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HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

Values: Being accountable – to communicate, consult and provide information. Living within our means – to plan ahead within available resources. Developing a culture of service – to encourage commitment, integrity, courtesy and responsiveness. Managing for performance – to set the direction and develop the necessary skills.

Aims: To provide the services the Membership needs. To improve the quality of Club life. To up-hold the Constitution and Bye-laws. To encourage Members to play their part in the Club.

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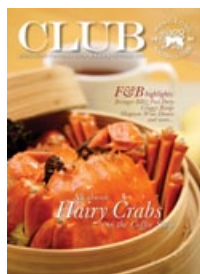
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*On the cover: Hairy Crab promotion in the Coffee Shop
 Photographer: Crystal Cheung*



The Thoughts of the Chairman

The new sporting seasons are now up and running and everyone is getting up to full speed in their respective leagues and competitions. I have no doubt that many of the Sections, as well as the Netball DSA and Societies, will be bringing home some silverware before the end of the season. I wish you all luck in your endeavours.

We are rapidly approaching the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** to be held on the **7th November** in the Clubhouse. The Annual Report will also be issued soon for your information. I encourage you all to attend the AGM and the Member's cocktail party afterwards *for those of you that do attend the meeting*. Please note that no Guests or children are permitted at this event as it is for Members and Spouses/Partners only. There will be a few changes to the membership of the General Committee this year and the names of Members standing for election will be published in the Annual Report.

You will also have noticed that we provided the Main Pitch and other facilities to the Asian Football Confederation Under 16 Qualifying tournament over several days at the Club. As with many of the National Sports Associations, we are a venue of choice for international competitions due to our ability to stage and manage large sporting events and the fact that we maintain our sports facilities at a high level. I trust that the inconvenience to some Members in not being able to access the Infield Changing Rooms, at certain times, during this tournament was counterbalanced to some extent by the standard of play of these up and coming young players from Hong Kong and the region.

JOHN J SHANAHAN
Chairman



From the Desk of Mark Pawley

At time of writing Typhoon "Usagi" is on a clear path to Hong Kong and are in the process of "battening down the hatches" as a direct hit is expected — something we have not had for some years. Let's hope October is clear of bad weather and that we get a good spell of sun and a little less of the humidity that we've had throughout summer.

There is a packed food and beverage programme for October which includes a number of enticing events and promotions. Of these the two Wine Dinners and the Adult only BBQ Pool Party stand out. The first Wine Dinner — **Meet the Winemaker, Gianni Gagliardo**, is on **Friday 11th October**. This is one of only a few Italian wine dinners the Club has held so please book early to avoid disappointment!

I suspect there will be no disappointment, as far as the wine goes, that is, with the second Wine Dinner on **Thursday 31st October** where we have the **Craggy Range Magnum Wine Dinner** which is hosted by Terry Peabody, the owner of Craggy Range. For a slightly less formal evening of wine, look no further than our **Beringer Wines BBQ Pool Party on Friday 25th October** (an Adult only event) which includes an all you can eat BBQ buffet, 8 bottles of wine per table of 12, Live Jazz, a wine tasting and a Wine Quiz (with a very nice prize for the winner). Don't forget too, the two wine dinners we have in November namely a **Cava and Prosecco Wine Dinner on Friday 8th November** and the **Penfolds Wine Dinner on Saturday 16th November**.

And, last but by no means least New Year's Eve is approaching fast so, please get your bookings in for the best Party in town, at the Club, of course!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

MARK PAWLEY
General Manager

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Gianni Gagliardo Wine Dinner

DATE: FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 2013

TIME: 7:15PM - PRE-DINNER DRINK | 8:00PM - 5 COURSE DINNER

VENUE: THE RESTAURANT

PRICE: \$698 PER MEMBER / \$750 PER MEMBER'S GUEST
(INCLUSIVE OF DINNER AND 6 SELECTED WINES)

CANAPÉS

Scallops wrapped with Pancetta Salmon Bruchetta

Gianni Gagliardo

Fallegro Langhe Favorita DOC 2011

1ST COURSE

Potato Gnocchi with Italian Sausage Ragu

Gianni Gagliardo

Madama Barbera d'Alba DOC 2011

2ND COURSE

Spiced Slow cooked Beef Ribs
with Gorgonzola Cheese Soft Polenta

Gianni Gagliardo

San Ponzio Nebbiolo d'Alba DOC 2008

3RD COURSE

Osso Bucco with Orange Gremolata

Gianni Gagliardo Barolo DOCG 2008

4TH COURSE

Venison Haunch Steak with
Spelt Grain and Red Wine Sauce

Gianni Gagliardo Serre Barolo 2007 DOCG (RP90)

DESSERT

Dark Chocolate Mousse Cake with
Almond Meringue and Raspberry Coulis

Villa M Rosso 2012

COFFEE AND TEA

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

Last day for cancellation: 2nd October

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

** All the above wines will be served in limited quantity

RESTAURANT

AUSTRALIAN BABY LAMB

**in the Restaurant
every evening (except Sundays)
from 6.30pm to 10.30pm**

The main attraction for this month is the baby lamb from Australia. The lamb has a unique and subtle flavour without the gaminess so often associated with this meat. They are purely milk-fed so the meat is light, tender and mild.

Chef Ricky has prepared a selection of different cuts for your delectation.

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



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every day for Lunch and Dinner

Get your taste buds going at the Coffee Shop and enjoy this seasonal dining experience.

Please place your orders in advance as availability is limited.



RESTAURANT AND CHAIRMAN'S BAR

SUNDAY BRUNCH

from 11am to 2.30pm

\$280 per Adult
(with unlimited Sparkling Wine)

\$145 per Child under 12 years of age
(with soft drinks and chilled juice)

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

DRESS CODE: Club Casual.

No Collarless T-shirts, no Flip Flops or sandals with socks, no short Casual Shorts (Knee length – no beach wear). Ladies are required to dress to a comparable standard.

RESTAURANT

SUNDAY SEAFOOD EXTRAVAGANZA DINNER BUFFET

**every Sunday for Dinner
(from 6.30pm to 9.30pm)**

\$285 per Adult
\$145 per Child under 12 years of age

The buffet includes fresh shellfish, sautéed seafood station with prawns

and scallops, raw bar and fresh oyster bar. A hot prime rib carvery is also available.

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

Just as impressive, at the dinner buffet enjoy unlimited consumption of chilled juices, soft drinks, beer and house wine for just \$65 per person.

COFFEE SHOP

STACKED PANCAKES

from 3pm to 5.30pm

Freshly baked pancakes with summer fruits and Vanilla ice cream, served with Maple Syrup or Chocolate Sauce.



COFFEE SHOP

SEMI BUFFET DINNER

**Monday to Thursday evenings
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

Choose a main dish from the special choice menu ranging from grilled seafood, meats to vegetarian dishes, and enjoy a wide buffet spread of appetizers and desserts.

Menu price from \$128 to \$208.

For more information please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569.

COFFEE SHOP

AUSTRALIAN BBQ DINNER TREAT

**on Friday and Saturday evenings
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

An array of Australian land and sea dishes will be available. To round off your experience, why not indulge in our selection of Australian Wines or Beer!

For more information please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569.

