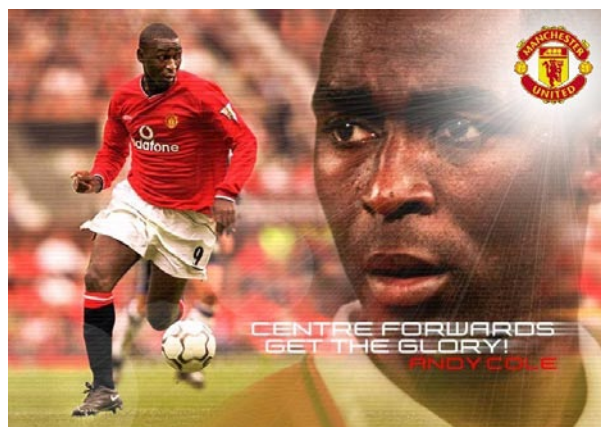
Welcome back troops ,

The business end of the season is here and already trophies are piling up at Sports Road....we are the Kings of the Amateur scene once again which leaves us perfectly suited to host the greatest Soccer Sevens competition in the

world.....yes indeed Tony Sealy's lads have made sure that when the big guns arrive for the HKFC IP GLOBAL SOCCER SEVENS they do so at the home of the Champions.



HKFC IP Global International Soccer 7s



Champions with a game to spare

The HKFC are officially once again the top Amateur side in Hong Kong. The boys wrapped up the title with a 2-0 victory over Double Flower at home on the 10th of April. **Jonny Angelucci** and **Ken Kwok** grabbed the goals on the night and once again we find ourselves in the position of contemplating life in the professional arena. Congratulations to **Tony Sealy** and his squad for an outstanding season.

HKFA 2nd Division

Team	Game	Win	Draw	Loss	Goal Gain	Goal Loss	Goal Diff	Point
Hong Kong Football Club	15	12	1	2	53	17	36	37
Tuen Mun	15	10	2	3	54	16	38	32
Adv. Double Flower	15	8	4	3	38	17	21	28
Ongood	15	9	1	5	44	30	14	28
Kwai Tsing	15	6	3	6	35	22	13	21
Wing Yee	15	6	1	8	51	38	13	19



The draw for the HKFC IP Global International Soccer Sevens was made at the press conference held at the Club in mid April (see table on adjacent page).

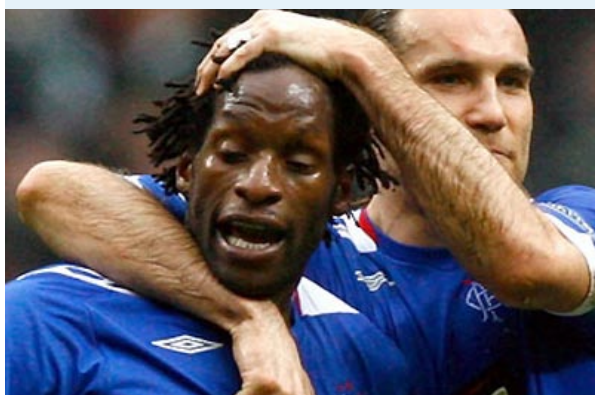
We were delighted to have the legendary Andy Cole as the guest of honour and the names Andy pulled out of the bag left us with

the 8 Pools you see below. For the 1st time ever we welcome the European giants Ajax to Sports Road and I imagine that will mean Aston Villa, Rangers and Celtic will have some serious competition to deal with in the quest to be crowned Champions. In the Masters Tournament the Andy Cole All Stars



will be early favourites as Andrew has made sure he's selected a very strong and fit squad including Michael Thomas, Frank Sinclair and of course the magnificent Ugo Ehiogu.....who will ever forget his winning goal against Celtic in Walter Smith's majestic comeback.

All the action kicks off on the 14th of May and this year looks like being the biggest and best ever... don't miss any of the action by getting down early to snap up your seats!!



Official Draw for the tournament

Main Tournament

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
Ajax	Aston Villa	Glasgow Rangers	Glasgow Celtic
Tai Po	Sunderland	West Ham United	Birmingham City
Sheffield FC	Eastleigh FC	Tuen Mun	Happy Valley
Singapore Cricket Club	Yau Yee League Select	HKFC Captain's Select	Hong Kong Football Club

Masters Tournament

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
Gallic All Stars	Golden Rainbow	IP Global All Stars	Andy Cole All Stars
Southampton Veterans	Forest All Stars	Team Bondi	Bexton FC
HKFC Veterans	Hong Kong All Stars	KFC Tokyo	Tai Po Veterans
Kowloon Cricket Club	HKFC Chairman's Select	Yau Yee Select Veterans	SCC Tigers



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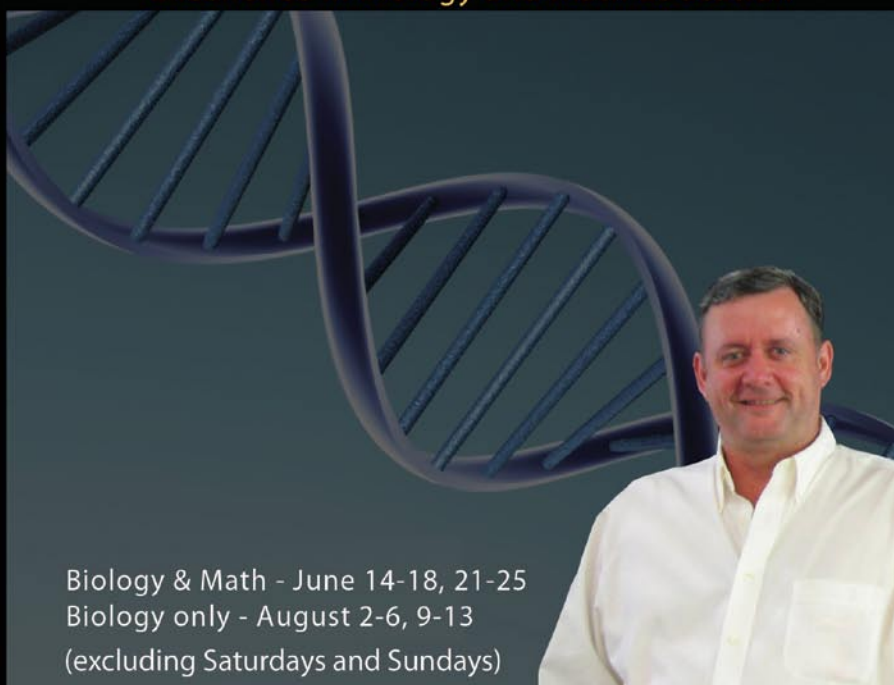
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Mini Soccer

HKFC U15's make history and lift the Nike U15 Premier Cup



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THE SQUAD:

Front Row (L-R):

Yusuke Watanabe, Michael Liu, Josh Cairns, Brian Lim, Karan Dhar, Jamie Bone, Ian Yeung, Vas Nunez, Louis Burden

Back Row (L-R):

Raef Morrison (Capt), Ryosuke Watanabe, Ben Perkins, Matthew Hoare, Leslie Cheng, Oliver Topping, Harry Salnikow, Bram Van Huijstee, Adam Prentice, Alexander Bradbury

Truly a pulsating game of two halves and a nail-biting penalty shoot-out finish...it couldn't have been scripted better, as Hong Kong Football Club Under 15s ran out deserved winners against a well-drilled Eastern team in the Nike U15 Premier Cup Final at Tsing Yi stadium on Easter Monday.

