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The Thoughts of the Chairman



*John J Shanahan,
Chairman*

Dear Members,

After a successful HKFC Citi International Soccer Sevens tournament at the end of May, and a welcome visit to the Club from English Premier League side, Tottenham Hotspur just prior to the tournament for a coaching clinic with our youngsters, the next big sporting event for the Club is the Asia Rugby Championship match between Hong Kong and South Korea on the 3rd June. We had a full house for the Hong Kong versus Japan match last month, so I am looking forward to a good turnout for this match as well. Many congratulations are due to the Club Under 12s Rugby Girls for their performances in the Bangkok Young Ladies Rugby Sevens 2017 competition last month in Thailand where HKFC Ice took the Cup with HKFC Fire first runners-up (and a big thank you to the coaches and parents that made this tour possible).

You will all have received my letters concerning the Masterplan Redevelopment of the 2nd floor facilities. The renovations will commence on the 5th June, and, you will be aware that, after successful discussions with the contractor about safety and access for construction workers, as well as the craning of material

in and out of the Clubhouse via the pool area, during the construction phase, we will be able to keep the Swimming Pool Complex open for the vast majority of the project. Occasional closures, for safety reasons, will take place but Management will endeavour to give you plenty of notice about any restrictions on pool use where necessary. We have also placed a plasma screen display board and other concept design renderings in the 2nd floor lobby to give you all an idea of how the redevelopment project will look in the front-of-house areas when the works are finished, and these will be moved to the 1/F lobby after the renovation works have started.

In closing, may I ask all of you to ensure that your email addresses are up to date at the Club so that we can keep you informed of developments and events as regards the 2/F renovation project in a timely manner. In this respect please contact Reception Staff who will look to get your contact details updated on the membership database.

**John J Shanahan,
Chairman**

MEMBERS OF THE CLUB FOR 25 YEARS OR MORE



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We held a Cocktail Reception on Wednesday 10th May to recognise those who have been a Member of the Club for 25 years, or more.



For Sale CORPORATE SUBSCRIBERSHIPS

The HKFC is currently offering 50 Corporate Subscriberships for sale, at a price of HK\$3.3m each, to help fund the future renovation of the HKFC.

On purchase of a Corporate Subscribership a company becomes a Corporate Member and is entitled to nominate an individual and their immediate family to enjoy the benefits of membership of the HKFC.

More information can be obtained by contacting Kerry Ogle, Membership Services Manager on 2830 9502 or by email to membership@hkfc.com.

For information on HKFC facilities please view the website at www.hkfc.com.hk

Interested parties should submit a written application to:

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



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HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

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New Reciprocal Club: University Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA

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

From the Desk of Mark Pawley



Mark Pawley,
General Manager

At time of writing we have just had the first Black Rainstorm Warning of the summer. Not wishing to actually have any more this summer or indeed, any Typhoon 8's or beyond for that matter, for information please see below Club policy as regards the opening and closing of Club facilities when a Black Rainstorm is issued or a Typhoon 8 signal is hoisted.

With most of the food and beverage facilities on the 2/FI being closed (the Pool Servery will be open) there will be a somewhat reduced offering during the period of the renovation works. But, please note below, per the excerpt from the Chairman's letter to Members on 29th April 2017 what we intend to provide throughout the closure period:

"...the Sportsman's Bar will open daily from 7:30am. It will look to be a combination of the Sportsman's by providing a breakfast in the mornings, and then the Coffee Shop, by providing a Semi-Buffer Lunch and then revert back to a Sportsman's Bar in the evenings. Weather permitting we would look to offer some outdoor cooking stations for BBQ's, Roast of the Evening etc. The Family Lounge Bar on the 1/FI will open at 8:30am and the Captains Bar at 7:30am. Food at the Family Lounge Bar will remain virtually the same as it is whilst at the Captains we intend to offer a Quick Bite Breakfast menu and possibly a Bento Box style lunch along with all that it is currently offering. We are also looking at using the Meeting

Rooms, when available, for lunch where we would look to provide the Carvery style lunch offering we currently provide in the Chairman's Bar and also the Afternoon Tea Set (also currently available in the Chairman's Bar) along with a limited snack menu. At various times we may also look to use the Sports Hall on occasions such as Public Holidays and especially Fathers Day."

On the opposite page there is a full list of opening and closing times for the food and beverage outlets during the renovation period.

