



UK Inheritance Tax Update

(Post March 2020 Budget)

- Inheritance Tax now applies to Foreign Property Owners – do you own a UK Property?
- Another record year for UK IHT receipts. £5.4 Billion in the 2018 / 2019 tax year.
- The number of families paying IHT has increased by 160% from 2010 - 2016.
- UK Estate Planning for Expatriates & Non Domiciles – will you get caught in the tax net?

The seminar will provide an overview of the UK Inheritance Tax regime and tax changes that have occurred in recent years. The steps that can be taken to reduce Inheritance Tax liability. Recent Budget tax changes affecting UK Property Owners.

> Hong Kong Football Club 3 Sports Road, Happy Valley, HK 17th March 2020 Time - 7pm Drinks & canapés will be provided

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The Thoughts of the Chairman

主席的話



Michael J. Wood

irstly, very best wishes for the Year of the Rat which I hope will be a happy and prosperous one for all of us.

On this note, a date for your diary is **Sunday 9th February** when we will undertake the usual **Lion Dance at the Club starting at 11.30am at the entrance.** This is always a well attended and enjoyable event, particularly for the children as they watch the acrobatics of the dancers and follow them around the Club as the lion goes from room to room to perform the traditional custom of "cai qing" which literally means "plucking the greens". Please be reminded that just before and during the display the entrance to the Car Park will be closed to set up the high poles for use by the acrobats and to accommodate the crowd of Members and their children watching the display. Therefore, please do not bring your car to the Club during this time as you will be denied entry until it is safe to do so.

It is with great pleasure that we offer our congratulations to Robbie McRobbie and Polly Miller who have both been awarded MBEs in the New Year's Birthday honours list. Robbie was recognised for services to philanthropy and HK relations, whilst Polly gained her award for her tireless work raising money for Adult Burns Survivors, Burn Services and Burn Services staff throughout the UK. Their recognition is well deserved.

I am pleased to advise you that we have appointed **Randal Linhart as our new Director of F&B.** Randal has spent many years in Asia and latterly was the Group Director of Restaurants,
Bars and Events at Wharf Hotel Management who manage Marco
Polo Hotels as well as the recently opened Murray Hotel. We look forward to welcoming Randal who reports for duty on Monday

17th February.

Finally, a reminder that the Annual Staff Party will take place on the evening of Sunday 9th February with the Club being closed from 5pm that day and reopening at 9am on Monday 10th February.

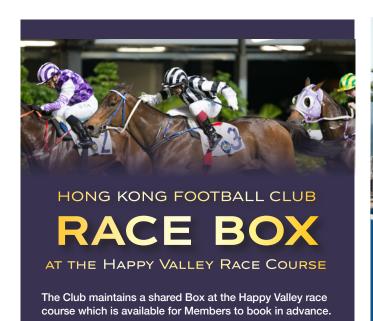
Michael J. Wood Chairman 在日程簿記下2月9日星期日這個大日子,我們將於上午11時30分在球會正門舉行舞獅表演。過往的舞獅,總是座無虛席,且教人目不轉睛,小朋友對舞獅更甚喜愛,他們觀看醒獅的特技,並跟隨醒獅走到球會各處「採青」。「採青」在傳統舞獅中必不可少,「青」多以生菜為主,寓意生財。請注意,在舞獅前及舞獅期間,停車場入口將會關閉,以便佈置舞獅的高樁,以及容納觀看舞獅的會員及小朋友。基於安全考慮,請勿在舞獅期間駕車到球會,否則你將不能進入停車場。

另外,我們欣然祝賀Robbie McRobbie及Polly Miller 於英女王元旦授勳名單中獲頒MBE勳銜。Robbie對慈善事業及英港關係貢獻良多,而Polly則盡心盡力為Adult BurnsSurvivors, Burn Services及其在英國各地的員工籌款,兩人獲頒勳銜,是當之無愧的。

我亦很高興向大家宣布,我們委任了 Randal Linhart為餐飲部的新總監。Randal在亞洲擁有多年的工作經驗,最近曾在九龍倉集團的餐廳、酒吧及宴會部擔任總監,集團管理屬馬哥孛羅品牌旗下的酒店,以及新開的美利酒店。我們期待於2月17日星期一迎接Randal上任。

最後要提醒大家,年度員工派對將於2月9日星期日晚上舉行,球會於當日下午5時關閉,並會於2月10日星期一上午9時重新開放。

主席胡米高



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- Upgrade package: (half doz oyster) extra \$155 per head
- Upgrade package: (assorted sashimi platter) extra \$145 per head

F&B ARRANGEMENT:

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

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From the Desk of Mark Pawley

總經理的話



Mark Pawley, General Manager

trust everyone had a good holiday over Chinese New Year and best wishes to everyone for the Year of the Rat. A reminder too, that for the second year running we are involved with **Greeners Action** as regards the re-cycling of Lai See packets. Per the information provided on page 33 of the magazine you are encouraged to give your used, but in good condition, Lai See packets to Staff at the Front Reception!

From a food and beverage perspective for wine lovers, we have the Southern Hemisphere – Shiraz/Syrah Masterclass on Thursday 13th February in Happy Valley Suite 1. These masterclasses are becoming very popular so please do book early to make a reservation as soon as possible. Following on from the Masterclass, we have Mollydooker Wine Dinner on Friday 28th February. As with the above do look to book early in order to avoid disappointment.

In the Coffee Shop throughout the month on Friday and Saturday evenings, we have the BBQ Show where a range of freshly BBQ'd meat and seafood will be available along with all the usual favourites from the International Buffet.

Please note too that the **Sunday Brunch Buffet** has had a re-vamp with more "Live" Cooking Stations than beforehand and weekly changing dishes. This means more variety on a regular basis so, do look to come and try the "new" Sunday Brunch menu(s).

Last, and by no means least, please do not forget Valentine's Day on Friday 14th February. We have a wonderful 6-course set dinner menu available in the Restaurant for all you loving couples – and wonderful value at \$1,880 per couple which includes a bottle of Veuve Clicquot Champagne.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

Mark Pawley, General Manager ▲ 信大家都過了一個愉快的農曆年假,祝 大家鼠年行大運。溫馨提示,今年我們 是第二次參與**綠領行動**的利是封回收活動,詳 情可參閱本刊第33頁,歡迎大家把完好無缺的 舊利是封交給櫃檯職員。

餐飲方面,愛酒如命的人要留意了,我們將於 2月13日星期四在Happy Valley Suite 1舉辦南 半球之西拉葡萄酒大師班,這些大師班愈來愈 受歡迎,請提早報名,以便率先留位。之後, 我們將於2月28日星期五舉行Mollydooker葡萄 酒晚宴,與大師班一樣,請提早預訂,免失良 機。

而本月**達星期五及星期六晚上,我們將在**Coffee Shop 舉行燒烤盛宴,種種即場烤製的
鮮肉及海鮮應有盡有,少不了的還有國際自助 餐的推介菜式。

另外還要留意煥然一新的**周日自助早午餐**,除了有更多廚師「即席」為你烹調之外,每周還會更換更多款式,務求每一次的早午餐都會有新體驗,所以一定要來嘗嘗「全新」的周日早午餐餐單。

最後,請記住於2月14日星期五的情人節,我們將在Restaurant為所有恩愛的伴侶提供甜蜜的六道菜套餐,並配上一瓶經典的凱歌香檳,情侶價只需\$1,880。

期待在球會見到大家!