After giving Eastern way too much respect (and space) in the first half and as a result going behind from a cracking 20 yard volley, Club came out in the second half firing on all cylinders. Whatever was said in the dressing room at half time will forever remain a mystery (as you all know, "what goes on in the dressing room, stays in the dressing room") but the magic worked. Club turned up the pressure and quickly hit back through an early equalizer from **Bram Van Huijstee**, rocking the opposition and silencing their supporters. When **Matthew Hoare** slotted home a second to put Club 2-1 up, there was only one team in it. With the clock ticking down and the Club supporters royally out-shouting the opposition supporters, willing their team on, it looked like the game was in the bag. However, with just a few minutes to go, a lapse in concentration resulted in a quick breakaway against the run of play and an Eastern striker lobbing Club keeper **Alex Bradbury**, to tie the match at 2-2...5 penalties and then a sudden death shoot-out loomed...

The Club players were united in spirit and having been drilled mercilessly in the art of penalty-taking by coach **Kenneth Kwok**, they were quietly confident. The lads held their nerve (certainly better than their supporters, parents and coaches), while Eastern crumbled. The opposition missed the target twice, leaving **Ryosuke Watanabe** to calmly slot home the winning spot kick and, accompanied by wild celebrations, Under 15 Club Captain **Raef Morrison** hoisted the Nike Premier Cup aloft...it was on its way to Sports Road for the first time in Hong Kong Football Club's history. The prize...a Nike

all-expenses-paid trip to Shanghai (May 8-12) to represent Hong Kong in the Manchester United Premier Cup Asian Qualifiers...so stay tuned...the fairytale is not over yet!

This is indeed an extraordinary achievement and a credit to the Mini Soccer programme. As the lads now press for top spot in the U15 Crocodile Elite League, where they currently lie second with three games to go, and look forward to competing in the Adidas U15s Hong Kong 7s tournament at the end of May, they have certainly earned that spot on the wall in the Club Corridor of Fame.

Lastly, on behalf of the players and coaches, a huge thank you to all the parents and supporters who came along and sung, clapped, cheered and lifted the lads to the Nike Premier Cup victory...long may your support last.

The Under 15s Coaching staff



Not even the subtle art of defending can stop Harry..."step aside... coming through"



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Hockey News



Review of Inaugural American Express HKFC Hockey 6s



Zak Attack - Men's Cup Winners



Drill Bits - Ladies Cup Winners



Flying Hoppers (Switzerland) - Men's Bowl Winners



Khalsa - Men's Plate Winners



ASI-Samurai Geishas - Ladies Plate Winners



Arshad Khan - Male Player of the Tournament



Katy Mountain - Female Player of the Tournament



The Hangovers - life of the party, in action



Tom Moore in action



Koreans go head-to head in Cup Semi Final



Flying Hoppers travel in style

The inaugural American Express HKFC Hockey 6s were staged successfully over the Easter weekend at the Club. In total 24 teams took part in the competition with over 200 players playing at the club over the 2 days. The Club's overseas guests from Korea and Switzerland added an enormous amount of colour to the competition.

Day 1 involved group play on both the Hockey pitch and the Main Pitch. With teams playing at least 1 game on the longer grass of the Main pitch techniques had to be adapted and the speed of the game changed quite dramatically. That being said, all players agreed that the change in the tournament organization to have all games played at HKFC was a massive change for the better and we would certainly like to continue holding the entire competition at the club in the future.

A total of 50 games were played on Day 1, with 30 in the Mens Competition and 20 in the Ladies. In the Mens Competition ASI Samurai A went sailing through from Group A with 4 straight wins whilst the Flying Hoppers surprisingly beat Zack Attack from KCC A in the final Mens game to go through second whilst Zack Attack scraped through as the 8th placed team into the Cup. No surprises in Group B with Kangwon University A from Korea remaining

undefeated and Maobidi from Shaheen finishing second. In Group C Valley, perhaps surprisingly, beat Kangwon University B and finished top with the Korean's second and Valley ended the day top of the Mens standings due to goals scored.

In the Ladies competition KCC and the Drill Bits from HKFC finished their groups undefeated with Drill Bits scoring 41 goals in the process! Second place was more competitive with Valley edging out their competitors to advance to the Cup Semi Final from Group A and Arissa from Shaheen perhaps surprisingly beating ASI Samurai Geisha to join the Cup Semi Finalists.

Day 2 played out under overcast skies, as Day 1 had finished. The Mens competition divided into the Cup, Plate and Bowl, with the Ladies playing for the Cup and Plate. The first game of the day saw a major surprise with Valley, having qualified first, losing to Zack Attack in the Cup. The Flying Hoppers lost to ASI Samurai A and the 2 Korean sides went through as well, with Gibbrelli from KCC putting up an excellent challenge to the Korean A team. The Plate play off games saw HKCC, HKUST and Easy, Tiger say goodbye to the competition. In the Ladies Plate HKCC and the Hangovers also said goodbye after their first games.

The Men's Plate quarter finals arrived with Khalsa beating the Flying Hoppers, Gibbrelli beating ASI Samurai B and Valley beating the Owls, Maobidi had a bye. In the Ladies Plate Akita from Shaheen beat Elite and ASI Samurai Geishas beat HKUST.

All the Semi Finals and Finals took place on the Hockey pitch with the Semis being played simultaneously. No games required extra time, however, some spectacular hockey was being played. The Mens Cup saw the Korean A team and Zack Attack qualify, an outstanding effort from KCC as they had almost missed out on the Cup altogether. In the Ladies Cup Drill Bits and KCC kept on course for their predicted show down.

The Finals provided some hugely entertaining hockey. Flying Hoppers, having started in the Cup and finished in the Bowl ended the day on a high with a comfortable win over the Owls. ASI Samurai Geishas had to work hard to break down Akita, but in the end proved too strong and took home the Ladies Plate. Khalsa and Maobidi put on a show of outstanding skill in the Mens Plate with Khalsa eventually coming out on top, what might have been if they had made their first game on Day 1.

In the Ladies Cup Final KCC started well against the Drill Bits but once the breakthrough came the Drill Bits powered away. So Drill Bits from HKFC became the first winners of the Ladies Cup at the American Express HKFC Hockey 6s. Whilst it was a complete all round team performance special mention must go to **Katy Mountain** who was named Ladies Player of the Tournament.