BY THE POOL



Friday 25th October

From 6.30pm to 10pm
(Food served from 6.45pm to 8.45pm)

\$500 per person or \$5,000 per table of 12

*This is an ADULT ONLY event
The Swimming Pool closes at 9pm*

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- All you can eat BBQ buffet
- Salad and Dessert
- 8 bottles of wine per table of 12
- Live Jazz
- Wine Quiz (winner will get a \$3,000 case of Beringer wines)
- Wine tasting of Beringer wines



Reservations are required and the Poolside will only be 'open' after 6pm on the day of the event to Members (and their guests) who have booked. The pool will be closed to non-participants from 5pm onwards.

Please contact Catering Office on 2830 9513 or email: catering@hkfc.com for reservations.



BOOK EARLY AS SEATS ARE LIMITED

RESTAURANT



BRITISH UNIVERSITIES

Choosing, applying to and getting offers from UK Universities

**Saturday 26th October
In the Restaurant**

Noon to 2.30pm

\$185 per Member, \$198 per Member's Guest includes the forum and a Light 3-course Lunch

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

This interactive seminar is aimed at any parent who is considering a UK education for their child. Often, being outside the UK, we can lose track of changes in the school system and need to rely on hearsay to make important decisions.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE

- Understanding the UK University System (including Foundation degrees)
- Building a portfolio
- Choosing a course and university
- Navigating the rankings systems
- The UCAS application system
- Writing a personal statement
- Preparing for interviews

THE SPEAKER



Jessica Ogilvy-Stuart, M.Ed, founded the Brandon Learning Centre in 2006 to train students in communication skills and prepare them for entry to UK schools. Since then, Brandon has sent students to a wide range of schools and universities. One of our aims is to help parents navigate the UK school system and prepare students for life in a British Boarding School or University.

Jessica is a current PhD candidate at Durham University and is researching the role of Hong Kong students at Winchester College. She has successfully prepared students for entry to Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, Imperial and UCL and lectures at Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Craggy Range Magnum Wine Dinner

**Thursday 31st October
In the Restaurant**

7.15pm to 7.45pm: Pre-Dinner Drinks
8pm: A delightful 4-Course Dinner will be served
\$1,150 per Member, \$1,250 per Member's Guest
(Inclusive of Dinner and 5 selected Wines)

Come and join us for a special evening to taste some of the finest back vintage wines from Craggy Range Vineyards. The special 'Magnum' wine dinner is a one off opportunity to taste these wines. A unique experience, hosted by Craggy Range owner Terry Peabody and his daughter Mary Jeanne. The magnums are some of the last remaining vintage available across the world, and we have been able to secure a very small number to host this 'once in a lifetime' exclusive dinner.

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

**Last day for cancellation:
Wednesday 23rd October**

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

Assorted Canapés

Craggy Range Te Muna Road Sauvignon Blanc, 2012
Martinborough, New Zealand

1st Course

Wild Raukumara Red Venison, Jerusalem Artichokes Salad
Craggy Range Gimblett Gravels, Syrah, 2009 - Magnum

2nd Course

Merlot Braised Lamb Casserole with Cheddar
Chives Dumplings
Craggy Range Gimblett Gravels, Merlot, 2009 - Magnum

3rd Course

Wagyu Eye Fillet and Fondant Potato, Jamon Crumbs
Miso Hollandaise, English Watercress
*Craggy Range Sophia (Bordeaux Blend), Hawkes Bay,
2006 - Magnum*

Last Course

New Zealand Cheese Platter with Spiced Chutney and
Manuka Honey
Craggy Range Le Sol, Hawkes Bay, 2008 - Magnum

Coffee and Tea
Petits Fours

**All the above wines will be served in limited quantity*

CHAIRMAN'S BAR

FRESH OYSTERS

every day from noon to 10.30pm

- 6 oysters and 2 glasses of Sparkling for \$160

- or 12 oysters and 2 glasses of Sparkling for \$265



New!

**Try Our New
PREMIUM
WINE CAROUSEL**

**in the Chairman's Bar
every day from 6.30pm to 10.30pm**

From 6.30pm until 10.30pm daily, you can enjoy 2 hours of free-flowing premium wines specially selected to match the season at a set price of \$228 per person.

Alternatively you can select any two glasses for only \$108.

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

SPORTSMAN'S BAR



Photo for reference only

GERMAN SAUSAGES

Try our assortment of German sausages to go with your favourite beer this month!

On the Sports front

We have the **International Masters Hockey Tournament** from **Tuesday 29th October** until **Sunday 3rd November** right here at the Club. Come and support them, and catch up at the Sportsman's.

On the Big Screen, the **Barclays Premier League** is now in full swing, please check the sports notice boards for updates.

In Auto Racing, **Formula One Grand Prix** will be in Suzuka, Japan, on **13th October** and New Delhi, India, on **27th October**.

The **2013 Rugby League World Cup** runs from **26th October** to **30th November**. There are 14 teams participating in the tournament, including New Zealand, who defeated Australia in the 2008 World Cup finals, as well as first timers Italy and the United States.

Schedule for the first two days are as follows:

Saturday 26th October:
England vs Australia, followed by Wales vs Italy

Sunday 27th October:
Papua New Guinea vs France, followed by NZ vs Samoa

The Chairman's Bar will also be showing these sports throughout the month.

Keep up to date on the Club website and all sports notice boards.

For further information, please call the Sportsman's Bar at 2830 9531.

LUNCH AT THE CLUB

THE RESTAURANT

*Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm*
Set Lunch with Starter Buffet
2 Courses: \$170
3 Courses: \$190

THE COFFEE SHOP

*Monday to Thursday
from Noon to 2.30pm*
Light Lunch Buffet
\$135 (Adult); \$73 (Child)

*Friday to Sunday
from Noon to 2.30pm*
International Lunch Buffet
\$158 (Adult); \$78 (Child)

THE CHAIRMAN'S BAR

*Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm*
Express Set Lunch
4 Courses: \$110

NOVEMBER PREVIEW

Cava and Prosecco Wine Dinner

Sparkling wine beyond Champagne

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VINO & CAVA



Friday 8th November in the Restaurant

7.15pm - 7.45pm: Cocktail
8pm - 11pm: Dinner

\$598 per Member, \$698 per Member's Guest
(includes a 5-course delightful menu and 6 wines)

MENU

RECEPTION

Assorted Canapés
ZARDETTO, Prosecco Brut NV

1st COURSE

Blue Fin Tuna Tartar with Avocado and
Dijon Mustard Dressing
CASTILLO PERELADA, Cava Brut Reserva NV

2nd COURSE

Slow-roast Tomatoes with 36 months Iberico Ham
and Artichokes
FREIXENET, Cava Brut Rosé Elyssia NV

3rd COURSE

Seared Sea Bass Fillet with Leek Cream Sauce
Romanesco Cauliflower
SEGURA VIUDAS, Cava Brut Reserva Heredad NV

4th COURSE

French Organic Chicken Supreme with Mushroom
Sauce Baby Beetroots and Lyonnaise Potatoes
CASTILLO PERELADA, Cava Brut Gran Claustro 2008

DESSERT

Yoghurt Vanilla Pana Cotta
Autumn Fruits in Strawberry Soup
ZARDETTO, Prosecco Dry Zeta 2012

Coffee and Tea
Petits Fours

Last day for Cancellation: Thursday 31st October

Penfolds®

PENFOLDS WINE DINNER



Saturday 16th November in the Restaurant

7.30pm - 7.50pm: Cocktail
8pm - 11pm: Dinner

\$1,300 per Member, \$1,600 per Member's Guest
(includes a 5-course set menu and 7 wines)

MENU

RECEPTION

Quail Egg with Caviar and Dill
Scallop with Avocado and Mango
BIN 51 EDEN VALLEY RIESLING 2012 (WA 91)