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FOOD AND BEVERAGE MONTHLY PROMOTIONS







Mollydooker Wine Dinner In the Restaurant Noon to 2.30pm

Chairman's Bar



13th Thursday

Happy Valley Suite 1

7pm to 8.30pm

Southern Hemisphere -

Shiraz/Syrah Masterclass



- Winter Warmer "Braised Dish" Monday to Saturday
- Afternoon Set Tea
- "Sunday Brunch Buffet" every Sunday

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 "Sunday Brunch Buffet" – every Sunday



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Sportsman's Bar

Six Nations Rugby Championship –
 8th, 22nd and 23rd February

Coming Soon in March

Thursday 19th
Australian VS Italian
Grape Varieties
Masterclass

Happy Valley Suite 1

Friday 27th

Hugh Hamilton

Wine Dinner

In the Restaurant

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After a gruelling 2 and a half hours, the outcome was 12-10 to the Captains. Once again they lay their hands on the trophy and thumb their noses disrespectfully at the Chairman for another year.

Well done super heroes.

Results as follows:

2.30 - 3.00 pm		
Wai Ming Lam	Robin Spencer	
0	3	
Monique Wong	Ambi Matharu	
3	1	
Sati Matharu	May Tang	
3	1	
Phil Chau	Ruby Wong	
3	0	
Paul Simon	Channi Matharu	
3	1	
Veronica Lo	Juan Otero	
2	0 (ret'd)	

3.00 - 3.30 pm		
Dave Murray	Steve Gollop	
0	3	
Gary Maclausan	Rahul Dansanghani	
3	2	
Mike Rinaldi	JavyWong	
3	0	
Niki Chan	William Fan	
0	3	
Ajay Hazari	John Thompson	
1	3	
Suresh Landhanam	Stephane Vartanian	
3	1	

3.30 - 4.15 pm		
Krzysztof Kostienko	David Cross	
0	3	
Romaine Chatte	Victor Bogey	
0	3	
Teddy Pun	Wilfred Cheng	
3	1	
Allen Lam	Olivia Chan	
3	1	
Stuart Gates	Graham Mountford	
W/O		
Josh Williams	Wilfred Cheng	
1	3	

4.15-5.00 pm		
Julian Tanner	Rishad Schaefer	
2	3	
Nam Chan	Brad Sunderland	
0	3	
Pieter le Roux	Brian Macdougall	
3	2	
Gillem Tulloch	Malcolm Kerr	
0	3	
Sean Soo	King Vat Lau	
0	3	
Eric Ho	Lincoln Chan	
3	0	



Best costume goes to Robin Spencer (aka Zorro the Fox).



The winning line is "If Wonder Woman played anyone from the Cricket Club at squash she would win because she would use her Lasso of Truth to make the cheating cricketers own up to double bounces and tin shots". Step up Sati Matharu (Amazon Princess)!





Date: Thursday, February 13th Time: 7 - 8:30p.m. Location: Happy Valley Suite 1

> Price: \$195HKD per person (\$50HKD refund with wine purchase) Speakers: Mr. Christian Rasmus and Mr. Braedon Links

South Africa

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 - Programmes, Entertainment and Venues are subject to change without prior notice.



Sebastian Page, Soccer Section Captain

Hello everyone,

Happy Chinese New Year!

I hope everyone had a great break whether you stayed in Hong Kong or travelled overseas. I wish everyone all the best for the Year of the Rat.

The Section celebrated the festive season as per tradition at the end of December – this year was the sixth installment of the Boxing Day Festival of Football, which of course kicked off with the annual England vs Scotland fixture – a full match report follows.

The rest of the day consisted of an excellent display of youth football, with a summary of those games in this month's edition too.

As we move towards the business end of the season, at the time of writing, a two-horse race between Wanderers and Albion for the Yau Yee League title is bubbling away, while the first team sit on top on the HKFA Division 1 league. Get down to support the teams when you can!

See you all down at the Club.

■ Sebastian Page





England 2 – 7 Scotland

Stirling Bridge, Bannockburn, and now Happy Vallev!

Walking into the Changing Rooms surrounded by Scottish legends, William Wallace, Billy Connolly and Wee Jimmy Crankie and with Scott Semple's the greatest hits of Harry Lauder being pumped into the English dressing room it's no wonder the English side looked shell shocked as they walked out on the pitch not to their national anthem God Save the Queen but the Champions League theme song?! Better prep required next year!

As in previous years the managers of both sides had arranged for the "young fit guys" to play the first half with the more experienced and cultured veterans to play in the second half. Much to the surprise of the Scotland squad **Jamie Milne** started in the first half!

Scotland kicked off the match and as early as they 3rd minute had struck the post. It was breathless stuff from the Scots - the English lads were hanging on and after 20 minutes of play Scotland had somehow conspired to hit the post 4 times! However, we were still locked

at 0-0. **Kee** in goals for England had played a blinder the year before, was he about to do the same again?! Chances came and went with no luck in front of goal for **Stewart McInnes** or the Scottish Egyptian Cafu, **Amro McAbbas** – this was in most part to a sterling display at right back from **Mick Lonergan** and then from **Morgan Powell**.

A Scots midfield of **Tristan Chanterac, Liam Doyle, Kyle Lau** and **Sam Pjipers** were pulling the English midfield all over the pitch and the English boys of **Ben Bradley** and **Beckham Wilson** had a thankless task and just couldn't get near the Scots midfield on the rare occasion they got possession it was swiftly won back with a 'geggenpressing' style Herr Klopp would have been proud of.

Eugene Kan was solid in goals on the few times the English attackers of Robbie Scott, Niall Cox were ever able to get past the centreback pairing of Tom McGillycuddycuddy and Andy Wylde.

25 minutes in and the brave English resistance was finally broken - via the post!! A lovely finish



from **Jean Maciel** who would claim another goal later in the half.

Suddenly the English garrison of Rory
Lonergan and Ned Millington-Buck had fallen.
Further goals from Liam Doyle and Charlie
Hunter – who both have a great record of goals in this fixture ensured cheers of joy from the
Scottish bench, and then when Tristan curled in a fabulous free kick to make it 5-0 before half time it was apparent to everyone that England had pride and not a lot else to play for in the 2nd half.

However, our motivational leader tried his very best to instil fear and nerves within the team with his rousing half time talk.

'We haven't won this yet' 'I'm not sure 5 will be enough' 'we messed it up last year as well' and the old favourite "we are Scotland and we always find a way to blow it!'. Churchillian.

Wholesale changes were made to both sides and for a brief spell it looked like our managers gloomy outlook could come true as England decided to throw everything but the kitchen sink in order to get back into the game with Mike Sadler and Martin Cerullo looking dangerous down the right hand side giving some heart in mouth moments for the Scots and some last ditch 'industrial' tackles from Mark Bavis kept the 5-0 score line intact helped with assured



England 2nd half MoTM -Pak Wan



England 2nd half MoTM's Dad – Martin Hawthorne



Scotland 1st half MoTM -Tristan



Scotland 2nd half MotM – Jamie McKenzie



Trophy ceremony

displays on each flank by Martin Sullivan,
Adrian Martin and the ever dependable Andy
Hunter. However, that soon changed when
the lively and ridiculously flight footed Ben
Haythorne absolutely burned fellow Scots Allan
Fraser and Paul Ewing with a glorious turn on
the touch line, cut inside and finished nicely into
the corner past Callum Dunn.

5-1 English tails up and almost 5-2 immediately, the English midfield of **Steve Tew** and **Phil Dowding** were driving forward at every opportunity and but for some last ditch defending and some smart clearances it could have been 'Disaster for Scotland'.

Scotland looked dangerous on the counter with **Joel Gasche** up top and so it proved when a swift attack down the English right culminated in a cross to the edge of the box, wrong footing the English rear guard. the ball dropped to myself under close attention from **Neil Horton**, but before a tackle could be made it was volleyed left footed into the corner from fully 25 yards..... ya beauty !!!