The Mens Cup Final was played at a phenomenal pace. Zack Attack had clearly got their act together after a very mediocre day 1 and were playing some exceptional hockey, however the fitness and skill of the students from Kangwon University was there for all to see. Early in the second half the Korean team scored a field goal bringing the core to 4-3 to Zack Attack and it was definitely game on. It was hard to tell which team would be a more popular winner with plenty of support for both sides. Zack Attack scored the clincher from yet another lightning break and try as they did the students couldn't get the goal they needed to get back in the contest. An absorbing final finished with a jubilant Zak Attack side winning the inaugural American Express HKFC Hockey 6s. The Mens player of the tournament was Arshad Khan from Zack Attack.

The new format of 6 a side with separate Mens and Ladies competitions proved a huge success with extremely positive feedback from all participants. So roll on next year, we hope to be able to considerably raise the number of overseas participants and put on a thrilling spectacle for all to enjoy.

The organizing committee would like to publicly thank all players and supporters who attended the American Express HKFC Hockey 6s. We would also like to thank the Members and Staff of HKFC for their support and patience. Finally we would like to thank our sponsors, in particular American Express, our title sponsor, and Cosmopolitan Hotel, Pocari, Canterbury and Stella Artois our main sponsors, for all their support.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year, 22nd and 23rd April 2011.

HKFC vs Visiting Team from Australia



HKFC vs Austrlian (Men's)



HKFC vs Austrlian (Women's)

HKFC recently played host to visiting teams from Australia, who were in HK to play a number of local teams on their tour of Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia.

Australia Country (made up of players who do not play their hockey in any of the State capital cities) brought both a men's and women's team. Both matches were expected to be fast and furious, and neither disappointed. In very physical, and exciting matches, there was plenty of talent on display from all teams.

In the women's match, a slightly depleted HKFC ladies A Team acquired the services of 3 additional non-Club players, including ex Kiwi international, and current Valley player, Tina Bell-Kake. After a bruising and closely fought first half, the focus shifted from just being competitive, to taking them on. With fresh confidence, the Club girls stepped up the pace and proved the stronger of the two sides in the attacking zone, eventually putting the Aussies to the sword and running out 4-2 winners. Tina showing all her class in the goal area wasn't alone when it came to great finishes, with a sublime deflection goal from **Nicola Sawyer**. Not to be outdone, the defence, and in particular GK **Claire Archer**, were outstanding, along with the

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tireless efforts from the midfield (although they will all agree, they were all on the brink of total exhaustion).

The men's match had all the anticipated fire and aggression, and more. The same situation presented itself to the squad, and a couple of additions were made, including HK's very own superstar striker, **Ashgar Ali**, and he didn't disappoint, scoring both opening goals, and both of world class quality. The up-front pairing of Ashgar Ali and **Yaap Buma**, two of the best in the business, had tongues wagging of a possible pairing for next season. Racing to a 3-1 lead the match looked as if it might head the same direction as the women's, but one should never count out a wounded Australian team. Late in the game, and with the loss of midfielder, **Will Glover** (rather brutal facial injury), the team was rattled and Australia pounced, quickly tying the match with two well-worked goals. Fittingly perhaps, the match ended in a draw, and the crowd headed to the Sportsman's Bar to toast what had been two highly entertaining and two very competitive matches.



A special thanks to everyone involved with the tour and to all players, and HKFC Staff for a highly successful fixture.

Message from the Ladies' Captain



Nicky Russo, Ladies Captain

I'd actually expected it to be a "light" hockey month because of the Easter holidays, but in fact we've had a busy time of it. First, a massive round of applause to the Easter 6s Committee who organized the inaugural (and hugely enjoyable) American Express Hockey 6s event over Easter weekend. We had teams from the UK, Switzerland, Korea and even the Dark Side jetting in to compete, and while it was our own HKFC Drill Bits, who marched off with the silverware, I'd like to congratulate all the Club teams who took part in the weekend antics, both on-pitch and in the bar(s) afterwards.

On 8th April, we were delighted to host the Men's and Ladies' teams from Australia who were in town on their Asia tour. The Ladies' A team (plus one or two recruits more used to sporting opposition colours) had a thrilling 4-2 victory over the visitors; while the Men's A team drew 3-3. This was a really impressive standard of hockey to enjoy on a dreary Thursday evening and it was a pleasure to welcome so many players, supporters and officials back to the Sportsman's afterwards for the evening. Going forward, we hope to be able to invite more overseas teams of this calibre; it's such a great way to raise the standard of our own hockey when we are able to play (or at least watch!) competitive matches at this level and it was clear to see that our players relished the challenge.

As league matches wrap up for the season and we move to the Knock-out Cup, I'd really like to encourage everyone to come and cheer along all the Club teams in their quest for Cup glory. Let's try and fill the stands

– King's Park is not as far away as you think. Bring the eskies! **"Finals Days"** are **Saturday 15th May (Cup and Plate)** and **Saturday 22nd May (Bowl and Saucer)**.

Lastly, it's coming round to that time of year when we cajole/coerce/bribe volunteers for next year's committee. The Hockey Section website has been updated with details of positions that need to be filled at this year's AGM (Friday 11 June), so take a look and put your hand up. This year's team captains (and especially Convenor) have done sterling work in what's been a long, and rather disjointed, season but in the interests of fairness, we need players to share the workload, so **PUT YOUR HAND UP!!** Come and have a word with me or your team captain about what's involved in any of the positions. It doesn't matter how long you have been with the section, or in which team you play, **GET INVOLVED NOW**. We need you guys!



It hasn't been all "work" though, and on behalf of the Section Committee, I'd like to thank our Club Chairman, Mr **Fook Aun Chew**, for a very pleasant evening at the HKFC Centenary Challenge Cup Race night.

Cheers, Nicky

Ladies F Team - Meet the Foxes...



These committed and enthusiastic foxy ladies are top of their league and undefeated this season. Here is the lowdown on the foxes themselves...

Starting at the front – our Super Strikers – 45 goals so far...

Gorgeous 'it's only a scratch' Gen – for never giving up, even after dislocating a shoulder mid-attack - a Goalie's worst nightmare – where there's Gen, there's trouble, and often wine!

Striding Sam – our leading goal scorer (just!) close to Golden Stick and 'active social ambassador' to other sections...mainly rugby!!

Ali – our vice captain - fantastic Fit Miss Fix It on the pitch, setting up great plays both on and off the pitch

Mairi and **Sarah** – our overlapping, official goal hangers, waiting for the perfect lay-off to sweep the ball into the net... Pioneers of the 'one for the road post match tipple(s)' and subtle goal celebrations!

Our Marvelous Mids- Tireless in attack and a fierce force in defence

Our Captain – **Helen**, for her playmaking, comedy commando rolls and downright stubbornness - ensuring we always have possession. Competitive? Helen? – Nooooo!!!