We are putting on a Wine Dinner on **Friday 23rd June**, the **"90+ Points Club: the Experts Have Spoken"**, which will be held in the Function Room (aka the Meeting Rooms) on the 1/FI. And, have a go at the **"Beat the Clock" Carlsberg promotion** in the Sportsman's Bar Monday to Friday throughout June.

Congratulations are in order to **Eric, Martha and Steve** who are pictured on the opposite page with the 2017 Quarter 1 Staff Star Awards. Well done to all three of them and also well done to all the other Staff members who were nominated for the Award.

Finally, don't forget Father's Day on **Sunday 18th June** where we will hold a **Father's Day Brunch** in the Sports Hall.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

Mark Pawley,
General Manager



NOTICE TO MEMBERS: TYPHOON AND BLACK RAINSTORM WARNING

- Upon the hoisting of Typhoon Signal No. 8, or above, the Club Premises shall be cleared within 30 minutes of the raising of such Signal
- If such Signal is lowered between 5:00am and 5:00pm, such facilities of the Club as Management shall decide will be reopened that day within two hours of such Signal being lowered.
- If such Signal is lowered between 5:00pm and 5:00am the Club will reopen at 7:00am. Upon the issuance of a Black Rainstorm Warning, the Club, or some of its facilities, may be closed.



Food and Beverage Outlets

Operating hours during the renovation period

During the renovation period from early June, the following Food and Beverage Outlets will remain open. The operating hours and contact information are listed below:

SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Sunday to Thursday
7.30am to Midnight
Friday to Saturday
7.30a.m to 1am

The last food order: 11pm
Tel: 28309531
Email: sportsmans@hkfc.com

FAMILY LOUNGE

Daily: 8.30am to 10pm

The last food order: 9.30pm
Tel: 28372663
Email: bar@hkfc.com

KIOSK

Daily: 10am to 10pm

Tel: 28372678
Email: bar@hkfc.com

CAPTAIN'S BAR

Daily: 7.30am to 11pm

The last food order: 10.30pm
Tel: 28372622
Email: bar@hkfc.com

FUNCTION ROOMS

(on 1/F)

Daily: 12 noon to 6pm

The last lunch order: 2.30pm
Tel: 28372629
Email: bar@hkfc.com

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

Daily: 9am to 6pm
Enquiries: 28372629
Email:
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2017 Q1 Staff Star Award



Eric Ho - Human Resources



Martha Chan - Sports



Steve Fok - Security

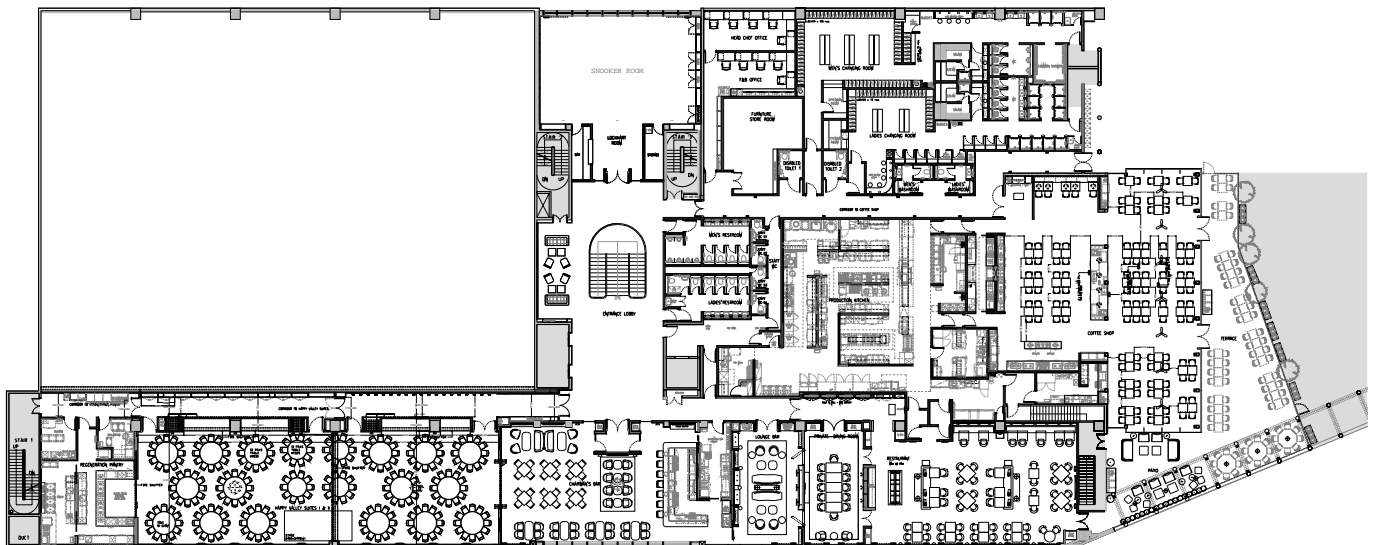
2/FI Facilities Renovation Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Club is now 22 years old and beginning to show its age in areas which have not yet been renovated. There is now a need therefore to renovate/upgrade the 2/FI facilities to maintain the high standards expected within the Club.