Credit to a number of the English players who actually congratulated me on it. That English hospitality didn't last long however as some great play down the left ended in a fizzing shot by **Pak Wan** that Callum did well to palm out / offer a late Christmas present and it fell to **Gavin McDermott** and was swiftly dispatched 6-2 (it was a tap-in!)

Semple had seen enough and on came 'the nutmeg king' a nice run down the right and a cut back to the edge of the box to myself again and this time right footed I managed to find the bottom corner 7-2.

Credit to all the England players who never stopped the work rate and desire was summed up when at 7-2 down **Rob Shorthouse** ran onto a through ball from **Nigel Baillie** and clipped the ball over the advancing Kee only for a **Martin Haythorne** slide extending every sinew to clear it off the line, a fantastic effort.

England could have certainly scored more if it wasn't for the misfiring efforts of **Graeme Lane** and **Dan Lawrence** as they channelled their inner Geoff Thomas in front of the Scotland goal!

Full time and after some group photos it was straight to the Sportsman's Bar for the trophy and men of the match award ceremony with bottles of gin for the best Scots players from each half and bottles of whisky for the English. We then enjoyed a feast of yet more turkey and traditional curry washed down with drinks kindly provided by the Soccer Section. A special

mention goes to **Martin Haythorne** who "took one for the team" by accepting the bottle of whisky on behalf of his underage son Ben's man of the match first half performance! Unconfirmed reports are that the bottle never made it home!

A final special thanks to the Boxing Day committee, **Kieran Flynn, Mia Williams** and **Godwin** for the referees!

1st Half Man of the Match for Scotland: **Tristan Chanterac**

2nd Half Man of the Match for Scotland: **Jamie McKenzie**

1st Half Man of the Match for England: **Ben Haythorne**

2nd Half Man of the Match for Engand: **Pak Wan**

■ Jamie Mckenzie

England Squad:

Kee
Robbie Scott
Mike Sadler
Martin Haythorne
Rory Lonergan
Ben Haythorne
Ben Bradley
Niall Cox
Ned Millington-Buck
Morgan Powell

Beckham Wilson Mick Lonergan Graeme Lane Steve Tew Neil Horton Martin Cerullo Pak Wan Dan Lawrence Gavin McDermott Phil Dowding

Scotland Squad:

Jamie Milne
Andy Hunter
Charlie Hunter
Allan Fraser
Tom McGillycuddy
Paul Ewing, Liam
Doyle
Amro Abbas
Sam Pijpers
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Callum Dunn
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he sixth instalment of the Boxing Day Festival of Football was greeted with glorious sunshine and a large and eclectic crowd, comprising supportive parents, football fanatics and those who had failed to make it home from the previous day's Club festivities! This year's festival saw AIA continuing as title sponsors for a third year. Peter Crewe, Chief Executive Officer of AIA Hong Kong and Macau, said, "AIA Hong Kong is delighted to sponsor this event to bring the youth football community together for friendly matches during this jolly season. We would like to promote football as a means to a healthier lifestyle and encourage the next generation to live Healthier, Longer, Better Lives."

The Festival has now become a staple fixture in the Hong Kong youth football calendar, particularly with the Hong Kong Junior Football League (HKJFL), whose support in developing the event has greatly enhanced its reputation and popularity within the community. This year's Festival included a range of challenge matches over differing ages, from U10 to U16, involving representative teams made up of players from teams participating in the HKJFL and our guests for the day, Lee Man FC.

The curtain raiser was the traditional England v Scotland match with many Junior Soccer coaches taking part and covered above.

Results

Match	Team 1	Team 2	Score
HKJFL Under 10s 0	Cup		
Semi-Final 1	HKJFL Cougars	HKJFL Lions	0 – 2
Semi Final 2	HKJFL Panthers	HKJFL Tigers	0 – 1
3rd / 4th Play-off	HKJFL Cougars	HKJFL Panthers	4 – 2
Cup Final	HKJFL Lions	HKJFL Tigers	5 – 1
HKJFL Under 12s Cup			
Semi-Final 1	HKJFL Eagles	HKJFL Kestrels	2 - 2 (1 - 3 Pens)
Semi Final 2	HKJFL Falcons	HKJFL Hawks	0 – 1
3rd / 4th Play-off	HKJFL Eagles	HKJFL Falcons	6 – 1
Cup Final	HKJFL Kestrels	HKJFL Hawks	1 – 1 (4 – 3 Pens)
HKJFL Under 14s All Star Game			
	Hong Kong Island	Kowloon & Islands	1 – 2
Under 16s Challenge Cup			
	HKJFL Select	Lee Man FC	3 – 1

The main Festival commenced with the U10 Challenge Cup, with four representative teams from the HKJFL competing in a knock out competition. The HKJFL Lions ran out winners 5-1 against the HKJFL Tigers.

The U12 Challenge Cup saw four representative teams from the HKJFL competing in a knock out competition. HKJFL Kestrels were triumphant on penalties (4-3) after the final ended 1-1 against the HKJFL Hawks.





Most Valuable Players		
Team	Player Name	Club
Under 10s		
HKJFL Lions	Lucas Levine	APSS
HKJFL Cougars	Vivaan Heera	KCC
HKJFL Panthers	Luke Yamato Hoshi	BTS
HKJFL Tigers	Victor Prorial	HKFC
Under 12s		
HKJFL Falcons	Matthew Dowding	APSS
HKJFL Eagles	Tristan Verkade	APSS
HKJFL Hawks	Xavier Gyngell	HKFC
HKJFL Kestrels	Oliver O'Malley	APSS
Under 14s		
HKJFL HK Island	Kai Kawasaki	Japanese Junior FC
HKJFL Kowloon & Islands	Moriz Sheung Chi Ip	HKFC
Under 16s		
HKJFL Select	Arjun Sharma	KCC
Lee Man FC	Ho Tung Lam	Lee Man FC

The U14 Hong Kong Island v Kowloon and Islands All Star Game comprised representative players from the HKJFL. In a close game the Kowloon and Islands team won 2-1.

The finale to the festival was the U16 Challenge Trophy between the HKJFL Select v Lee Man FC. Played out in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd, the game was highly entertaining, which saw HKJFL Select running out 3-1 victors. A fitting finale to a brilliant day of football.

Throughout the day, parents and children could have fun in the AIA Vitality booth, where they could ride a blender bike to make their own smoothies. Thanks again to AIA for their continued support for the Festival of Football and to Junior Soccer in general.

Also, special mention and thanks to the referees and the organising team, led by **Tom Champion**, for their continued hard work both throughout the year and on the day with particular thanks to **Tom Cole**, Alivian Chou (we wish you well with your move to Australia), **Chris Chan** and **Frank Wong**.



Welcome to the year of the Rat

By the time this short report is published, the Chinese New Year festivities will have been completed and we will be in the year of the Rat. For those who enjoy the festivities but not necessarily understand the lunar horoscope (e.g. me), the Rat is the first of all zodiac animals. Fable tells us that the Jade Emperor said precedence would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. The Rat tricked the Ox into giving him a ride. Then, just as they arrived at the finish line, Rat jumped down and landed ahead of Ox, becoming first. That's pretty cunning! Or as Blackadder said of Baldrick's plan: "As cunning as a fox who's just been appointed Professor of Cunning at Oxford University?" Rats are clever, quick thinkers; successful, but content with living a quiet and peaceful life. As 2008 was the last year of the Rat, we may have Rats among the U12s. "These Rats are good speakers. They're the mood makers of a group, but can be slightly possessive": does that ring any bells among the U12G / U12?