1st COURSE

Baked Boston Lobster Mornay, Sautéed Spinach and
Shimeji Mushroom
YATTARNA CHARDONNAY 2009 (WA 92)

2nd COURSE

Ragout of Duck Confit and Savoury Cremini
Mushrooms between Layers of Crisp Polenta Cakes
with Stone Fruits Demi Glass
ST HENRI SHIRAZ 2009 (WA 93)
BIN 150 MARANGA SHIRAZ 2010 (WA 91)

3rd COURSE

24 hours Braised Wagyu Beef cheeks with Chinese
Five Spices, Gnocchi
BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ 2010 (WA 92)

4th COURSE

Roasted Venison Loin with Spelt Grain, Spiced Red
Cabbage and Honeyed Parsnips Red Wine Sauce
BIN 169 COONAWARRA CABERNET 2010 (WA91)

5th COURSE

Cheese Platter with Oatmeal Cracker and Fruit Jam
GRANGE 2008 (WA 100)

Coffee and Tea

Last day for Cancellation: Tuesday 5th November

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

* Cancellation for F&B events received after the final cancellation date will be charged in full to the Member's account unless there are exceptional circumstances.

GENERAL PROMOTIONS



**Great Value for Money
"Take-away Wine"**

Life is too short to drink supermarket wine, so check out the very competitively priced selection this month.

Great value for money...

How to order?

- Please fill out the enclosed order form or pick up the form at the G/F Lobby or download it from our website www.hkfc.com.hk
- Fax it to: 2576 7598 or e-mail to: bar@hkfc.com
- Please allow 5 working days for the processing of your order

** Allocation is limited so all purchases are on a first come first served basis

**Organizing a
Christmas
Party?**

Just over 2 months to go before sharing the joy of Christmas! If you have not yet organised Christmas parties for your fellow staff, colleagues, friends and family. We have plenty of recommendations for a perfect festive celebration.

For enquiries or bookings, please call the Catering Department on 2830 9512 or email to: catering@hkfc.com



**2013
NEW YEAR'S
EVE PARTY**

TUESDAY 31st DECEMBER • SPORTS HALL

7.30pm Reception / 8.30pm Buffet Dinner
Members \$1,400 per person /
Non-Members \$1,900 per person

Hong Kong Football Club once again hosts one of the best parties in town. All the partying you can handle, including live music from the UK, a spectacular buffet spread loaded with international flavours, champagne and free flowing drinks all night and a fabulous breakfast to start the New Year in style!

Book now! Make sure you are at the BEST New Year's Eve party in town!

Book one complete table of 12 people by Monday 18th November and get 3 FREE bottles of Veuve Clicquot for your table

 Booking form available at the Front Desk and it can be downloaded from our website. You can also email: catering@hkfc.com



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1946-47 AND ALL THAT....

When HKFC and Sing Tao Sports Club combined in a Soccer Rehabilitation Partnership....

Club went south in ladder terms; Sing Tao earned a world tour and a reception in London at the Palace – Theatre, that is...

1947 was a vintage year. It was the year I was born, as vintage as you can get. '1947' in its caption was a reason I noted the photo on this page during a daily surf on eBay. I read what the listing said about Sing Tao and the photo's origins and decided the Club had to take possession. Calculating the HKFA would break a leg to get their hands on such a photo added impetus to winning the auction. Here are the thousand words, give or take, that this picture is worth.

■ *By Denis Way*

(Right:)
The English press
caption to this vintage
photo reads:

**"CHINESE
FOOTBALLERS VISIT
THE THEATRE
– 22 August 1947.**

The Chinese footballers who are over here to play various British football teams, visited the Palace Theatre this evening with their first opponents, Dulwich Hamlet. They saw '1066 And All That' starring Doris Hare and Leslie Henson. Photo shows – Leslie Henson (who made a speech of welcome in Chinese) and Miss Doris Hare with members of the Chinese Football Team, backstage at the Palace Theatre this evening."



Creating a Soccer partnership

1946-47 was the first post-war football season. Government emphasis was on rehabilitating sport after the ruination of Japanese occupation. Central to the process was (Sir) Arthur Morse, President of both HKFC and HKFA. His strategy included re-establishing the Club Stadium as HQ for Soccer, and creating a nexus between HKFC and Sing Tao Sports Club. 1946-47 would see these 'partners' go in opposite directions on the League ladders: Sing Tao top, HKFC bottom of 1st and 2nd Divisions.

Sing Tao had made its first appearance on the Hong Kong Soccer scene in 1940, with instant impact. Page 86 of *along the sports road* reports on the last weekend of football before the invasion: 'In League 1st Division, Club lay fourth-bottom of a dozen sides, having lost six of eight games played, sandwiched between KFC (Kowloon) and Police. Sing Tao were on top, SCA (South China Athletic) second and Kwong Wah third. The 'B' XI made no bones about owning bottom rung in their sixteen-side division, of which Sing Tao was also on top.'



The cover of the 7 May 1946 programme for *1066 And All That* at the Palace Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London.

An essential commodity

On 1 May 1946, a Civil Administration resumed governing Hong Kong. The following excerpts are from Pages 97 to 105 of *along the sports road*:

Soccer...was tacitly declared an essential commodity. (The game) was a form of 'liberation currency.' The Government required it as social distraction at a testing time for public morale, with rationing of food and other essentials in force. The game would be tossed a lifeline for season 1946-47, via the HKFA, and the Hong Kong Football Club with it.

The first post-war general meeting of the HKFC...held two days before Sir Mark Young's administration took over, on Monday, 29 April 1946 in the Gloucester Hotel...was attended by 19 Club members... Club, deadly serious about fielding an XI for 1946-47, came to a working arrangement with Sing Tao, which had the same objective... A follow-up meeting was held five days later... (Those) present included...H.K. Lee representing Sing Tao which, it was agreed, would receive an equal share of gate receipts for erecting the stand. ... HKFC would take responsibility for restoring the soccer pitch.

The first AGM 'since the cessation of hostilities' was attended by 29 members at the Gloucester Hotel. ... The Club ground was opened for training on 1 August. ... On 4 September 1946 the *(China) Mail* had some excited words to say on football: *Despite the fact that fewer football pitches will be available this year, the HKFA is arranging for a bigger soccer programme than before the war and it is calculated that more than 500 League and Shield games will be played this season.*

Licking wounded egos

A seven-a-side soccer competition was played at the Club ground on...14/15 September 1946. Club entered four teams (in) a chock-a-block programme. Adults were asked to pay \$2.40 for admission with the proceeds going to charity. ... In the final on the Sunday afternoon, Sing Tao 'A' beat SCA 'A' 2-1.

On 26 September 1946, two days ahead of the first weekend of League Soccer since 6/7 December 1941, the Club ground was re-opened by (President) Morse. 25 matches were scheduled in two divisions on various pitches, starting with contests between the two clubs 'expected to be fittest due to the availability of the Club ground for training' – HKFC and Sing Tao, the co-tenants. ... The (1st Division game) was a 5-2 win to Sing Tao. (Next) month, attention was focused on the stands at the HKFC ground... a contract worth \$37,000 was signed...for their erection. Sing Tao Sports Club was to finance the project, assisted in November by a \$10,000 advance from the HKFA.

League Soccer was back... (But while) HKFC provided the main arena for football, as the FA had intended, the Club sides were wooden-spooners – 'A' XI was bottom of 12 teams in 1st Division...the junior XI was last on a ladder of eighteen teams in 2nd Division. Sing Tao was king of both.