Viv – our pesky right wing – who can get a ball past anything for the ultimate cross - all this one handed and hungover!

Alex – demure off pitch, snarling, full-on rugby forward-esque on it – don't mess with her – the scowl alone can down an umpire at 10 yards, not to mention her roar, known to fend off unicorns and umpires!...She's known to down a pint in seconds and give Helen a run for her money on the commando rolls tally!

Mel H – a flexible newbie Scouser – where there's a battle, there's a Mel

Super Mum Lou – Back after having her very own fox cub – grabbed the stick straight from the maternity ward, sprinted onto the pitch – probably after just doing a 50 k, and finished off with a warm down of 10k hill running.....

Polly – modest, humble off the pitch – tough as they come on it – if you want a lesson in competitiveness, watch this foxy lady – she takes man-marking personally. We hear Lacrosse is an extreme sport!

Returning Rachel – back with us for three games only but managed to score for the foxes and the Ds!

And in Defence – only let in 7 goals so far but they were really really good goals!

Ellen – deftly sweep the ball left or right when she spot an open channel for the wings and will deliver direct to the strikers if at all possible. Good at giving motivational instruction to her team mates too.....

Krista – our fab Dutch import who strikes fear into the hearts of any little mid or forward who dares come anywhere near her!

Rhona, our super sweeper and specialist penalty taker – A Goalie's best friend – Stops anything in her path including Aussie touring mens teams!

Christine – Can stop a mounting attack dead in its tracks and has the ball to our mids before the opposition realized they've lost it. Amazing aptitude to take to the pitch after only 30 minutes sleep post partying – normally with Dionna

Mel M – our Scottish terrier who loves nothing better than taking a ball off the opposing striker and then insulting them by running the

length of the pitch and delivering it back to ours...Fetch!

Dionna – When not sleeping, partying or shimmying about in very high heels and kit (every man's dream!)– this foxy lady is our Number 1 runner for corners – foxy and fearless

And in Goal – our new GK Diane – cool, calm, collected and VERY VERY LOUD when a ball comes anywhere near our own 25....She normally spends the games discussing nail colour with Rhona

Ash – our injured flexible forward/defender – WELCOME BACK!!

And not forgetting

Emma – our social captain and off pitch biggest fan! Big welcome to your newest addition

– **James**.

Just one more mention – our Fab coach **Chappie**.

Who has coped with tantrums, nerves, over enthusiastic captains and skills like he's never seen before (yes, he's never seen them! Where we lack skills, we make up for in determination). BIG thanks to Chappie for looking after us this season and giving us the confidence to get this far! GROUP HUG EVERYBODY!

So, that's the foxes – fun, fearless, competitive, committed and most of all – FOXY!!





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Club's Men take Champions at Macau



Group photo

The 2010 version of the China-Hong Kong-Macau Invitational Lawn Bowls Tournament was held at Macau on 10th and 11th April with 4 teams representing Hong Kong provided by the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Kowloon Cricket Club and Hong Kong Football Club, 4 teams representing China provided by Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhongshan and the China Team and 4 teams representing Macau provided by the organisers, Macau Lawn Bowls General Association.

The real competitors were the weather and the surface of the outdoor artificial green, located in front of the main stand of the Macau Jockey Club, which provided some amazing shots of unbelievable runs with bowls often running against the bias (or so we were led to believe) and this gave a definite challenge to the visiting bowlers. However, this appears to have helped Club's Team of **Danny Ho, James Keung, S K Ng** and **Pat Lai**, all well known Club A Side Skips, who had obviously been well trained on Club's Indoor Green, and it led them to victory against all comers. They even beat the Lawn Bowls Association Team, twice, once in the round robin games and then in the Finals, in spite of LBA fielding its secret weapon, Club's **Mike Worth**, an eligible substitute as an ex VP, who as everyone knows is the best indoor bowler in the Club, or so he says.



The Winners Pat, Danny, James and SK

But the Final was a very close game with President Vincent Cheung, his two Vice Presidents, Tony Chiu and Warren Kwok and the substitute, taking them to the last of the eight ends before Club was declared the winner. The Trophies were presented on the green but the winners had to wait until the Prize Presentation Lunch which followed at the

nearby Grandview Hotel before their cash prizes were handed over. The promised sunshine failed to appear but everyone enjoyed the hospitality of the Macau teams and look forward to the next time this annual event is held again in Macau.



The Runners up Warren, Vincent, Mike and Tony with Ronald Wong Secretary of Macau Lawn Bowls General Association

The Club Novice Mixed Triples

If you visited the Indoor Bowling Green between the beginning of December and the end of March on late weeknight evenings, early Sunday mornings and even Saturday evening after the league matches, you will have seen many of the new bowlers to the Section battling it out in the Club Novice Mixed Triples.

The Novice Mixed Triples comprised of six teams. Each team had a lady player and two men. All the players had been through one of Coach Bernard's Beginners Courses and none of the players had the experience of winning any Club or National competition.

The competition was a round robin with each team playing each other twice. The competition started in late November with the last matches played at the end of March. Each game was played over 15 ends and each player had two woods rather than the normal three.

With the competition complete, one thing stood out above everything else and that was the spirit in which the matches were played. **Bernard** had done a great job in introducing the Lawn Bowls Bye-laws and the correct etiquette to the novices, but the players added their own stamp to the competition by informing their opposition, well ahead of the match, which rink they had booked. Each team seemed happier to rely on their bowling ability rather than depending on home green advantage.

There were some very close matches and several of the more experienced members of the Section commented on the good standard of the bowls being played.



Club Novice Triples Winners, Mark, Calinna and Adrian

The final winners of the competition were not decided until almost the last match as any one of three teams could

have ended up as Champion. The eventual winners were Team A comprising:

Calinna Chan, Adrian Reincke and Mark Mahoney with Team E comprising **Charlene Liu, Vivek Hathiramani and Denis Hamelin** being runners up.

Winners or losers, the real winner of the competition was the fun we had and the friendships that were made. Hopefully this spirit will be taken forward into the Section league games once the new generation of bowlers start coming through.

Many thanks go to **Grandy Lui**, the Competition Secretary, for organizing the competition.



The Winners joined by the Runners-up Denis, Charlene and Vivek

Coach's Corner



The Group

Coach Bernard organized his ninth Beginners' Extension Course for Club Members in March. There were seven participants. During the course, the bowlers had more practice on green and weight control. Head building, etiquette and measuring techniques were also introduced.



The Winners, Coach Bernard, Alex Lam, Lita Lee and John Latta, the skip **The Runners-up. David Phu, Ian Yau the skip and Coach Bernard**

Bernard was very pleased to see that they showed great improvement in overall performance. **Lita Lee, David Phu and John Latta** were so keen in this sport and joined the Lawn Bowls Section during the course. They were advised to spend more time in self practice before the premier league begins.

The graduation tournament was held on Wednesday, 17 March 2010. Lita Lee, **Alex Lam** and John Latta were the winners. Congratulations!