Festivals

During December we had Flying Kukris Festivals (1st and 8th Dec); contact hosted at King's Park and non-contact at the Education University of Hong Kong, in Tai Po.

Our U10 and U12 girls also headed off to the Singlife Girls Rugby TRC Cup Tournament in Singapore on 7th and 8th Dec.

Coaches' reports follow.

Behaviour at Festivals

There have been incidents of poor behaviour at recent Festivals, by adults, directed towards the referees I have to remind everyone that at these Festivals:

"These are kids, this is a game, the coaches are volunteers, the referees are human."

As a Club we will adopt a zero tolerance attitude towards referee abuse, or abuse of any kind. This is necessary, not the least because this conduct is resulting in volunteer referees quitting being referees. Without referees, we cannot have Festivals. And such conduct sets the tone for our young athletes' behaviour.

What does zero tolerance mean? Adults being banned from attending Festivals, or, in the worst case, expulsion from HKFC Mini-Rugby. So think very carefully before you "mouth off" at a referee, a coach, another parent, or anyone else at a Festival.

KLC and RHC

Both Kim Lam Cup and Richard Hawkes Cup matches have continued, and U12G and U12 reports follow.

That's it from me: happily a fairly short report.

Best,

■ Denis Brock, Chairman, HKFC Mini-Rugby







12G U12G U12G

U12 Girls FC1

A solid performance by our U12 FC1 girls in the third round of the Kim Lam Cup at King's Park Sports Ground on 1st December 2019. Our FC1 girls had a solid schedule against top-tier teams in Hong Kong: Valley Fort, DBP/SKS, and HKU Sandy Bay. Our FC1 girls started with a decisive match against Valley, setting the tone early with Brigid Ward's quick pass to Natasha Hearder smashing a try up the middle. A final run by Lucy Guest up the touch line, sealed our victory 2-1 for Club. Next, FC1 went up against the DBP/SKS combined team, in a tough match with solid defence by our forwards, lead by hooker, Saidhb Martin, and supported by our wings, Alyssa Schoonmaker and Mia Wong. DBP's big front line pounded our forwards, who held them to 1-1 score in the first half. Ultimately the HKU line was too tough and our girls conceded the match 3-1. In our final match, our vigilant FC1 girls matched up the league top-seat, HKU. Our fly-half, Lauren Lau, led a beautiful series of passes to Natasha Hearder for a quick try. Vincy Chan our #8, also made a beautiful grab and go to score our 2nd try. Great defensive work by Lea El-Asmar and Sophia Li held back the big Sandy Bay forwards. Despite our strong defence, our FC1 girls conceded the match by 3-2. FC1 finished the day with a middling 1-2-0 record to take 4th place in the pool. Despite the rankings, overall a solid performance by our intrepid FC1 squad.

■ Allen Schoonmaker

U12 Boys FC1

FC1 had a long wait for the next round of games in the RHC competition. The wait showed in the first game and the boys were slow to get going against Valley, a few missed tackles and despite running in a try, Valley came out deserved winners 3-1. The second game was against the promoted USRC team. FC1 was geared up and ready to put right the wrongs of the last game. With some improved tackling and strong rucking, FC1 created more space and ran out eventual winners 4-1. The third game against SKS 1, who beat us last time out, was a battle for both teams. Strong tackles were made, and very little ground given up by both sides. It ended in a 0-0 stalemate, however the team came off pleased as were the coaches with a much improved performance against a strong SKS 1. Our final game was against DBP. Like most games in the cup, there was not much between the teams.

Players were getting tired on both



U12 – FC1



U12 - FC2

sides in the midday heat of Kings Park. It looked like it would be another tied game, when in the last minute FC1 managed to spread the ball out wide with great passing and set up **Josh Nagel** to score in the corner on his team debut for the winning try. Despite missing out on coming second in the group due to tries against, there were improvements made.

■ Richard Phillips

U12 Boys FC2

Consistency of training has been difficult to achieve this season so it was with some trepidation that we approached RHC2. Looked like we had a great squad but there were a few unknowns. What a great set of games the team put together though! First up was HATS which we took 2-1. Next came SKS2 - 3-1 to FC. Nice start. We are playing better than last RHC and it is clear that our focus on the rugby ABCs is paying off...we are finding the space and capitalising on it. A lot of this is down to the dominance - unexpected probably - of our front six at set-plays giving our scrum half and stand-off plenty of time to whip the ball wide. Next we saw off VF2 3-1 and the remaining game - always going to be the tough one of the tourney - against HKU1 approached. A really gritty performance from the whole squad (now down to only 14 and with a lock playing "power centre") kept the oppo on their toes and we came away 0-3...very respectable. Second in the Plate an awesome way to celebrate. Super work from Zach, Maximillian, Ruggero, Declan, Kyan, Eddie, Isaac, Maxence, James S, Lachlan, James N, Hayden C, Aidan, Ollie, and Alex...What a team!

■ Nick Langford

U12 Boys FC3

FC3 improved match by match on the day! First up, Macau, who had a couple of big boys who ran hard and scored a couple of quick tries and while the boys kept their chins up they went down 1-4. Next STT, we were more disciplined and started to ruck and tackled better. We passed the ball out to the wing and scored, final score 2-1 Win! Try of the day was when Jo ran around the outside from the half way line dodging numerous tackles and before being tackled near the try line made a one-handed pass to Alvin Ng to score. Third was HKU2,

the boys kept focusing on their rucking and tackling however, the opposition were just too strong counter rucking well with 4 or more at times. I was impressed with our defence who made numerous tackles, namely **Harrison**, **Jack S., Jack D., Victor** and **Alfie**. There were a few decisions and bounce of the ball with momentum that went against us and we went down 1-4.

Our final match was against DB2 and with something to prove the boys started off well, kept shape, rucked and tackled well but we got absolutely hammered in the scrum. The boys managed to get the ball out to the wing and scored in the corner. With the score 1-1 DB kicked from within their 22 and Alvin managed to catch the ball after the bounce and ran hard down the pitch where he was tackled and we rucked over against 4 DB players. Hayden then managed to dig the ball out and passed it to Harrison who then ran across the pitch swerving in and out of tackles to score in the corner. Final score 2-1 Win!

■ Jonathon Quach



U11

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Coming off the back of the Shield win in Singapore we kept the Touring team together and added two more players that usually play in the team for the FC1 Squad.

Expecting great things from these lads and we were not disappointed at all, 3 wins out of 3 but not just wins very convincing wins at that. First up our old foes VF1, they are small and slight, but do they move the ball and sprint well. Our Forwards had been drilled hard, understanding the game is controlled by them....Wow did that oh yeah....everything that wanted to come through the middle was crushed, every Ruck was won and every



U11



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scrum won or contested to the best. A rousing 4-1 win to start the day. Now on to DB Pirates, a battle with forward drives and pushing everywhere they could, especially from Kai, Matthew and Maximilian. The backs lead by George and Justin showed that it was their game and from some great nimble footwork they produced a convincing win 7-0. Last game was against SKS where the lads kept the second clean sheet of the day with a great win, 6-0. Well done FC1.

FC2 were up against some hard opposition and they lost heavily to HKU1, but with notable mentions to Marcus and Harry. Next was VF1, coming off the loss to FC1 these Valley boys wanted revenge on one of the HKFC teams and even with our spirited attack, VF came up on top. Final game now saw FC2 against a very big bunch of lads in USRC1 and even if the result was a draw 4-4 it was probably the best game these lads had. Going 3 -0 up it should have been a cruising win, but you can never let the Tigers off the hook, and they bounced back 3-3. With 3 mins remaining the FC2 boys rallied together and got the ball home with a fine driving try and young Jastin pushing over the line....here we go to the win, we wanted and finished on a high...oh

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U11

well maybe next time as the driving force of the Tigers managed a late try with seconds on the clock ...final whistle 4-4, a great game to watch and the boys played great, well done lads in FC2.