Sing Tao headed 1st Division on 32 points, second was South China on 30. Their 23 March 1947 derby on the Club ground, won by Sing Tao, filled the stands despite the weather, thousands of later arrivals



(Above:)
[Sir] Arthur Morse, chief of HSBC in the post-war years up to 1953. One of the tasks he took on during Hong Kong's recovery from the Pacific War was the rehabilitation of horse-racing and physical recreation, especially Soccer. He was President of HKFC 1946-1953, also of HKFA during the vital early post-war stage.
(Courtesy HSBC Asia-Pacific Archives.)

(Below:)
View of Happy Valley from Mt Cameron circa September 1946, showing the HKFC ground with pitch prepared and wooden stands erected ready for the start of the historic 1946-47 football season.
(Photograph by Hedda Morrison; Courtesy Harvard-Yenching Library.)



being ‘turned away.’ Club’s co-tenant also won the senior Challenge Shield, re-presented by HKFC in extension of a tradition dating back to 1896. That summer, Club’s Soccer men hid in the Main Bar licking wounded egos, while Sing Tao Sports Club were funded to a heroes’ world tour, which lasted through the entire off-season.

On English grass

The Soccer tourists represented not only Hong Kong but also – read the British press when they got to England – China. Off-pitch they wore blazers embroidered with the Sing Tao crest and ‘1947 HONG KONG.’ They began in Shanghai, where six of their best XI played in the Hong Kong Interport side. By May they were in Manila for a series of wins, followed by more in Singapore, Rangoon (in July), Bangkok, Penang and Singapore again. Scorecard for 25 games on the four-month Asian leg of Sing Tao’s world tour was 22 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses.

On 23 August 1947, Sing Tao played on English grass,


in London vs. Dulwich Hamlet FC, who premeditated their 5-2 victory by the previous night taking their guests to the Palace Theatre to see the stage musical *1066 And All That*, where the photo on page 12 was taken. Of nine matches in England, the tourists’ two wins were against Oxford City (4-1) and Ilford (4-3). On the way home, two games were played in Holland: 1-7 vs. FC Blau-Wit in Amsterdam and 3-5 vs. ADO Den Haag. By then, Sing Tao were tired travellers.

Sing Tao was still associated with HKFC in 1954-55, the season for which the Club Stadium was rebuilt as an all-concrete structure. Page 122, *along the sports road* reads: ‘...the stadium design included office facilities and interior space that would be taken up by organisations like the HKFA... Sing Tao Sports Club, Chinese Amateur Athletic Association, Chinese Football Federation and the Boy Scouts.’ Sing Tao turned pro in 1968-69, persevering until dissolution in 1999. Six Senior Shields – the ‘HKFC’ trophy – had been won, the first in 1947, that personally vintage year. ■

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Friendly Game with CCC on 17th August

CCC Friendly Game

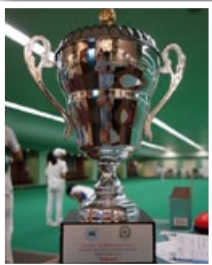
Saturday 17th August

Saturday 17th August saw us host CCC for the Friendly Neighbourhood Trophy which was in the hands of our guests.

Six mixed rinks had been organized by **Bernard** and in proper friendly atmosphere we were able to recapture the Cup by winning 4 rinks to 2 with **Wanis, Derek, Terry** and **James** leading their respective rinks to victory. Undoubtedly the advantage of playing on our Indoor Green proved the crucial point as it was noted that in the 5 times we have played for this cup, the home team has been the victor. So the challenge for us next year is to see if we can retain the cup playing away to CCC.

My thanks also to **Walter** for all the pre match organization.

■ **Roger Nissim, Chairman**



RBSC Friendly Game

Friday 23rd August

Friday 22nd August saw the Section host the Royal Bangkok Sports Club's lawn bowlers to a friendly warm up game in preparation for their triangular tournament with KCC and KBGC. Despite the heavy rains the excellent drainage of our new lawn enabled us to play three rinks and once our visitors had got the hang of our green we ended up having a very close game. The visiting captain **Ken Ho** exchanged mementos with our Chairman, **Roger**, who confirmed that we were looking forward to a formal Interport fixture in Bangkok this coming December.

Thanks to **Johnny** for all his liaison and coordination work that enabled this event to take place.



Summer League Results

Congratulation to Team Energizer Bunnies (Convenor: **Tom Rhodes**) for winning a double Champion (League + Playoff) this summer season.

The final was a real heart-breaker for the challenger, Team Accident Prone (Convenor: **Eli Bitan**), which gave it their all to tie the Bunnies in both matches (3-3-) and games total (10-10) only to lose the Playoff title on a technicality (Winner determined by Final League ranking)! Anyway, it made a great final series and the match-ups between **Jon/Terry** and **Lawrence/Eli** were definitely some of the most memorable summer league matches in recently years.

This year's Plate Competition turned out to be another nail-biter with the Champion went to Team Gangsta (Convenor: **Rob (Baseball) Jones**) which defeated Team Hardball (Convenor: **Eddie Wu**) by the narrowest margin of just 2 games!

Lastly, the year's Wooden Spoon contenders were Team Blockers (more appropriately nicknamed Team Vanished), lead by a very brave **Roger Liden** with his 5 ringers, and Team Darth Breathers (convenor: **Nick Stearns**). At the end, it was Nick's team that prevailed and Roger gracefully stayed behind to receive the much dreaded Wooden Spoon.

All in all, it was one of the most keenly contested Summer Leagues in recent years. My thanks to all the convenors who helped made this year's Summer League a success.

I hope everyone had a good time and wish you all a healthy Winter Season. For detailed results please visit www.hkfsquash.com

■ *Simon Ho*

TEAM PLACINGS	
Cup champions	Energizer bunnies
Runners up	Accident prone
Third	Casual Squashers
Fourth	FTW
Plate champions	Gangsta
Sixth	Hardball
Seventh	Darth Vaders
Wooden Spoon	The Blockers



HKFC Captain
Elliot
Froidevaux vs
KCC Captain
Rebecca Chiu

HKFC v Kowloon Cricket Club

Saturday 31st August

After a gap of 8 years, the KCC Captain's Challenge Match was brought back to life on 31st August with 24 highly motivated players from each side contesting. The first ever challenge took place back in 1982 and a large Silver Shield was waiting to be engraved with the winning team's name at the end of the day.

At the start of the day, the historical match score was seven to six in favour of the HKFC, but with home advantage and an extremely strong squad, KCC were undoubtedly favourites to even the series. After the first 8 games, it was looking very ominous for HKFC, who were trailing 7-1, but a spirited run in to the end saw respectability restored and the final score was 15-9 to KCC, so leveling the series some 31 years after the first match!

Best of all, there was much excellent squash and every game was played in great spirits on both sides. This match was as much about socializing between the clubs and in spite of the thunder storms, we all retired for a (covered) poolside BBQ where we enjoyed fine company, marvelous food and our Club Captain Elliot Froidevaux presented the Silver Shield to KCC captain Rebecca Chiu. To be reclaimed next year!