These changes are intended to ensure the 2/FI facilities of the Club are returned to a fit and healthy state to last for the next 20 years or so, and include:

- Total Overhaul and re-design of the Main Kitchen.
- Total Overhaul of all Electrical and Mechanical systems throughout the 2/FI.
- Improved and enlarged Coffee Shop.
- Standalone Restaurant.
- Improved and enlarged function space.
- Improved and enlarged Changing Room facilities (including improved Baby Changing/Disabled toilets).
- Improved and enlarged Restroom facilities, including new Restroom facilities adjacent to the Coffee Shop.



Master Layout Plan

COFFEE SHOP

- Provision of a larger fully glass-enclosed space giving an external feel but now without the “Birds”!
- The space will be fully air-conditioned.
- Al Fresco area for dining still available.
- New Restroom facilities located close to Coffee Shop.

These images are concept design renderings and items such as furniture, finishes and artwork etc. are still to be finalised.



Coffee Shop



Coffee Shop - Exterior View

RESTAURANT AND PRIVATE DINING ROOM

- Smaller, more intimate, standalone Restaurant which will take advantage of the new improved Kitchen facilities.
- New permanent and separate Private Dining facility for your more exclusive functions.
- Committed Restaurant space unaffected by functions other than Club special events such as Wine Dinners etc.



Restaurant



Private Dining Room

LOUNGE

- Smaller, more relaxed, and comfortable private area with improved ambience, which gives the space a more “Club” feel.



Lounge Bar
8 Jun 2017

CHAIRMAN'S BAR

- Re-positioning of Chairman's Bar to take better advantage of the "picture" window in order to take in the stunning views of Happy Valley (and the Infield facilities of the Club).



Chairman's Bar

HAPPY VALLEY SUITES

- Improved and enlarged function space, giving improved flexibility for events to be held at the Club.
- Gives the Club the facility to hold large functions without disrupting the use of any of the Restaurant, Private Dining Room or Lounge Area.



Happy Valley Suites

Sunday 18th June

To My SUPER DAD

IN THE SPORTS HALL

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH*

featuring a selection of International Dishes

From 11am to 2.30pm
\$258 per Adult
\$288 per Adult Member's Guest
\$158 per Child (age 3 to 12)
\$168 per Child Guest (age 3 to 12)

Special Cooking Corners:

- Sautéed Australian Wagyu Beef in Teriyaki Sauce
- Italian Pasta in Pesto Sauce
- Cold Cut

Carving Trolley: Roasted Leg of Lamb

- *Special \$80 Beverage Package inclusive of Sparkling Wine, Chilled Juices and Draught Beer.
- *Special \$35 Soft Drink Package inclusive of Chilled Juices and Soft Drinks.
- *All dads will enjoy free flow of selected beer.
- *Book a table of 10 and enjoy 10% off your total bill.

INTERNATIONAL DINNER BUFFET*

From 6.30pm to 9.30pm
\$278 per Adult
\$298 per Adult Member's Guest
\$158 per Child (age 3 to 12)
\$168 per Child Guest (age 3 to 12)

Special Cooking Corners:

- Freshly Shucked Oysters
- Lobster Risotto with Parmesan and Truffle
- Pan-seared Foie Gras on Brioche
- Tempura Corner

Carving Trolley: Beef Wellington



★ Bouncy Castle will be available for children

★ Giant TV screen with kids' movie

Booking is required

For a reservation please call the Catering Department at 2830 9513 or email: catering@hkfc.com