FC3 and FC4 played some great rugby and even if the day was a mixed bag of results (5W 5L 2D); the U11 are certainly going the right way.

FC3 played the morning slot for once and kicked stated with a 5-1 win over the Monkeys. Next up was the game of the day, going up 3-1 by halftime they lost to Sandy Bay 2 by 5-4 with the winning try in the dying seconds of the game. Next up VF2, FC3 had a cracker of a game, finishing at 6-6 – it was one of those ones to watch. Some great driving with Felix and Alexander and some sweet moves from Princeton and Maximus going to show that these lads can do it on the day. Another great team in the making.

Finally, the FC4 (usually the FC3) boys and their turn to show what they can usually do very well. With low numbers they struggled out of the starting blocks. Sloppy hands and the inevitable defeat ensued, a loss to HKU 3: 7-4. They regrouped and went to the next game with more confidence and against SKS3, the boys got it together. Missing key players, they played with guts and a better solid performance; a narrow loss 2-1. For the final game of the day against USR C2, they had a solid performance and indeed this was a game that truly showed what these young men can do. A thrilling encounter with a deserved win: score 4-2 at the final whistle. They played with heart and soul and gave all as a team.

■ Peter Jastreboff and Robin Zavou

U10 Girls FC1

FC1 had a great day at the Kukri's Festival, winning 4/4, scoring 24 tries and only conceding 6. Their first match was against Tigers, who had beaten them last time. However, the girls turned in one of the best games of mini rugby I have seen, with not a single tackle missed. Their pressure and tenacity in defence was only matched by their continuity as they produced offload after offload to score. Romane, Lexie and Iris scored a try each and Emily scored two, to make it 5-1. The second match was against a big DB side, but again the girls defended with great tackling and organisation to win 8-2, with Iris and Bella scoring a try each, Emily scoring another brace and Romane sprinting away for 4! We showed a little fatigue and lack of concentration at the beginning of the 3rd match against Valley and went a couple of tries down. However, the girls fought back really well to get back into the game. The award for resistance running went to Mia in this match, as she ran the length of the pitch with 3 girls hanging off her before delivering a lovely pop to Romane for her try - with Millie gaining one and Emily scoring 3. We ended up winning 5-2. The final match was against Sandy Bay, as the girls were tasked with playing without a single ruck. They almost achieved it too, with some lovely offloads from all players throughout the match, to continually keep the ball alive. Emily, Lexie and Iris all scored two apiece to gain a 6-1 victory.

The girls should be very proud of the way they played - the number of tries they scored, as well as how few they conceded, was testament to the style of rugby they were trying to play and the commitment of the girls. Bella, **Ellie** and **Ari** made some fantastic tackles throughout the day, Millie and Mia made some

strong runs and Emily (9), Romane (6), Iris (4) and Lexie (3) were our try scoring machines. However, what was most pleasing was the commitment, intensity and attitude that the girls showed – if they can keep that going, this team will take some stopping!

U10 Girls FC2

The Flying Kukris Tournament at Kings Park was a superb day out for the FC2s, who won all 4 games on the day. Coach **Srim** had the girls ready to play with some passing and rucking drills before the first kick off against Sandy Bay. A convincing first win was followed by victories against Stingrays, Pirates and Tigers. **Emi Hamada - Griffith** was the standout player of the day scoring at will. **Karin Wong** was unstoppable with ball in hand and **Constance Chan's** footwork resembled **David Campese** in his prime. The rest of the girls contributed brilliantly on what was a great day for girls rugby.

U10 Girls FC3

The FC3 girls had a fun day of rugby on a sunny Sunday. History would perhaps do well to look away from the first game against the hosts, who were just too strong for our girls, despite a great try from Yenni. The final score has sadly not been recorded. However, after an inspirational rucking drill (who knew?) from Coach Soraya, the girls came out blazing for their next two matches against SKS2 and HKU3. All the girls worked very hard, particularly on defence, but there were also some half a dozen tries in each game. Amy, Ellen and Kailey would be joint players of the day, if there were such a thing, but all the players can be proud. They also looked very happy with the wins. Sadly, the very long break in the sun before the final game against a strong VF2 team did not help, with the team losing that game despite trying very hard for the consolation try. Well done to all in any event!

■ Barney Durrant

U10 FC2

In the first game, FC2 beat HKU 1 by 2-0. An equally fought contest that could have gone either way. **Noah Lane** capped off some excellent work on counter rucking and delivered a great try. The second try was an outstanding set piece move from the scrum with a great switch and run by **Xavier Cox.**

The second game against DBP2 was a 5-try thriller and yet again was an evenly contested match. FC2 opened the scoring with some excellent team play that resulted in a fine try in the corner by **Andrew McQuhae.** DBP2 then scored and FC2 responded well with some fine work on the breakdown that led to a great try by **Octave Beylier** by picking up the ball from

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the ruck and smashing through two opposition players to touchdown. Andrew extended the FC2 lead with a powerful run along the sidelines from a ruck deep in FC2 territory.

SKS2 were next and yet again this was a tight game. SKS2 started the better scoring a try in the 2nd minute. Thereafter the game was very close with both team defences performing admirably. FC2 responded well and managed to gain a well-deserved equalising try. **James McSheaffey** scoring a great scrum-half try by straightening up on a run from the base of a ruck.

FC2 faced VF1 in the last game of the day and marginally lost 1-0. The game was evenly matched and VF1 did not score until the 10th minute of the game. Despite fighting back and coming close it just wasn't FC2's day.

Whilst the day ended with a disappointing loss against VF, the boys were looking forward to making improvements for the next Tournament with some solid work at the next training session. Big thanks to the parents and Coaches.

■ Kevin Chow

U9 Lions

The "Lions", regrouped for the Kukris tournament after several team members returned from the tough Centaurs tournament in Singapore. The Lions started fast against the USRC Tigers thanks to strong ball carrying from Oliver Howarth, Paddy Metson and Simon Ferreirra Danjoux. Both wingers, Hugo Cubells and Robbie Guy Ramsay looked for work all game and made excellent metres with ball-in-hand. Strong support runners and improved rucks led to early tries taking the game beyond Tigers reach.

Next up the Lions played our old foe, Valley, who started strong but were kept scoreless by excellent tackling, in particular from **Sam Dore**, **Charlie Hawkins**, playing his final festival in Club colours before boarding school, and **Bram ten Berge**. Valley's attack persisted, winning a ruck turnover and eventually breaking our try line but the Lions came straight back to level scores, before Valley won another late break and sneaked a win.

The team refocused for two games against the Sai Kung Stingrays. Playing SKS3 saw little early possession but the Lions defence held strong with **Hugo Mendes** putting in dominant tackles. Strong counter rucking from **Hugo C.** and **Daniel Jones** created turnover possession with **Jeffrey Hung** using his wheels to put the game beyond doubt.

The final game against SKS1 saw another fast start with the Lions committed to using the ball and passing for more width in their game.

Coupled with strong ball carriers getting fast ball led to several tries for **Simon, Ollie, Paddy, Hugo M.** and Hugo C.