Game in action:
James Zhang vs
Chu Kwok Kei





Left:
Last year's
Wing Ding
Fancy Dress
Squash
Tournament

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15th Wing Ding Fancy Dress Squash Tournament



Saturday 23 November

The 15th Wing Ding Fancy Dress Squash Tournament (“Wing Ding”) will be held at the Club’s Squash Centre on Saturday 23rd November 2013. Wing Ding is Hong Kong’s largest, most fun and fantastical squash fixture and brings together all of the major squash-playing clubs in Hong Kong. This year 14 teams of 10 players, covering the full range of playing abilities, will battle it out in a “running teams” tournament. This involves each player playing a continuous series of games without a break for nearly 40 minutes. That may not sound like much - but try playing hard squash without a break for 40 minutes and find out for yourself! While the squash is very competitive, the tournament is all about having fun, so each team is assigned a colour with extra points being awarded for a team’s attire - the more outrageous the better. It is not unknown for Santa Claus to be seen rallying with a tutu clad ballerina, while the Fred Flintstone and Super Mario do battle on an adjacent court!

The Wing Ding tournament started as a way to celebrate the life of YUEN Kam-Wing “Wing”, an inspirational, physically disabled Urban Council Squash Centre employee who passed away in 1998. A substantial amount of money has been raised in Wing’s honour throughout the years. Since 2003, the Wing Ding has gathered an astounding HK\$ 6,089,072.82 for Operation Santa Claus, the annual charity appeal organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK. Last year’s Wing Ding garnered a whopping HK\$ 1,814,209.00 for the charities supported by Operation Santa Claus, including Operation Smile.

Wing Ding is a fun tournament that supports a very worthy cause – so please come down to the HKFC Squash Centre on **Saturday 23rd November** take in the colourful spectacle, enjoy the fun, and make the 15th Wing Ding the best ever!

Anyone wishing to make a donation, or donate raffle prizes or auction items to the Wing Ding fundraising effort for Operation Santa Claus, should contact **Tim Everest** at tim@hk.polargrp.com

Please visit the official Wing Ding website for further information: www.wingdinghk.com

The Wing Ding Charity Squash Tournament is also on Facebook. ■





2020 Bid Update

IOC Decision Is 'Heart-Breaking' Says WSF President

Sunday 8th September, Buenos Aires:

World Squash Federation (WSF) President N Ramachandran, who led the Squash presentation at today's IOC Session in Buenos Aires, admitted that he was heart-broken at the decision that squash was not chosen for the 2020 Olympics in Japan.

"As the only new Olympic sport on today's shortlist, we believed Squash offered something for the future and I still hope that our inclusion may still be possible.

The feedback we have received from many IOC members for our campaign and our presentation has been very positive and I am encouraged by the vote we received today. We have much to offer the Olympic Movement and I am hopeful that today is not the end of our Olympic journey."

Squash 2020 Facebook page has now registered over 124,000 likes (a 21% increase over the last seven days) with the 'Back the Bid' film on YouTube receiving almost 153,000 views and @Vote4Squash Twitter account fast approaching 10,000 followers.

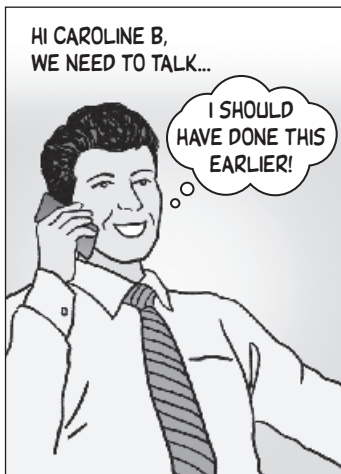
Diary Dates

DATE	EVENT
2nd October 2013	START OF WINTER LEAGUE
6th October	RAINTREE TOUR DOUBLES MATCH IN KL
26th – 27th October	SHANGHAI TOUR MATCHES
23rd November	WING DING FANCY DRESS TOURNAMENT
30th November	SINGAPORE CRICKET CLUB TOUR MATCH - SINGAPORE
1st December	TANGLIN TOUR DOUBLES MATCH IN SINGAPORE
14th December 2013	SQUASH CHRISTMAS PARTY (Venue TBA)

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Prudential continues its support of the HKFC Crusaders

The Prudential Assurance Company is continuing its support and endorsement of the HKFC Crusaders development soccer programme for a fourth season.

Chief Executive **Derek Yung**, an ardent soccer fan himself, said "Prudential Hong Kong is committed to promoting healthy and active lifestyles through our products and social responsibility programmes within the community and we are delighted to continue our support of the HKFC Crusaders who are an inspiration to us all."

Nigel Merritt, the HKFC Crusaders Head Coach told the magazine that he was delighted with the continued

sponsorship of the Crusaders by the Prudential as it allowed further building and strengthening of this important soccer programme and unique part of the Club's Soccer Section, which has grown from strength to strength over the past 3 years since the Prudential's involvement. With upwards of 60 registered players, ranging in age from 7 years old to over 40, male and female and new players joining monthly, the volunteer coaches from the Soccer Section are going to have their hands full this coming season. ■

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Chairman's Comments



Nick Studholme-Wilson, Hockey Section Chairman

Dear all,

The new season is underway and there has been a lot done to ensure that we get off to a good start. Due to the division of the leagues into two parts at the half waypoint in the season, it is important for all teams to have a strong start. As always Chappie, Claire and Martin have done a superb job to ensure that we are all ready for our forthcoming encounters.

The squads are all looking very solid and we have managed to attract more than our fair share of talent over the summer. The premierships teams in both the Ladies' and Men's sections have got some strong new players, who we have high hopes for this season. I cannot wait to see them in action.

The junior section has also continued to attract new players. The success of the junior programme over the last few years and their performance in tournaments has become a magnet for new players. This year we will have over 260 players registered in the junior section versus the 30 we had when my children joined the program six years ago!

One of our most important developments has been ensuring a route from juniors to the senior section. The last five years has seen very few juniors passing into the Men's section, as we traditionally seem to lose the boys to football and other sports. This year I am pleased to say that we will have eleven boys moving up to play senior hockey. To all the girls and boys making the big leap this season, I look forward to watching how your game develops.

On a more negative subject I would like to mention one of the big problems we are having in the Section: "balls". We are getting through way too many balls in a season because they get borrowed and never returned or they go over the fence and no one retrieves them. The cost for replacing them has got a bit silly so we all need to take collective ownership of the problem.

On a final note I would like to mention the Hong Kong World Grand Masters tournament, taking place at the end of October. We have teams from Japan, Korea, Malaysia and the Alliance playing. It would be great if we can make them feel welcome and provide lots of support.

Have a successful and enjoyable season.

■ Nick

Ladies Captain's Message



Claire Archer, Ladies Captain

August saw a great turn out at pre-season training and fitness and it was great to see so many old and new faces. Interest in joining HKFC has been greater than ever.

The season started on 7th September with an 11-a-side tournament for 6 of our ladies teams in Premier – Division 2.

The Ladies A team took risks at the tournament, playing an aggressive, dynamic new formation. Whilst they are disappointed to have missed out on silverware, they are excited about the season ahead and to coming out on top in the long run.

The Bs made a very promising start to the season, with new recruit goalie **Katherine Nagengast** keeping a clean sheet during the pool games. This brought the B team up against KCC in the semi-finals, where, despite putting up a strong fight, they were defeated 1-0 by an impressive reverse stick shot in the final few minutes of the match. It looks like the B team could be a force to be reckoned with in the Premier league this year!

The Ladies C's have also had a number of new players in their team, and they started the season like they mean to go on – winning this years Division 1 tournament - congratulations ladies!

The D Team made an encouraging start to the season too. While the team did not progress to the semi-finals, they were undefeated in the group stages and kept a clean sheet across all three matches against HKFC C, Skyers and HKCC. The core members of the team from last season slotted back into their form and the new additions to the team are proving a lovely fit!