BOOKING PROCEDURE

- Reservations will be allocated on a **first-come-first-served basis**. Bookings must be made by completing the form and Members will be contacted within 2 working days.
- The maximum table capacity is 12 and we will not add to that number. So please do not make a request for a table of 13!
- If your party has less than 10 people, we reserve the right to add people to your table. If you have not organised a full table of 10, we reserve the right to seat you where we can.
- Please use the application form to indicate whom you wish to sit with or near (we will do our utmost to accommodate your request). If you do not make an indication on the application form we will seat you accordingly.
- Cancellations or amendments must be emailed to the Catering Department and must be made before **Friday 9th June** otherwise full payment will be debited to the Member's account.
- Should the number of bookings be too few, the event will be cancelled.



photos for reference only



THE EXPERTS HAVE SPOKEN

FINE WINES AWARDED 90 POINTS AND ABOVE BY LEADING EXPERTS

Venue: Function Room, 1st Floor

Date: 23rd June, 2017 (Friday)

Time: 7:30pm-7:50pm (Pre Dinner Drink)

8:00pm-11:00pm (Dinner)

Canapés

Cajun Salmon with Chive
Risotto Cheese Ball

BERINGER NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY 2014 (90pts, Wine Enthusiast)

1st Course

Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Tartar with Light Sesame Dressing

BERINGER LUMINUS OAK KNOLL DISTRICT CHARDONNAY 2014 (92pts, Vinous Media)

2nd Course

Broiled Pigeon with Morel and Roasted Onion
Sautéed Baby Spinach and Pine Nut

CASTELLO DI GABBIANO RISERVA CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG 2013 (91pts, James Suckling)

STAGS LEAP THE INVESTOR RED BLEND 2013 (90pts, Wine Advocate)

3rd Course

Roasted Dry Aged Rib Eye Beef with Shallot Port Sauce
Roasted Fingerling Potatoes and Broccolini

BEAULIEU VINEYARD GEORGES DE LATOUR PRIVATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012 (94pts, Wine Advocate)

CHATEAU ST JEAN CINQ CEPAGES SONOMA COUNTY 2012 (91pts+, Wine Advocate)

Dessert

Sliced Chestnut Cake, Candied Chestnut and Crème Fraîche

PENFOLDS GRANDFATHER FINE OLD LIQUEUR TAWNY (92pts, Wine Advocate)

Petits Fours and Coffee or Tea

\$538 per Member | **\$578** per Member's guest

Limited seats available.



Please contact the F&B hotline at 2837 2629 for a reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.com.

Last day for cancellation: Tuesday 13th June, 2017

*Cancellations or amendments must be emailed to the restaurant and must be made before 13th June otherwise, full payment will be debited to the member's account, unless there are exceptional circumstances.



LUNCH AT THE CLUB
(once 2nd Floor renovation starts)

SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm

Set Lunch with Starter Buffet

2-Course: \$175
Add \$20 and enjoy a third course
(includes Coffee or Tea)

**CAPTAIN'S BAR AND
FAMILY LOUNGE**

(on 1st Floor)

Selection of sandwiches, salads,
pastas, snacks and hot/cold
beverages

FUNCTION ROOMS

(on 1st Floor)

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm

"Carvery" Set Lunch

3-Course : \$125
4-Course : \$148

Available at the Kiosk

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CHAMPAGNE

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Skillfully balanced champagne with a taste
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for 1 to 11 bottles purchased
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Place the order from the Lobby Wine Kiosk or
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HK \$56

400ml serving

MILK: REGULAR, SKIM OR SOY MILK

At the Sportsman's Bar



On the Big Screen

RUGBY

The **2017 British and Irish Lions tour to New Zealand** will take place during the months of June and July. They will play ten rugby union matches, including against all five New Zealand Super Rugby franchises, the New Zealand Barbarians, the Māori All Blacks and three test matches against New Zealand.

3rd June	NZ Barbarians
7th June	Blues
10th June	Crusaders
13th June	Highlanders
17th June	Māori All Blacks
20th June	Chiefs
24th June	New Zealand
27th June	Hurricanes

England will also be on tour, in Argentina, with games on 10th and 17th June in Santa Fe and San Juan

respectively.

Game 2 of the **State of Origin** series sees NSW vs Queensland in Sydney on 21st June.

F1 AUTO RACING:

Canadian Grand Prix
9th - 11th June

European Grand Prix
23rd - 25th June

TENNIS

Just before Wimbledon in July, players will have a chance to practice at the **Queen's Club Championship** from 19th to 25th June.

With plenty of games and events on this month make sure you look at the notice boards for the updated dates and times.