■ James Mendes

U7 Bears

An all-volunteer ursine pack made the long trek up to the Pak Shek Kok Sports Centre in Tai Po for the Flying Kukris Christmas Rugby Festival for what turned out to be a highlight of the Bears' season thus far. Limited player numbers meant that substitutions were not an option and every player had to contribute. Only one loss marred the eight matches that the Bears contested as players up and down the roster showed excellent progress with the ball in hand and also in their defensive line. There were dynamic runs with the occasional side-step, some excellent passing to other teammates, lots of solid tackles, and many dazzling tries.

On the coolest morning yet this season, the brilliant sunshine cast long shadows across the pitches as the Bears arrived for their early start. Things warmed up quickly as FC2 left the Bears' first claw marks with a convincing 3-1 win over the Sai Kung Stingrays, a team that had bested the squad last spring. Of note, every player had at least three tackles - a defensive display that warmed coaches' hearts and set the tone for the remainder of the day. Next, FC1 fought its way to a 0-0 draw against the troublesome Tigers in a battle royal that saw tackling, if not try scoring, again come fast and furious from every single cub. FC2 then got past Shatin Shapei with another 3-1 result. Not to be out-roared, FC1 followed up with the most lopsided result of their festival with a 4-1 outcome versus Aberdeen. The third win in FC2's column came courtesy of the Eagles of Tin Shui Wai and a 3-2 score.

Unfortunately, a lack of substitutes, and perhaps an epic intra-squad "warm-up" game



U7 Bears

of coaches versus players late morning left the Bears a little short of energy when facing their common final opponent in USRC5. FC2 came up short with a 1-3 loss, and FC1 managed to dig their claws in to draw after a heated contest, 2-2.

Every Bear contributed to what in aggregate was a great morning of rugby at Pak Shek Kok. Special mention goes to FC1's **Rafe Archer-Perkins** and **Jake Christal** for both their defensive efforts and contributions in attack with ball in hand. The FC2 duo of **Edward Adamson** and **Atsushi Yoshihara** deserve credit for being the backbone of the squad's attack and delivering tries in all four of FC2's matches (plus a few in FC1 matches).

A big thank you to the mums and dads who made the effort to get up to the ground. It was early and it was the furthest afield from our home pitch during the regular season. Lastly, a big thank you goes to fellow Coach/parent James Buchanan, for whom the Flying Kukris festival was his last as a Bear due to a family move to Singapore in January – we have enjoyed coaching with you and are grateful for all that you brought to the pitch. We hope to see you and Hamil Buchanan at Singapore's Tanglin Mini Rugby Festival next May!

■ Tony Adams and Simon Archer-Perkins





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U6

HKFC fielded 4 teams at the Flying Kukris
Tournament in Tai Po over the weekend with
over 40 players from the U6 playing group,
which showed great commitment to enhancing
the mini's skills within a tournament setting. The
Lions team had enough replacements on the
sidelines to change the complete side halfway
through each game. As always the medals
at the end were enthusiastically received and
many proud photos were taken.

The teams swept all before them scoring some great tries and competing with good spirit. What was even more pleasing for the coaches was the greater concentration on tackling and getting back onside which has been a focus of the recent training sessions across the 4 groups. In fact it was evident that it was our stifling defence (at times!!) that provided the foundations for many of the victories.

The players had a great day and the tournament was very well organised. Congratulations to all the players for a successful tournament and many thanks to the parents and supporters who joined us on the bus out to Tai Po. The teams did the HKFC very proud.

■ Adam Rowe

Singlife Girls Rugby TRC Cup Tournament 2019

U12G

Tremendous effort by our FC U12 girls on the overseas tour hosted by the Tanglin Rugby Club. With over 450 players – this was the largest tournament of its kind in Asia. The U12 girls played with a competitive mindset and a fighting spirit to the finish, despite being a small squad of 6 players. In regulation play, Club first went up against the strong HKU Sandy Bay



U12G

squad. FC mounted a solid defence by our forwards, Lucy Guest and Saidhb Martin, and held the big and strong girls from HKU at bay, until their strong offence overwhelmed our smaller squad, with Club conceding by 4-6. Next, Club went up against the Singapore Cricket Club (SCC) team. In a blitzkrieg attacking show, led by Alyssa Mok and Brigid Warde, our FC girls gave SCC a proper smashing, winning the match 8-2. Next, Club went up against the formidable Tanglin Rugby Club 1st team, in a heated battle between two strong teams. Great scrum-half work by Brigid Warde, helped to keep the score close going into the half at 2-3, until the depth of the TRC squad wore down our defence, with Club conceding the match, 2-6, to the eventual tournament champions. Due to the loss, the FC were relegated to the consolation round in the finals, though the girls were energised for their final match vs the Singapore Centaurs team. They were in it to win it, with a smashing performance against the smaller Centaurs team, with great runs by Alyssa Schoonmaker and Kali Peck, in a run-away performance ending with an 8-2 win in Club's favour. Our FC U12G gave 100% in their matches and finished overall in 5th place in the tournament out of 10 teams. Very proud of the performance in Singapore.

Ethos of Rugby: HKFC was the proud sponsor of an underprivileged team from Vietnam, the Kim Boi Wildcats Junior, comprised of 12 players and 3 coaches to enable them to participate in the tournament. For the players, it was their first time to travel out of Vietnam and to participate in a tournament of this kind. The Vietnamese girls had an amazing experience and expressed their strong gratitude for Football Club's support. This truly represents the ethos of rugby and the mindset to giveback.

Finally, the Singlife Girls Rugby TRC Cup Tournament 2019 made the front page of the World Rugby website in December. Read more here: https://www.world.rugby/news/546265

■ Allen Schoonmaker

U10 Girls

The HKFC U10 Girls team was made up of Bella, Ellie, Iris, Jem, Kez, Louise, Mia, Millie, Romane and Sydney. Due to a late change in the scheduling we faced teams with girls who were in the age category above ours, but despite this the team played some great rugby and showed a tremendous attitude and spirit throughout. We were particularly impressed by the strength and resoluteness of our rucking and tackling. The girls put in some excellent performances against Valley, Sandy Bay, Valkyries, and a team from Cambodia.

Romane finished off a wonderful team try at the end of our final match against Valley which summed up the girls' performance throughout. A scrum five metres from our line was won, the ball was moved wide to the left with a great run by Sydney, followed by an offload to Millie, who was tackled beyond the gainline, the ruck was expertly cleared out by Bella, which led to Iris picking up and passing to Romane who scythed through the opposition defence to score. Champagne moment of the weekend. The players really bonded as a team and made the most of the experience. Parents and coaches alike were thrilled to support the girls.

Louise, Jem, Kez, Ellie and Mia showed great heart and no little skill with their defence and some nice passing out of the tackle.

We look forward to the rest of this season and have no doubt that the tough encounters experienced on tour will put the girls in great stead.

■ Mark Develter and Chris Caves





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Mid-Season Round Up from the Chairman

s I sit here in a new decade, I reflect on an unusual and staggered start to this season for all teams.

In Mid October, whilst some of the men were playing their sixth games of the season, the ladies had just got off the start line, having only played a couple of games. The combination of later starts to the various campaigns, off field issues and mechanical failures will mean extra games during the week and possibly an extended season.

Socials have even been affected as with the late starts to the league campaigns, folks have been taking the opportunity for vacations on nonhockey weekends. However, our first Tennis and Hockey Inter-Section Society event arranged by ever-resourceful Michelle Page was a great success for all who attended. Moreover, the Christmas Party saw nearly 130 folks being Naughty or Nice!

On the field, the Ladies have started their season with a bang as we top 4 of the 5 divisions. The Cubs are doing well again, with matches featuring 16 and 18 goal hauls so are a positive 79 goals half way through the season! Ladies A's and C's have yet to be beaten, a great motivation to see if they can continue this run of success. A very positive start all round.