The Ladies E's were out in numbers and started the year off well by winning the Division 2 tournament. Congratulations to the Dinos!



Ladies C team

LADIES WHO REPRESENTED HONG KONG IN THE ANNUAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Ladies F's have moved up to Division 2 this year and, despite not having a full squad out, they made it through to the semis where they faced the Dinos. **Jo Fergus** and **Aiko Henderson** were the Foxes' MVP's for the day.

The 2013/14 leagues start up again on September 14th so it's time to play hard and win some trophies.

In other news, three of the Ladies' A team represented Hong Kong in the

2nd Annual Invitational Tournament played at Kings Park in late August. **Sam Hill** (HK Captain), **Nicola Sawyer** and **Eli Vos** all represented HK with our girls scoring the majority of the goals for HK. We wish them all good luck with Eli playing in the 8th Women's Asia Cup 21st-29th September in Kuala Lumpur and all three playing in the 6th East Asian Games in Tianjin, China 6th – 15th October.

■ *Claire Archer*



Sam Hill



Nicola Sawyer



Eli Vos



Dinos and Foxes

In the Ladies Section the E and F teams, aka the Dinos and the Foxes, are both in the Second Division for the 2013/2014 season, the Foxes were promoted from the Third Division after topping it most convincingly in the 2012/2013 season.

Saturday 7th September saw both teams at Boundary Street for the HKHA 's a 11 a side tournament. With the Dinos in Pool 1 with Elite B and Valley C and the Foxes in Pool 2 with Recreio B and LHT A the idea was that we would meet in the final to give Club a one two.

The best laid schemes of mice and men....the Dinos ended up meeting the Foxes in the semi finals! So the Club didn't get a one two but got a one as the Dinos, having beaten the Foxes, went on to beat Recreio B 2-0

in the final. The Foxes had won against Recreio B in their pool so the Dinos hoped for a win, they did with goals from **Carol Boag** and **Abi Tyrrell**.

The tournament organizer was the HKHA Women's Section Hon Sec, Club's very own **Rhona Barr**, needless to say it was well organized and good fun. The two Club teams shared a bus and an eskie there and back (thank you Foxes!), with oranges and bananas supplied by **Pat Cunningham** and egg sandwiches supplied by **Debbie MacLeod** a good time was had by all!

■ *Alison Cabrelli*

Captain's Call



Andrew Eagle,
Club Captain

By the time you read this the regular season will likely be underway, and I'm looking forward to reporting some early wins. In the meantime, the Rugby Section has already kicked off with some pre-season success and made a statement of intent for this year.

First up, the Thomas Pink Kings of Sevens tournament. Having dominated the group stages at the first event hosted by HK Scottish, Club progressed to the final, losing narrowly to Valley 7-5 in a typical back-and-forth sevens match.

Undeterred, Club moved on to tournament number two of three in the series at DEA. Moving up a gear, Club again rolled through the group stages, before blowing away Kowloon 19-7, including two tries by winger **Adam Raby**. This leaves Club sitting pretty and 4pts clear at the top of the table with the final event to be hosted by Cricket Club in the New Year.

Representative honours have been gained in both the senior men's and women's section, with **Hone Patrick, Rob McDermott, Ant Phillips, Mike McKee, Niall Rowark** and **Gavin Hadley** all chosen for the Hong Kong A 15s. Special mention for **Guy Payn** who was selected as captain.

In women's 15s, **Fiona Atkinson, Allison Lee** and **Aileen Ryan** all travelled with Hong Kong to Kazakhstan for the World Cup Qualifiers.

Further congratulations go to **Jamie Hood** and **Royce Chan** for earning full-time status at the Hong Kong Institute of Sport, with Jamie also earning captaincy of the Hong Kong Sevens team. Club representing in the sevens strongly again with new signing **Tom McColl** and youngster **Raef Morrison** pulling on the Hong Kong shirt.

Finally, well done to **Dani Means** and **Royce Chan**, who were joined by **Adam Raby** in representing Hong Kong at the All China Games in Liaoning, also in sevens.

...and that's the thing with Football Club. Most others would be happy writing that as an end-of-season report, but we've only just got started! It makes me proud to be part of a club that demands and delivers the best, and I can't wait to see what else we achieve this season. Good work.

In other news, we had a fun combine event with some impressive performances and we're welcoming in new faces which is great. Numbers at training have also been excellent. I'm actually writing this on a beach on holiday, and I wish I was at training...almost. Talking of which, a rumour has been circulating that enforcer **Mike Glancy** will be resting his weary frame for the year and joining our illustrious coaching team. All those who used to shy away from full-contact training sessions can now rest easy.

We've also been busy on tour giving back to the local community - have fun reading **Animal's** report from the Fat Boy 10s.

Last but not least, this year we are very grateful to once again have Newedge as our main sponsors, with DHL, Qnet, Talent2, CBRE and Guinness also lending their generous support.

See you down the Club. ■ *Eagle*



Dani Means
and **Royce Chan**



Club 7s team



Club players representing Hong Kong A

Philippines Tour: Fat Boy 10s

At short notice and with the chief proponent of this tour, not me, being abroad in the run up we managed to send a team of five and one manager to the Fat Boy 10's in Angeles. Anson Bailey and his rotund comrades had been pestering us for years to enter a team and the committee decided, with perhaps a little prompting from myself, to participate in this charitable event.

Most of us, which is not very many really, travelled down on the Thursday evening on Tiger Air. Now, I thought this would be good for my finances and would lower the early alcohol consumption; I'm a Yorkshireman and don't like paying for booze on a plane. The plan was working well until a very generous chap from another club sat on my row and produced a bottle of Jamesons. He appeared particularly distraught as he had lost the bottle top and was obviously very worried about spilling it. There was obviously no other option but to help him drink it so the precious fluid was not lost. Sad to say, but we managed to do so on a flight of 90 minutes.

Arrival procedures went by in a blur and we were then whisked off to the hotel in a stretch limo, I was told of the reason but seem to have forgotten, however I do think HK\$80 was a fair price. Quick check in and explore the town in order to take on fluids for the next day. Daylight was not welcomed with open arms by myself, in fact I had problems opening my eyes! Eventually we all managed to reconvene and were joined by the final two members of our elite band of tour 'pathfinders'. Youngy did liken us to an SAS squad sent on a first and very dangerous mission, however **Mike Courtney** summed it up best as the Charge of the Light Brigade – Into the valley of death rode the six hundred (all fairly accurate apart from the last word in the phrase). This was a quieter and more sedate evening but we did find time to assist in the testing of new law enforcement equipment and spent some time liaising with the local authorities.

Game day dawned and, taking my management duties very seriously, I ensured that all were roused from their slumbers. Not for the faint hearted as most of the team sleep in their birthday suits and ripping back the sheets was more of a shock for me. On arrival at the ground

we were heartily welcomed by all, and the other teams, who normally hate us in Hong Kong, ensured that we had ten players and subs for our three group games. We were fortunate to finish last in our group but some sterling efforts in the knockout stages saw us lose narrowly in the Shield final and therefore bring home some silverware; which I think even managed to come back with us to Hong Kong.

The rugby was fun, the camaraderie excellent but the highlight was seeing the orphans who benefit from this event. Busloads were ferried in during the day and fed whilst they watched a bunch of 'has beens' and 'never wases' make fools of themselves on the pitch. Mind you, I do think that sending them home in Fat Boys T shirts could be construed as child abuse in most jurisdictions. The dinner in the evening was more of the same in terms of fun and merriment but it also managed to raise over a million pesos at the auction.