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

Carvery Weekend
at the Sportsman's Bar

Every Friday from 6pm to 10pm
Every Saturday and Sunday:
Lunch from 11.45am to 2.30pm,
Dinner from 6pm to 9pm

Roasted Prime Rib with Yorkshire Pudding, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans and Gravy

\$118 per Adult, \$72 per Child

Beat the Clock

from Monday to Friday 5pm to 8pm throughout the month of June

A pint of Carlsberg starts at **\$28** and goes up every hour until 8pm*.

Carlsberg

5 to 6pm	\$28
6 to 7pm	\$32
7 to 8pm	\$36

* Limited to Carlsberg draft only



Singapore/Hong Kong American Clubs vs HKFC Squash Match

■ Stephen Gollop

The 22nd April saw the repeat of last year when the Singapore and Hong Kong American Clubs combined to take on the HKFC select squash team.

Hot on the heels of victory over the HK Americans in various sports and a win in last year's match, the home team was quietly confident and looking forward to introducing a cup to celebrate the event, with the HKFC initials suitably (and numerous) inscribed.

Unfortunately the combined Americans (CA) failed to take any notice of our game plan and within minutes were 8 points to 0.5 points up! Fortunately we did not panic and soon produced our first victory and increased our tally to 2 points. Meanwhile, CA rose to 12.5.

Then began the comeback of the season as we clawed our way back to a 1.5 point deficit at 14.5 to 16. With the afternoon all but over, we majestically piled on the pressure and took the lead, 19.5 points to 18, victory was to be ours! In the background, Champagne corks could be heard popping and engraving of the cup had been confirmed. In the foreground we were snatching defeat from the jaws of victory as an inspired CA team dragged themselves back in to the match, bringing their final score up to 23 and beating us by 1 point. Yep, that comeback was from CA!

The match was played with a marvelous spirit throughout and thanks go to Tom Burns from the HK American Club and especially James

Ng from the Singapore American Club, for their efforts in getting such a great bunch of players together.

Nearly 40 retired to the Lockhart Room to listen to speeches (some re-written in haste), whilst the Club looked after us exceptionally well with a fine buffet, fine service and generous wine and beer. With the success of the event, we now plan to hold the match annually.

Fortunately we only have to wait until June for the opportunity of some revenge, with the Section's tour to Singapore fast approaching.



Results:

COURT 1 – Players		Score	HKFC	AC Joint
Niki Chan	Harvey Glick	1 - 3	0.5	2.0
Channi	Morgan Sze	3 - 2	2.0	1.0
Arun Kirpalani	Abesh Ghale	1 - 3	0.5	2.0
Andrew Wood	Iain Kielty	1 - 3	0.5	2.0
			3.5	7.0

COURT 6 – Players		Score	HKFC	AC Joint
Simon Ng	Nirath	0 - 3	0.0	2.0
Fred Teng	Tom Burns	3 - 1	2.0	0.5
Jeff Leung	B. V. Schueren	3 - 0	2.0	0.0
Himmy	George chan	0 - 3	0.0	2.0
			4.0	4.5

COURT 2 – Players		Score	HKFC	AC Joint
Phil Chau	Shaun Benger	0 - 3	0.0	2.0
David Murray	Miles Murphy	1 - 3	0.5	2.0
David Cross	John Lau	3 - 1	2.0	0.5
			2.5	4.5

COURT 7 – Players		Score	HKFC	AC Joint
Damien Laracy	Trond Kyrkjeboe	0 - 2	0.0	1.0
Thomas Cheung	Tan Eng sun	0 - 2	0.0	1.0
Sati	Ewan Kielty	2 - 0	1.0	0.0
Damien Laracy	Tan Eng sun	2 - 0	1.0	0.0
Thomas Cheung	Ewan Kielty	2 - 0	1.0	0.0
Sati	Trond Kyrkjeboe	0 - 2	0.0	1.0
Damien Laracy	Ewan Kielty	2 - 0	1.0	0.0
Thomas Cheung	Trond Kyrkjeboe	0 - 2	0.0	1.0
Sati	Tan Eng sun	0 - 2	0.0	1.0
			4.0	5.0

COURT 5 – Players		Score	HKFC	AC Joint
Mark Sutcliffe	James Ng	3 - 2	2.0	1.0
Charles Li	Wayne Rau	3 - 0	2.0	0.0
Steve Gollop	F. Longuepee	3 - 1	2.0	0.5
Stuart Gates	Paul Denham	3 - 1	2.0	0.5
			8.0	2.0

Final Score: HKFC:22 AC JOINT: 23

Want to Play Competitive Squash?