Ladies D Team



Ladies E Team Social



Ladies Fs v Ladies Es



Naughty or Nice at the Christmas Party



Mens Evening out at the Races



Helen Champion of Ladies Es against Ewis A



Men's C Team

The Men top 2 out of 6 divisions, the As making a great start and the Es with a massive 70 goal advantage (including a 23-0 result) in their effort to win their league. We wish all teams success and a run to their respective titles.

We also had a visit from one of our HKFC honorary members **Kate Richardson-Walsh** OLY OBE (GB Olympic Gold and Bronze medallist) and the picture from her evening of coaching shows the inspiration that she brings every time she visits us in Hong Kong.

There is plenty on the field to look forward to at the start of this year, starting with the Sanj Pemberton Memorial Day on 18th Jan where the Ladies play all their derby games in Memory of our friend **Sanj.**



Kate Richardson-Walsh OLY OBE



Men's Cs v Men's Ds

Hockey Sixes are on the horizon as the invitations go out for 11th-12th April, rumours abound of tours to Jakarta, Hau Hin, Kuala Lumpur and Bali and I'm sure the Dino's will head to Thailand for some relaxation as well!

At the same time, we continue with our hockey education as Sportways will be back, FIH Level 2 coaching and junior umpiring will all fall in the second half of the year.

Hopefully, we have most of the disruptions out of the way so as a Section, we'll be keeping focused on training, playing and supporting each other. Here's to a fantastic rest of the season with much to look forward to.

See you on the smurf!

■ Lyle Williams



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Boxing Day is meant to be about not only spending time with family and friends but also a day synonymous with sports. This year's Boxing Day Social Game was staged at the Club's Indoor Green on 26th December.

A total of 40 players took part in the rink competition with 9 teams playing 3 games each in the afternoon.

Results of the Social Game were as follows:

Champion Team: Patrick Fong, David Chui, Josephine Lam and Tony Cheung. 1st Runner-up Team: Rita Wong, Carole Chau, Stanly Luk and Terence Lee. 2nd Runner-up Team: Roxy Ho, Kelvin Siu, Peter Chow and Daisy McNie.

Special Awards:

Highest No. of Touchers Team: Roxy Ho, Kelvin Siu, Peter Chow and Daisy McNie.

Best Costume: Daisy McNie.

Drawing game: Wanis Sze (Champion); Frankie Siu (Runner-up)

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Best Costume - Daisy







1st Runner Up Team



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Champion Team

Save the Date: Section AGM Scheduled for 28th Feb 2020

This year's Annual General Meeting for the Section is scheduled for 28th February 2020. Please save the date and show your support by attending the most important event of the Section for shaping our directions, which will take place at 1st floor Function Room of the Club.

No prior registration is needed. For details, please refer to the announcement on the Section's notice board.



Mollydooker Wine Dinner

Date: Friday 28th February 2020

Venue: The Restaurant

Time: 7:30pm ~ 8pm (welcome drinks)

8pm (dinner)

Price: \$558 per member/ \$618 per member's guest



Mollydooker is one of the most well-known and most successful estates in McLaren Vale. When the winery released their first vintage back in 2006, the famous Boxers Shiraz was immediately recognized as the "Best Value Red Wine in the World" by Robert Parker and the flagship "The Velvet Glove" became one of the most sought-after Australian fine wines in the world.

MENU

Welcome drink - Mollydooker Euphoria Sparkling Verdelho 2018

Appetizer

Sea Bass Ceviche

Italian Sea Bass, Fennel, Grapefruit, Crispy Fish Skin

Mollydooker The Violinist Verdelho 2017

First Dish

Homemade Fusilli with Oxtail Ragout

Tossed in Tomato and Herbs, Red Wine, 24 Months Parmesan Cheese

Mollydooker The Boxer Shiraz 2017

Main Course

In-House 30 Days Dry Aged US Prime Striploin

Beetroot Puree, Mushroom Chestnut, Port Wine and Mustard Jus

Mollydooker Enchanted Path 2017

Mollydooker Carnival of Love 2017

Dessert

Dark Chocolate Mousse in a Glass

Topped with Fresh Raspberries and Ground Hazelnut

Mollydooker The Maitre D'Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

"Please contact the restaurant at 28309562 for a reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.com

All the above wines will be served in limited quantity.

Cancellation or amendments must be emailed to the restaurant and must be made before Tuesday 18th February 2020.

Otherwise, full payment will be debited to the member's account. Unless there are exceptional circumstances.

A La Carte options will not be available that evening."

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Chairwoman's Note

APPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!! I hope everyone had a relaxing fun filled Christmas break and are coming back to the rest of the season fit, fresh and raring to go. That's most likely wishful thinking because many likely over indulged on Christmas goodies and now resemble a mince pie. And taking the court for the first time Monday night was a struggle. But it certainly should motivate everyone to focus on training and fitness in order to be in tip top shape for finals. This half of the season saw the introduction of the Premier Division again and we are fortunate enough to have Club and Typhoons

elevated to this level. Hurricanes were also successful enough in the first half to get promoted to Division 1 and will now be playing off against the Whirlies. Tornadoes have been promoted to Division 2 topping off an extremely successful first half of the season for our competitive teams. All players and coaches are looking forward to an uninterrupted second half with all eyes on the Grand Final prize. So, remember to get your diaries free as the Grand Finals will be played on 25th April in the Sports Hall! And, make sure you come down and support our teams whilst having a drink with friends!! Enough from me for now... it's time for some sprints!

■ Olivia Burgess







Match Reports

Whirlies vs Valley Tigers: 34-32

First game back after Christmas – an awesome start to the second part of the season. Whirlies beat Valley by only two points with an overall score of 34-32! Both teams fought hard throughout the game with a very tight and exciting finish. By half time, Whirlies were seven up and in the third quarter Valley really stepped it up. In the last quarter, Whirlies kept their cool and got the ball down into the circle and finished the game with a two point win! Awesome game and awesome start to the second half of the season!

Tornadoes vs HKU Duchess: 24-11

It was always going to be a challenging and difficult game first one back after Christmas! Tornadoes took a comfortable lead after the 1st quarter 11-0 as HKU Duchess were down 2 players. For the rest of the match we needed to play safe and try and get a goal from our centre pass. 2nd quarter both teams had settled into play but only 1 goal was scored. Ci Ci and Nora in defence continued to make turnovers with numerous interceptions throughout the game. The second half we made some changes to work different combinations. We had to work hard to get the ball into the circle to finish the game on a win.





Youth Match Reports







Parents vs. Children Match

After a busy and competitive final round of matches Junior Netball celebrated the end of Term 1 with its second annual Parents vs. Children match. With everyone donning their Christmas jumpers in aid of raising money to send bags of kit to Sri Lanka, we raised HK\$5320 and it gave us the perfect opportunity to celebrate a hard term of work and get ready for the festive season. The Monday session proved a hard work out for the parents, who played non-stop against all 5 senior teams, demonstrating lots of enthusiasm in what was clearly more competitive than the intended 'fun and friendly' game we had advertised. Wednesday provided a few more parent numbers and it was great to see our younger Netballer's showcasing their skills on court against their parents. It was a fabulous occasion to bring our community together and the enjoyment was evident from all the laughs and smiles on court. A big thank you must go out to all the parents who joined in to make this event possible, to our amazing coaches who helped run and umpire on the day, and to Mary who organised two great after-match functions which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Best wishes for 2020 and looking forward to seeing you all back on court soon!

Happy New Year!