Finally, I'd like to thank the guys who made it to the tour at short notice and recommend that others jump on the bandwagon next year. The Pot Bellied Pigs Fat Boy 10's is a fun tournament to be in, but most important it does a tremendous amount of fund raising work for orphanages in the area. Now that has to be a great reason to tour!

■ *Animal*



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Chairwoman's Comments

Karin Looram,
Netball DSA Chairwoman

Another season has almost kicked off and the DSA is very excited with the team line ups for this season! We have some great new talent to share with the DSA and of course, loads of talented returning players looking to add to the trophy shelf!

As well, our Juniors have been in training now for over a month and they too will start competition in October, good luck to all the teams.

The big highlight for HKFC Netball recently was the visit of **Margaret Angove**. Margaret is known in Australia as the "South Australian Coach of the Century", so you can imagine how excited and honoured HKFC was to have her on our soil to share her wealth of knowledge and experience with us. Margaret has worked extensively with South Australian Netball, and is the former coach of the Adelaide Thunderbirds.

As well as coaching, Margaret was able to share her insights into the other facets of netball, such as the team selection process and junior team management.

We thank Margaret for sharing all that she knows with us and sharing loads of laughs with us along the way. Check out some of the photos from her visit.

Some of you might remember a magazine article I did last year regarding a certain '**Victoria Smith**' from Wellington's Central Pulse team? Yes, well awesome news to report is that she is now here in HK and you will see her on court in HKFC kit!!



Victoria Smith

So excited to have such an amazing talent with us and I am sure she will show us how the game is really played down under. I encourage you to come down to the courts to watch her and her team mates in action.

With some of the logistics still to be finalized and the transition this year to an electronic registration system, I do ask that everyone keep the lines of communication open, and as always, keep them positive. The committee is working hard to make sure the season runs smoothly so be proactive in coming to us should anything come up.

Good luck and play hard! ■



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Start of Season Tennis Schedule

The Hong Kong winter tennis league starts this year on the 23 September. The teams have been training hard and can hopefully improve on last year's results. The Tennis Society has four men's teams and two ladies' teams playing in the HKTA evening tennis league. Below are the home games for October for the respective teams. All matches start at 7.15pm on the HKFC courts. There will be some great tennis on display, so come down and support your team.

MEN'S TEAMS

MEN'S A+ DIVISION		
Date	Home	Away
3/10	HKFC	HILLTOP
24/10	HKFC	PACIFIC
31/10	HKFC	HKCC

MEN'S B DIVISION		
Date	Home	Away
22/10	HKFC	RECREIO 1
29/10	HKFC	CRC 2

MEN'S C DIVISION		
Date	Home	Away
2/10	HKFC	KINGSWOOD
16/10	HKFC	LRC 1
30/10	HKFC	VTC

MEN'S D DIVISION		
Date	Home	Away
10/10	HKFC	THKJC 2
17/10	HKFC	CSSA

LADIES'S

LADIES' A DIVISION		
Date	Home	Away
21/10	HKFC	HKCC

LADIES' B DIVISION		
Date	Home	Away
8/10	HKFC	CRC 2
15/10	HKFC	THKJC



Battle of the Sexes (Ladies A vs Mens C)

Friday 30 August 2013

Following a most sociable evening of revelry shared with the visiting tennis team from Bangkok, the Ladies A team, fueled by a glass or three, challenged the Men's C team to a game of tennis. The weeks of doubt between the challenge and the match did nothing for the C team's peace of mind, who had everything to lose but little to be gained apart from a free dinner paid for by the defeated! "Friendly" banter between the two protagonists was not always so friendly and an edge definitely crept in as the date drew nearer. Modesty (and not a little cowardice) forbids recounting the details but there were several close 6-4 sets. Excuses about not having strongest players available fell on deaf ears. But most importantly the evening afterwards was enjoyed by both teams, so much so that after a few beer jugs a rematch was being talked about!

By the way the ladies paid for a delightful dinner which couldn't have tasted better!

Men's C Captain

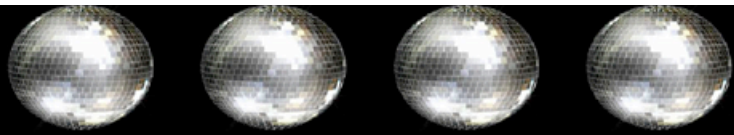


BLACK & WHITE

Dress Code; Black & White Evening Attire

Time to get your best threads out of the cupboard for the annual HKFC Tennis Society Ball. At \$590, this is the best deal in town!!

Entertainment will be provided by 'The Village Dogs', with lots of fantastic prizes and giveaways on the night. Register through the Tennis Society website <http://www.hkfcennis.com/events> or send an email to tennisociety@gmail.com. Family and friends welcome!



Saturday 2nd November 2013

7:30pm until late....

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19th Hole

KSC Outing Saturday 3rd August

Bad weather caused disappointment for 14 Golf Society (GS) members who set off for Kau Sai Chau (KSC) on Saturday 3rd August. They turned up at the golf course only to be informed that it had been closed and had to trek back to the Club without swinging their clubs. Better luck next time!

Annual Club Championship and Dinner

Sunday 18th August

19 men and 7 ladies enjoyed a good round of golf at KSC East Course and South Course on a relatively cool and breezy Sunday morning (by August standards). Everyone gave their best effort to contest in dual format to the gross championships and net Stableford competitions. The winners were:

Men Gross Champion:

Phil Head with a gross score of 83 with **Dallas Reid** and **Terry Wright** coming second and third with scores of 84 and 85 respectively.

Below and right:
Dinner at the Club
following the Annual
Club Championship



Phil Head



Emma Pike with supporters



Other winners

Ladies Gross Champion:

Emma Pike won comfortably with a score of 82. **Lily Chan** and **Lana Woo** came second and third at 92 and 98 respectively.

Men / Ladies Best Net:

Guy Devenish and **Elsa Lee**

Nearest to Pin:

Beatrice Lin and **Phil Head**. Longest Drive: **Terry Wright**

Back at the Club, Members enjoyed a relaxed and fun evening. Thanks to **Dallas Reid** for organizing a quiz

thereby requiring diners to put on their golf thinking caps whilst wining and dining. For those who had missed the fun, here are a few questions to scratch your head:

(Answers will be given in the next edition.)

- How many majors has Phil Mickleson won? In addition to Mickleson how many other lefties have won majors? Name them.
- How many Open courses are there on the current rota? Name them.
- Name two examples of when you lift your ball in play and are not allowed to clean it.