Celebration of Start of Premier League



Lydia and James cut the pig to start the league season

A concerto of claps, voices and laughter reverberated throughout the Indoor Green on 17th April 2010. This marked the day for the "Pig-Cutting Ceremony" indicating the start of the 2010 Premier League which would begin on 24th April as scheduled. Mr. **Mike Worth**, Chairman of the Lawn Bowls Section, accompanied by Ms **Lydia Yang**, the Ladies' Captain and Mr. **James Keung** the Men's Captain officiated the ceremony. Almost a hundred players witnessed the ceremony and enjoyed the event that afternoon. Team morale, the unity among the Committee Members and the players and the efforts accorded by the Ladies' and Men's Captains made us feel that the synergy generated among those present would lead us towards a proud and successful completion of the league matches.

二零一零年四月十七日下午，草地滾球小組於室內滾球場舉行“切燒豬”儀式，標誌著新球季聯賽的開始（本季聯賽將於四月二十四日開鑼。）主禮嘉賓有主席**王銳富**先生、男子隊隊長**姜龍威**先生及女子隊隊長**楊曉平**女士。近百名球員出席慶典，歡笑聲與拍掌聲此起彼落，氣氛熱鬧。男女球員隊形整齊，同心協力，設定本季球賽之策略。我敢說球員們的同心力量必繼續凝聚，創造驕人的成績。

真個是：詩情放，劍氣豪，但教江中斬蛟，雲間射雁。

看啊，在短短的時日裏，大自然已在香港足球會孕育了芬芳的花朵，在青綠的草地上散播著清新的氣息。

於是詩人在唱：

暖日西湖四月時，

管弦觸水鶯花市，

知音常到此。

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Karin Looram, Division Chairperson

Netball News

Comments from the Chair

It's official, it's the end of the season for us all. I know that you never thought this day would come but here we are.

As I write this, HKFC Club team have made it to the finals! Again! Congratulations and I am sure that they will make it all the way.

HKFC Typhoons will be playing for 3rd and 4th place in Division 1, so congratulations to them also. Once again, the Club has dominated Division 1. Our other teams in Divisions 2 and 3, will play off in the semis on May 3rd, and for the finals, on May 10th. Good luck to everyone. Watch this space for more good news next month.

I encourage everyone to come down and support these teams in their final matches as they have all worked so hard to get where they are, and your support will be much appreciated.

On official business, we will be holding our compulsory AGM next month, so please keep an eye out for that date when published. Once again we are asking for people to join the Netball DSA committee. Please let the committee know if you are keen and willing to help next season. There are various roles on the committee and we meet once a month in a relaxed and open environment to discuss issues and ideas.

Remember the Netball DSA does not run itself!

A quick reminder that we will not be running our popular mixed league over the summer, as the courts will be renovated. The renovation will continue into early September 2010, therefore we will hold some trials at other venues, these will be posted on the website closer to next season.

We say our final farewell to **Karen Morgans** this month. I have spoken about her in past magazine issues but I really wanted to take this opportunity to once again thank her for all her hard work and input. We wish her and her family all the best in the future.

MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

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 "He who falls in love with himself
 will have no rivals."

Match Reports

Division 1 Semi Final between Club and Typhoons. Club won 45-17.



HKFC Whirlwinds vs Aussie Emus Monday 1st February (31 - 18)

The Whirlies gathered together in the corridor to assess which Aussie team they were actually coming up against. It was decided that it wasn't the top Aussie team, but one of the other three. If anything's certain, it's that we'll go through the exact same process next time we face an Aussie team. Stand out plays were: **Jen** directing the girls for a drag and drop pass. **Elaine** spinning, rolling and popping through gaps to get the ball. **Ange's** go go gadget arms reaching to stop a shot. The **Fran/Vicky** combo shooting with accuracy.

It was a game of two halves and we knew that either side could win it or it could be a draw. A win is a win and we'll take it.



HKFC Whirlwinds vs HKCC Phoenix

Monday 8th February (28 - 29)

All Guns were blazing when we hit the court. We knew we were down a key position in defence, so we had a tough battle ahead of us. Here's how each player contributed to the game. **Jenny** kept her head up, controlling the ball with ease through mid court. **Gemma**, supported nicely around the circle, coming off and on when needed. **Catherine** held the ball a fraction longer to catch the drop to the girls under the post. Our harem of shooters **Vicky, Fran, Elaine** and lil **Steph** all worked hard to mix it up by holding, dragging and dropping, rolling and of course making those shots count. Down in defence **Roimata** was bustling her way around the court, following the umpires calls and turning the ball over quickly. **Vanessa** was solid in support with the turn over ball and **Wandy** managed to gain possession of 50/50 calls on the back line.

We were hungrier than usual and fought till the end. We could reflect and think if only...the goal had counted at the end of the first quarter when the whistle hadn't been blown or a tip to the ball could have been turned into our possession...but at the end of the day, we didn't give up and kept putting pressure on the opposition throughout the game. With, only 7 players on court at one time, the support from the rest of the team on the sidelines was awesome. An enjoyable game of gusto and stamina.



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Tennis News

2010 Charity Doubles Tennis Tournament



Those who took part in the tournament

On a warm and sunny Sunday afternoon, forty-eight enthusiastic tennis players served, smashed, volleyed and lobbed their way around the courts of the HKFC – all in aid of raising much needed funds for a small orphanage in Kampala, Uganda, called Jordan House. They were participating in the 2nd annual “Sweat it out for Children in Need” Charity Doubles Tennis Tournament. The twelve teams of four, made up of both young and old, novice and expert, slugged it out for over four hours, until finally a winner was declared! Congratulations must go to the following teams.

Winners: Team 11 - **Bruce and Prudence Gillespie, Gayble Tsang and Jean Gry**

2nd Place: Team 3 – **Helen Ormerod, Celia Leung, Eric Tsea and Simon Cheung**

3rd Place: Team 2 – **Yoke Ming Ong, Mary Soo, Winston Leung and Barry Ho**

Most Improved: Team 12 - **Ange Dickinson, Kate Bridge, Bob McKirdy and Jacob Tsang**

But the afternoon wasn’t just about the competition – it was also about raising as much money as possible in order to help feed, clothe, house and educate a small group of orphaned children. This was done in spectacular style, as \$HK30120 was raised through player participation, the sale of raffle tickets, donations from other members and the sale of African crafts and jewellery.

It goes without saying that a tournament such as this doesn’t just happen. A huge thanks to the following people - **Helen Ormerod** for her tireless efforts behind the scene; **Therese Beresford** for organizing the trophies; the score collectors on the day – **Jacque Peacock, Hilda Leung and Christine Kan; Dominique Artigolle, Lisa Ng** and the F&B staff for organizing the food; **Christine Kan, Kai Tsang**

and **Helen Ormerod** for the donation of the raffle prizes; **Neo Ng** from the Sports Department for the excellent photos and **Ms Yoyo Tsang**, from Glaceau Vitamin Water, for their kind donation of drinks for the afternoon.