■ Rebecca Thompson















MARCH PREVIEW

Australian VS Italian Grape Varieties Masterclass

Time: 7pm—8:30pm
Location: Happy Valley Suite 1
Price: \$195HKD per person (\$50HKD returned with wine purchase)
Speakers: Kyle Oosterberg—Brand Ambassador of Eddie McDougall
Speakers: Luca Luise—Ambassador of Italian Wine

Date: Thursday 19th March





HUGH HAMILTON WINE DINNER

Date: Friday 27th March 2020 Venue: The Restaurant

Time: 7:30pm - 8pm (welcome drinks) followed by dinner Price: \$558 per member / \$618 per members guest

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- OPEN MENS SINGLES AND DOUBLES
- CLOSED MENS SINGLES AND DOUBLES (B Team and below)
- OPEN LADIES SINGLES AND DOUBLES
- CLOSED LADIES SINGLES AND DOUBLES (A Team and below)
- MIXED DOUBLES

ADULTS

\$150 UNLIMITED EVENTS \$100 PER EVENT

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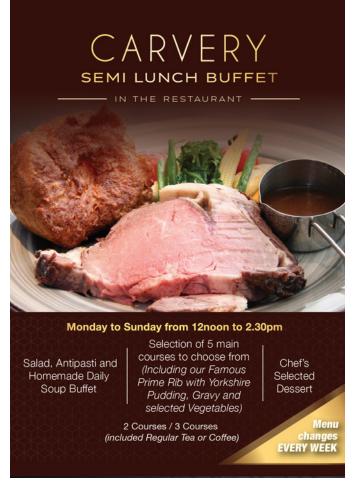
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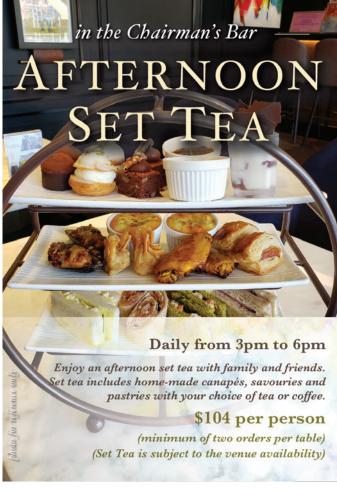
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Christmas Ladies Social

The ladies finished of the calendar year with an enjoyable Christmas social, with plenty of tennis being played and mulled wine drank. With stunning Christmas outfits put together, bells, wings and tinsel flew across the court as they fought it out for a Wolf Blass sponsored wine collection.



















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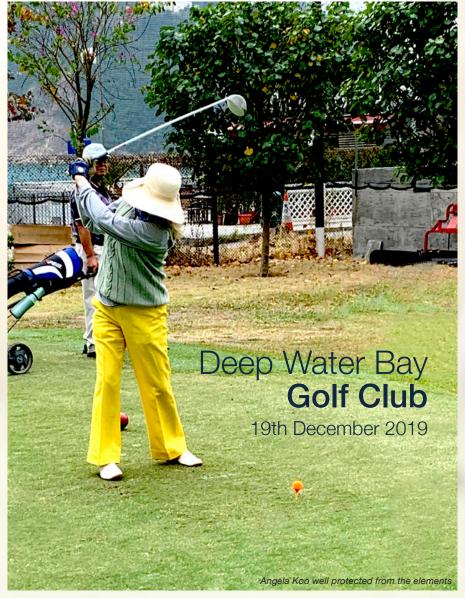


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ur annual Christmas visit to Deep Water Bay is always one of the most fun events on our calendar. The course being so short makes it a fast and easy walk, and just to spice it up, players are only allowed to use 3 clubs and 1 putter.

This year, the weather was a bit chilly at around 18 degrees with slight rain. Despite such weather, several players decided it was still conditions for short sleeves and short trousers!

The first to tee off were Terry Wright, Bill King and Simon Hague. After the first few holes, Simon told me he had already had a double and triple bogey over 4 holes, a seemingly low chance to win the tournament. However, he came back on the back nine and scored 33 points total to claim the second runner up.

Simon and Terry also scored a par on hole 8 to win a special prize! Congrats to the two winners.

The ladies performed exceptionally well too with good course management and precise short games. Dori Dainton, Heather Deayton and Marilou Waldie were paired together. I was right behind their flight and had a grandstand view of their terrific short games. Dori scored 34 points to claim the second place!

As for me, I was playing with **Dominic Ng** and **Angela Koo.** They had a very strategic plan for the 3 clubs challenge by using a driver on every hole!

Here is the breakdown of this event

1st place – Steve Knight 35 points 2nd place – Dori Dainton 3rd place – Simon Hague

Par 4 hole 8 – Score a par on hole 8 Terry Wright Simon Hague Don Rider

As usual after this event, we sat down to a great Xmas lunch in the club.

Wishing everyone has a wonderful Christmas time with their family!

Happy Golfing!

■ Ted Li, Golf event organiser

Swimming & Triathlon Update



Happy New Year from the HKFC Swimming and Triathlon Society!

It is the end of the season and we went out with a bang. In the HSASA championship held on 1st December, all competitors took home gold! It was a great season and we can't wait to get back into the pool in 2020!



HKASA Annual Long Course Masters Swimming Championships – 1st December 2019

Name	Event	Place
Marcus Chu	50 Metre Freestyle	1st (M 45-49)
Lachlan Wolfers	50 Metre Freestyle	5th (M 45-49)
	200 Metre I.M.	2nd (M 45-49)
	50 Metre Back	1st (M 45-49)
Rohit Daswani	100 Metre Freestyle	1st (M 18-24)
	50 Metre Fly	2nd (M 18-24)
Peter Inglis	50 Metre Fly	1st (M 65-69)
	50 Metre Breast	2nd (M 65-69)
	100 Metre Freestyle	3rd (M 65-69)
Alex Fong	200 Metre I.M.	1st (M-45-49)



With the Lunar New Year approaching, the Club will run a promotion in association with Greeners Action, entitled "Lai See Packets Reused and Recycling Programme".

This special programme aims at reducing solid waste in Hong Kong and avoiding waste production. Moreover, it can help to increase job opportunities for those in need. Over 12 Million packets were collected last Lunar New Year, and after the selection and packaging process, 5 million packets were deemed "Renewed Lai See Packets" still in good condition to be reused again.

Every renewed packet is neat and has been sorted by size into large, medium and small. A sticker of "Please Reuse Me" has been placed on the back of each packet, to spread this important environmental message.

These "Renewed Lai See Packets" are free of charge (50 pieces per pack) and will be available beginning of January 2020, on a first-come-first-serve basis, at the Club's Reception Desk. If you would like to receive a large amount of renewed packets, please contact Annie Tai, F&B Secretary on 2830 9547 for further arrangement.

We also encourage our Members to put their used (but still in good condition) Lai See Packets at the Club Reception from 3rd to 17th February 2020.

To learn more about the campaign, please visit: www.greeners-action.org

Thank you for your participation and support of this project.





News on the **Society Badminton Team**



Friendly Games with The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

In order to strengthen the skills and game strategy of the team, the Badminton Society committee organised a series of competitive friendly games. The first one was held on 13 December 2019 with The University of Polytechnic Hong Kong. It was an evening of competitive sparring and dynamic interaction with the university team.



Men's doubles



Juniors from ICC junior development pathway also participated

Society Social Event

After the friendly games and Society session, members and players headed to the Sportsman's Bar for a good social evening. **Peggy Lee,** our Secretary, personally sponsored the players from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University for the event. It was a fantastic evening for all the participants.



Players from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University





Junior players



Society team players (right 1-3) and team coach of Polytechnic



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