Tentative Upcoming Events

**7th October –
Kau Sai Chau South**

**21st October –
Walmsley Cup,
Kau Sai Chau South**

**8th November – Discovery
Bay**

**18th November –
Kau Sai Chau East**



Match against Discovery Bay Residents Golf Society

Monday 2nd September

This new fixture was held on 2nd September at the Discovery Bay Golf Club. GS fielded in a strong team, in top form with multiple winnings at recent outings, including Duncan Spooner, Dallas Reid, Terry Wright, Emma Pike, Nick Allen, Ian Petersen, Darren McEntee, Andrew Wood, Jim Suttie, Malou Pajarito, JP Cuvelier and Nick Rickett. The format of play was an aggregate team Stableford with each team discarding its two worst scores. GS prevailed with a comfortable 328-311 victory. A full report of the match is posted on the website

■ *Margaret Tsai*



A Young CHAMPION *Ka Leung Chan*

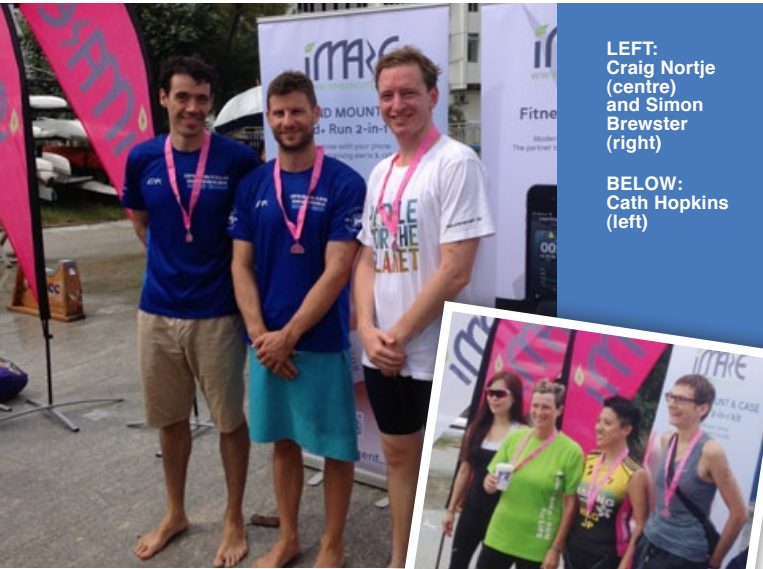
We have recently reported on a number of excellent achievements of HKFC players in local badminton tournaments. This month we can add to that list with the news that **Ka Leung Chan**, at 16 the youngest member of HKFC Badminton's First Team, and his partner have won the Mixed Doubles in the Tuen Mun District Championships. At the same Championships, Ka Leung was runner-up in the Men's Singles tournament. Our congratulations go to Ka Leung for a fantastic achievement!

Changes at the Top

It is with regret that we have to announce that, owing to work reasons, **Brian Lovell** is returning to the UK for an indefinite period and has therefore resigned as Chairman of the Badminton Society. Brian has been Chairman for two years and that period has seen a number of very positive developments, particularly around Junior coaching and recruitment and in the creation and development of our league teams. He was also helpful in advising Management as regards aspects of the installation of the new Sports Hall flooring system.

At the Badminton Society Committee meeting on 6th September, in accordance with the Society Bye-laws, **Benjamin Chan** was co-opted as Chairman for the period to the next AGM. The Society would like to thank Brian for everything that he has done for the Society over the last two years and we wish him well in his return to Hildenborough Badminton Club in Kent. We now await the first international match between Hildenborough and HKFC! The Society also looks forward to the continuing development of both Juniors and competitive Senior badminton under Ben's leadership. In this, Ben will be ably supported by his new Vice-Chairman, **Cheung Yu**, who will take particular responsibility for these development areas.

Swimming and Triathlon



LEFT:
Craig Nortje
(centre)
and Simon
Brewster
(right)

BELOW:
Cath Hopkins
(left)



iMAZE OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIP

*2.4km swim in Stanley
Sunday 18th August*

HKFC had a good turnout for the 2.4km swim in Stanley in August and congratulations to **Craig Nortje**, **Simon Brewster**, **Sally Gentle** and **Cath Hopkins** for their podium placings.



2.4km swim		
Craig Nortje	32:51	1st in age group
Simon Brewster	38:21	2nd in age group
Sally Gentle	40:03	3rd in age group
Debbie Hanley	46:54	
Claire Chapman	48:22	
Phil Shirley	50:30	
Anne- Marie Balfe	54:26	
David Howell	1:01:05	
1.2km swim		
Cath Hopkins	32:16	2nd in age group
Caitrin Adorian	35:35	

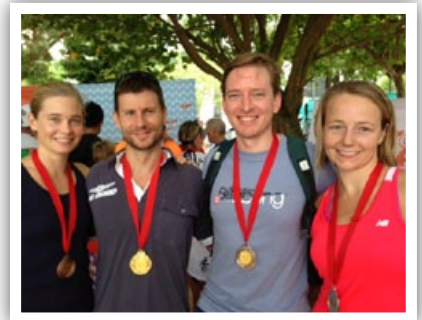
REVOLUTION ASIA

Repulse Bay to Deep Water Bay

1.7km swim

Sunday 25th August

Some excellent performances from **Craig Nortje** (first in age group), **Simon Brewster** (third in age group) and Captain **Sally Gentle** (second in age group). A special mention also to 8 year olds **Erin Shirley** and **Tatum Sadler** for coming second and third in their 250 metre swim.



(L to R): Elizabeth McDonald, Craig Nortje, Simon Brewster and Sally Gentle

Craig Nortje	23:08	1st in age group
Simon Brewster	26:38	3rd in age group
Sally Gentle	27:08	2nd in age group
Phil Shirley	34:46	
Anne-Marie Balfe	37:05	
David Watts	39:19	
Nicolla Russo	41:31	
Cath Hopkins	42:01	
Olivia Wong	42:19	
Michael Sadler	44:26	
David Howell	44:55	
Marfada Oliveria	54:22	



Tatum Sadler and Erin Shirley



STANLEY PIER TO REPULSE BAY PIER

5km swim race

Saturday 14th September

Congratulations to all the HKFC podium place getters at the recent 5km pier to pier swim race.

Craig Nortje	1:04	1st in age group (second overall)
Arthur Li	1:13	1st in age group
Sally Gentle	1:16	2nd in age group
Sean Whipky	1:16	2nd in age group
Alexa Messingham	1:38	1st in age group



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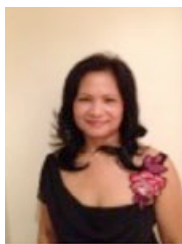
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Ten Pin Bowling News

Right:
All participants

Far Right:
Men's Division
(L to R): Dennis,
Kenny, Bill,
Nick, Mark,
Henry, Jesse,
Leo and
Raymond



Emy Clarke
Treasurer of BIG

Bowling Interest Group ("BIG") recently held a bowling competition which was the highlight of the summer recess. It was very well attended by the BIG members. Winners were determined by total scratch points from 2 games each, Men and Ladies' separately. In the Men's first game the highest scorer was **Henry** with 174 points followed by **Jesse** with 164 and third **Leo**

with 163. In the second game Henry clinched 1st place in fine style with a score of 213 points while the battle for 2nd place became an exciting affair between Leo and **Raymond**. Raymond kept his composure and scored an excellent 192 points to take the 1st Runner Up position.

The overall men's results were: The Champion was Henry with a total score of 387, 1st Runner Up went to Raymond with 349, and in 3rd place was Leo with 314 points.

In the Ladies' games, **Semon** was a strong contender for the Championship. Semon won the 1st game with 169 points, followed by **Tracy** with 163, and **Emy** with 127. In the second game, Semon scored 172 points, Emy scored 193 points and Tracy scored 147 points. Emy had a big comeback in the second game!

The overall women's results were: The Champion was Semon with 341 points, 1st Runner Up Emy with 320 points and then Tracy with 310.

Many thanks to Henry Luy (Chairman) for sponsoring this summer's league.

Please note the 2013-2014 Interclub League Season will start in October. Please check the notice board for game schedules.

Happy striking everyone!!!



Ladies Division (L to R): Semon, Tracy, Thana, Marian, Margaret and Emy



Henry - Men's champion



Raymond - 1st runners up



Semon - Ladies champion



Emy - 1st runners up



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