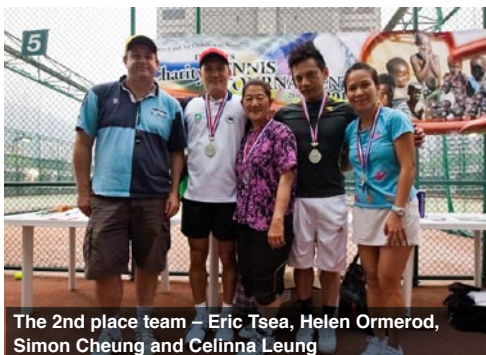
For those who would like to know more about Jordan House, you can go to www.operationuganda.com. For photos from the tournament, go to the Tennis Society section on the HKFC website at http://www.hkfc.com.hk/sports_sub.asp?cat=tennis



Most Improved team – Ange Dickinson, Kate Bridge and Bob McKirdy (missing is Jacob Tsang)



The winning team – Gayble Tsang, Prudence Gillespie, Bruce Gillespie and Jean Gry



The 2nd place team – Eric Tsea, Helen Ormerod, Simon Cheung and Celinna Leung



The 3rd place team – Rosemary Soo, Yoke Ming Ong, Winston Leung and Barry Ho

2010 HKFC Men's Singles Tennis Championship

The Quarter and Semi-Finals of the 2010 HKFC Men's Singles Tennis Championship will be held on Saturday 15th May from 2pm to 6pm and the Grand Final will be on Sunday 16th May from 10am to 12 noon. A full report about this event will be published in the next edition of the magazine.

Upcoming Events

Ladies Doubles Tournament – Saturday 29th May

This will be the last tournament before the summer holidays. More information about this event will be out soon.

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

League Reports

HKTA Mixed Doubles League

The HKTA Mixed Doubles evening league season has just finished. Our HKFC Mixed Doubles Team has won 8 matches and lost 2 and become the Champion of the 2010 HKTA Mixed Doubles (Division III) League. Special thanks to Team Captain, Job Tang and Co-Captain, Rosemary Soo for managing the team so well and giving all the players great support in every match.

Hong Kong Ladies Tennis League

There are 3 morning league teams, HKFC Premier, HKFC Division 2 and HKFC Division 4, currently participating in the Hong Kong Ladies Tennis League. All 3 teams are playing well and the league season will finish by mid-May.

HKTA Summer 2010 – Men's Doubles and Ladies' Doubles Leagues

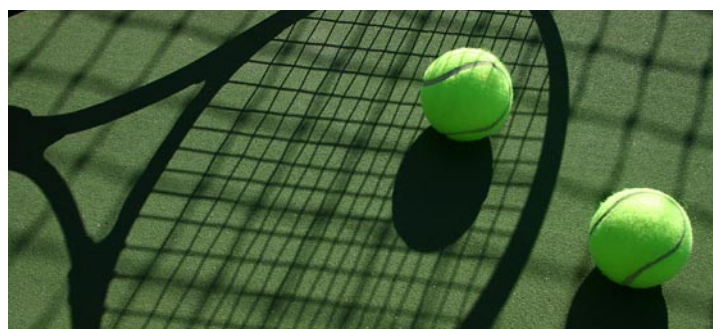
All doubles evening league matches will begin on 12th April and will finish on 22nd June 2010.

Men's Doubles (Team A) - starts on Monday 12th April

Men's Doubles (Team B) - starts on Tuesday 13th April

Men's Doubles (Team D) - starts on Thursday 15th April

Ladies' Doubles (Team B) - starts on Tuesday 13th April



Badminton News



The Badminton Society Annual General Meeting 2010 was held in the Club on Saturday 20th March 2010.

The following Society members were elected to the Committee for the 2010/11 session:

Chairman – Philip Woolf
Vice Chairman – Benjamin Chan
Secretary – Paul Tso
Treasurer – B K Mak
Competition Officer – Steven Ng
Social and Recreation Officer – Galia Shum
General Officers - Alison Wong, T K Lam, Ryan Wong, Colman Lam, Derick Li, Tommy Liu, Wah Sai Lim, Patrick Cheng

The AGM was preceded by the Annual Society tournament and following an exhausting 4 hours of play, and some intense competition, the following players secured victory

Men's Double – **Timothy** and **Wah Sai Lim**

Centurion Double – **Vashi Hathiramani** and **Dipak Galani**

Ladies' Double – **Pui Yee Fan** and **Joyce Lim**

Mixed Double – **Alison** and **Jason Wong**

Prizes were awarded by the Society Chairman at the end of the AGM. Thereafter there was a large gathering of members and their families in the Coffee Shop for dinner.

Ten Pin Bowling

Christine Cheung recently won a medal for bowling to 7th place in the HK Inter School tenpin bowling individual event. A total of 135 students participated from all the secondary schools in Hong Kong. Christine bowled a three games total of 547, with an average of 182 per game. Another HKFC young member **Nicholas Leung** also bowled well, and was ranked 31st. HKFC Bowling Interest Group is now a sanctioned bowling club with the Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress.



Andy Ho,
Golf Society Chairman

19th Hole with the Chairman

The annual challenge match between teams representing the Chairman and President took place on its customary Monday after the 7s at Clearwater Bay. Unfortunately the President was not able to attend due to a last minute call from work. Thank you to **Charlie Yeoman** (acting President) and **Noel Howcraft** (ex-GS Secretary who now resides in UK) for setting off to a good start for the match and competing against the Chairman and Captain of GS. Congratulations to **Malou Ferrier** for her hole-in-one during the tournament at hole number 14, when **Captain Dallas** had conquered not only the wind but also an extremely tough pin position, by setting an unbeatable near pin within less than 10 feet. Please read adjacent article for details.

As we all know, our tours and outings are good value for money with plenty of fun for those who participate. I am pleased to note that our outings continue to be well attended. This year we had 24 golfers and one non-golfer attending our Easter Tour to Qingdao, China. We played in one of the top 5 golf courses in China – Tiger Beach Golf Links, as well as the Stone Old Man and Huashan International. Everyone had a wonderful and enjoyable 5 days. I would like to express my gratitude to GS members **Kevin Tse** and **Tommy Yuen** who took care of our appetites at all times. And, thanks to **Janey Cheng** for her unlimited patience and sense of humour! **Paul C**, please make sure you bring Janey along every time you go on tour!

The GS Committee is looking to upgrade the GS Website. Suggestions from GS members are welcome.

Congratulations also goes to GS Member **Kelly Liew** for her hole-in-one at hole number 16 at Discovery Bay Golf Club in March.

I was playing in Macau one weekend when I hit my tee shot into the bush on the right hand side of the green at hole #17 (Par 3).

28/3 Ball dropped under unplayable Ball Rule comes to rest in original position or another position at which ball is unplayable

Q A player deemed his ball unplayable and, under Rule 28c, dropped his ball within 2 club lengths of the spot where it lay. The ball came to rest in the original position or another position at which the ball was unplayable. What is the ruling?

A The ball was in play when it was dropped – Rule 20-4. Thus, if the ball came to rest in the original position, the player must again invoke the unplayable ball Rule, incurring an additional penalty stroke, unless he decides to play the ball as it lies. The same applies when the ball came to rest in another position at which it was unplayable, assuming the ball did not roll into a position covered by Rule 20-2c, in which case re-dropping without penalty will be required.

Golf News

Kau Sai Chau East Outing

Friday 12th March



The golf event in March to Kau Sai Chau was held at the East Course. Some twenty-plus players set off mid morning to enjoy a day out from the office, and some of course ...just enjoy golf!!

Nearest Pins prizes went to **Mike Belbin, Irene Wong, Rosemary Soo, David Smyth** and **Pong Pak Wah**.

Longest drives for the day were **K.W.Li** and **Rosemary Soo**.

Winner for the stableford competition was **Adrian Reincke** with 35 points, followed by **Duncan Spooner** and **David Smyth** who both scored 33 points and came second and third respectively.



Chairman vs President's Cup

Clearwater Bay, Monday 29th March

Monday after the Sevens is traditionally time for the Chairman (**Andy Ho**) versus President (**Lynn Edwards**, represented by **Charlie Yeomans**) outing, which is open to all Society members and was this year held at Clearwater Bay on a cold and windy day, but followed by an excellent buffet dinner in the clubhouse.

Thirty-one players allowed seven pairs match play contests (plus a three-ball friendly), which caused some confusion among members used to our normal stroke play Stableford events. Netting back handicaps, gimmes and pick-ups, together with pairs team play and no scorecards for handicaps, were strange for some.

For the match, Andy's team prevailed over Charlie's by four matches to two, with one halved. The best contests were **Tommy Tse/Jacky Tso** who won on the last hole against **Paul Cheng/David Tso**, and **Bob Lloyd/Malou Ferrier** who halved with **JP Cuvelier/Randy Bishman** after a real tussle over the last three holes.

The usual long drives and near pins went to **Jason Waldie** (surprise?) and **Adie Ma** together with **David Fargus** (twice) Randy Bishman, David Tso and Jason. But the star of the day was without doubt:

MALOU FERRIER — HOLE IN ONE !!!

The first ever ace in a Society event went to Malou on the longish 16th par 3, also a first for Malou herself. After checking her insurance, her admirers decided on Champagne and Johnny Walker (we know she hates it, but took it in good part)



to celebrate. The rest of the evening on the bus and in the Sportsman's is all a bit vague but pretty painless.

Well done Malou, we're all pleased for you and really jealous!

By David Connolly

Easter Tour to Qing Dao

All Muslims must make a pilgrimage to Mecca once during their lives. At Easter, the HKFC Golf Society made a different pilgrimage, to the Tsing Tao brewery in Qing Dao. Whilst there, we also battled the wind swept links courses of the area, where mere survival of the Arctic weather was paramount, rather than the normal finesse and craft of a touring golfer. The first morning started with an unnaturally early alarm call, followed by a shortish trip to the Stone Old Man course. Nearest pins went to **Paul Walters** (x2), **William Taam**, **Beatrice Lin** and **Jeremy Wong**, whilst longest drives were launched by **Jeremy Wong** and **Amy Walters**.

The competition on day two was fought at Huashan, a course in quite dreadful condition, which seemed more like the Somme battlegrounds. A few of the gang even failed to finish, citing a combination of weather and having to wait for so long in such conditions (one group must have



found a warm place to hide and not called groups through). Those who defeated fate were **Mark Chan**, **Jeremy Wong**, **Andy Ho** and **Paul Walters** on the nearest pins, and **Kevin Tse** and **Elaine Taam** on the longest drives.

The third day we spilled out into the bus for a two hour trip to Tiger Beach Golf Links, which was my first encounter with real pot-hole bunkers, just like real golf at St Andrews! Even at 6 foot, I couldn't see over the top when standing in one and like

many others, had plenty of practice trying to get out of them. We also learnt why the Olympics sailing events were held in Qing Dao, with 5 irons managing 120 yards against the wind, and pitching wedges flying 160 yards with it. However, it was a fantastic experience for most of us (you either love or hate such character building/ soul destroying experiences), with awards going to **Paul Cheng**, **Tommy Yuen** (x2) and **Mark Chan** going closest at the par 3s, and **Jeremy Wong** winning the longest men's drive. Half congratulations to my wife, who spanked a 210 yd drive on the ladies long drive, but the award was cancelled in the Clubhouse after a complaint was lodged that the first flight ladies didn't have a flag to mark their drives. We also had an individual and team NN Peoria event (whatever



that means, and however it should be spelt), with **William Taam** taking the men's prize with 35 points, and **Rebecca Wong** and **Beatrice Lin** dividing the ladies prize with 28 points each. The team prize was also split, with the Diamond and Clubs teams led by **Woody** and **Jeremy**, scoring 322 points each) - such a close call seemed a little rigged, but all the past and present auditors at the table seemed preoccupied with the seafood lunch on the table than checking the sums.



Many thanks to **Adie** for setting up the tour logistics, to **Andy Ho** for taking on the thank-less task of tour leader, and all those touring for playing Sequins golf - hard, fair and victorious.



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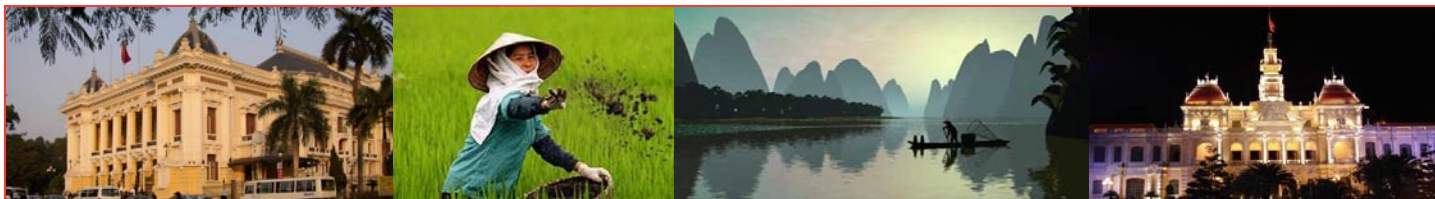
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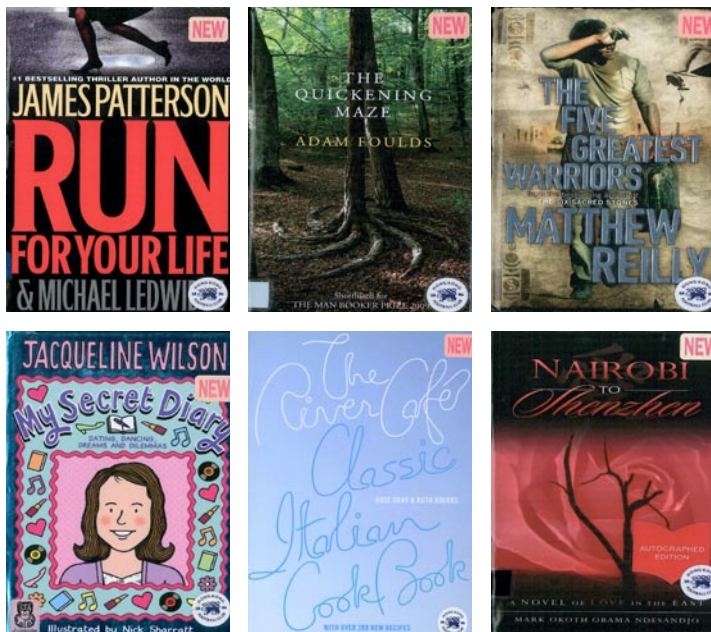
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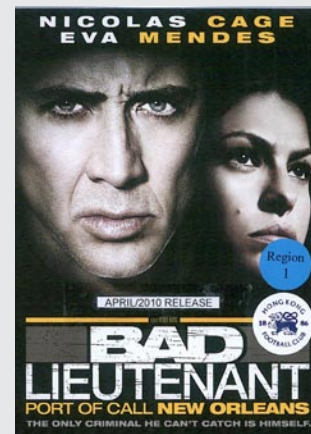
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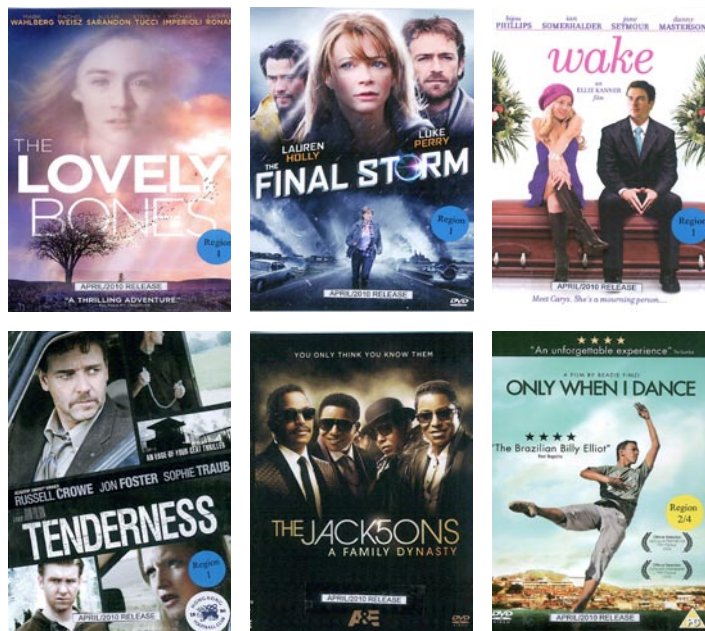
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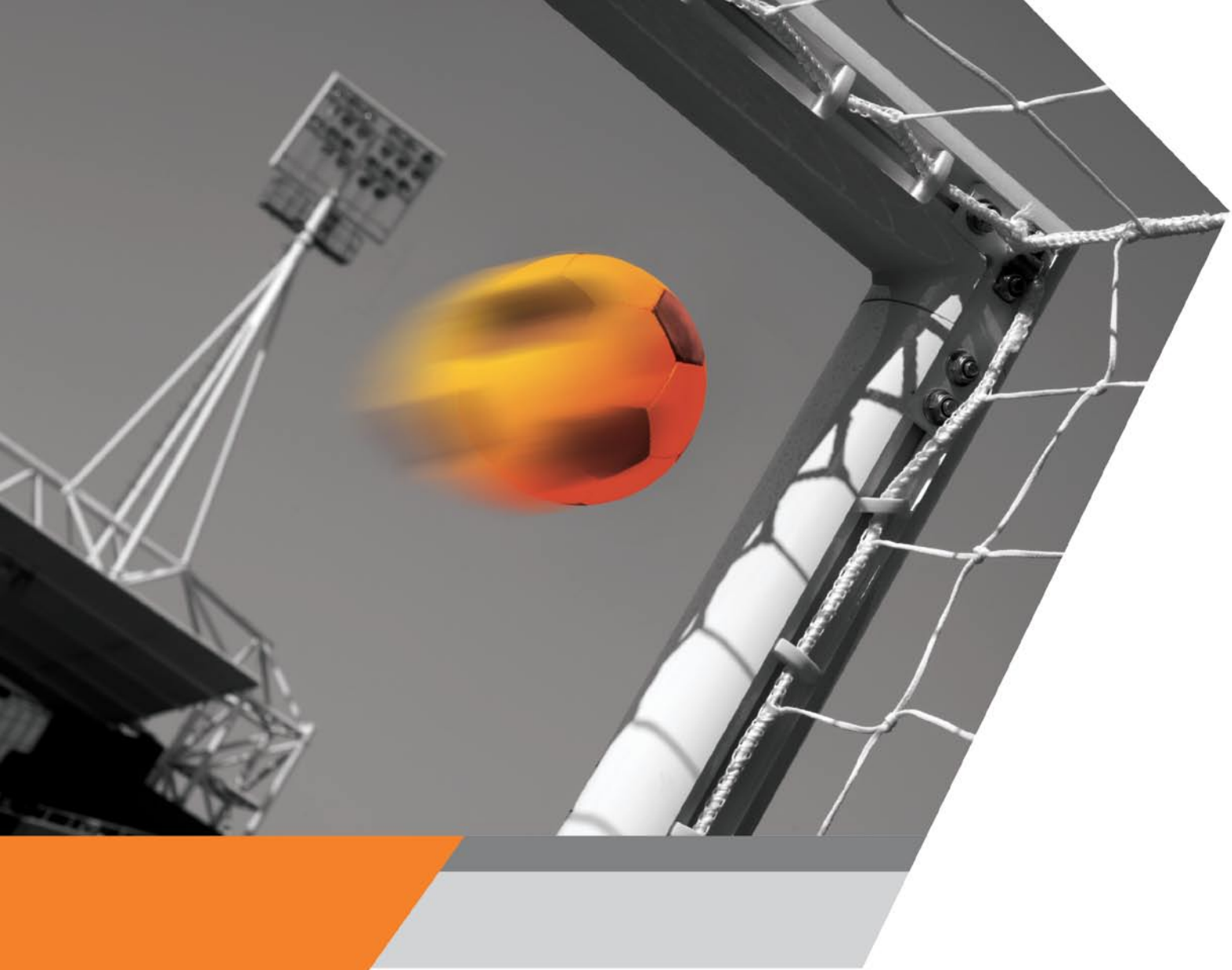
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