The Squash Section is holding trials for the 2017/18 season in June. If you are a Club Member and want to play competitive squash, then please come down for try outs. Please fill out the Trials Form on the membership page of our website (<http://www.hkfcsquash.com/index.php/about-us/membership/>). As a Section, we hold regular internal and inter-club competitions, as well as many social events to keep everyone busy on and off season. We are actively looking for Men's and Ladies' squash players. For any further details, please email David at membership@hkfcsquash.com



Bowling against the American Club

Still trying to identify a sport which would produce a victory for the American Club (already failed at baseball!), our squash friends at the American Club visited our Ten Pin Bowling alley on 11th February, hungry for revenge.

However, the combination of plying them with beer and the extraordinary agility of the home team was to thwart them once again resulting in a 3-0 victory to HKFC.

Even with the highest single score being achieved by **John Lau** (222) and the inclusion of **Messrs Cross** and **Gollop** (advantage?) in the team, victory was not obtainable for the visitors.

Highest total score of the day went to **Ian (The Ringer) Burns**, drafted in from the Ten Pin Bowling team, thanks to his representation of St. James's Place, the Section's main sponsor.

All retired to the Coffee Shop for a thoroughly enjoyable supper and consideration of a sport which could see AC victory. Perhaps American football?



Monthly Ladder Movers

Men's

Neil Sadarangam (109)

Terry Lo (63)

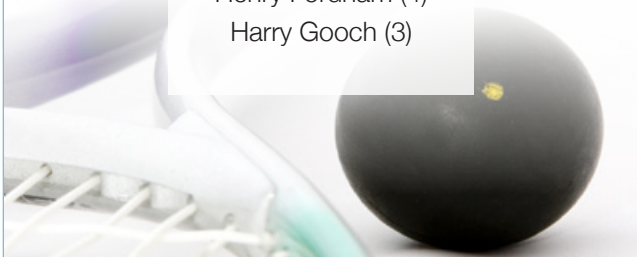
Romaine Chatte (56)

HKFC Junior

Nitesh Melwani (4)

Henry Fordham (4)

Harry Gooch (3)



Squash Kit Must Travel

Here is a photo of **Phil Head** sporting the Squash kit in France.



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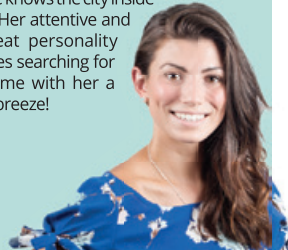
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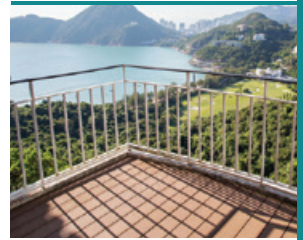


Raised in Hong Kong, Jayde knows the city inside out. Her attentive and upbeat personality makes searching for a home with her a real breeze!

Clearwater Bay - 3 bed - 18.8M



Repulse Bay - 3 bed - 100K



Happy Valley - 3 bed - 47K



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- Private Garden, Shared Pool
- 2808/1473 + 2 C/p CWB1109

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- Open Plan Kitchen, HQ
- Large Private Terrace
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Message from the Soccer Captain



Stephen Tew,
Soccer Section Captain

Hi everyone,

The season is almost over...another hugely successful 7's, congratulations to all involved.

Congratulations to Albion, champions of the Yau Yee League (YYL), and to Colts, YYL Cup winners.

Wanderers, unfortunate this season, losing out on the league by 1 point, YYL Cup semi finalists.

Lucky Miles ran out of games in the end, finishing one win away from promotion, but looking very strong for next season.

At the time of writing, the Ladies are yet to play their play off quarter final, and the HKFC Vets are in contention for the double.

Following are reports from Albion and the Colts.

Finally, a report from Junior Soccer on their recent coaching experiences with Real Madrid.

Cheers,

Tewy

Final YYL Match of the Season

The final day in April, after a long stop-start season, marked the final series of games in the Yau Yee League first division. Club Albion and Wanderers were both in with a chance of winning the league and so both teams had been scheduled to play at 3pm.

The mighty Albion, with a one-point advantage, just needed to win their final game of the season at King's Park against lowly Colloids to once again be crowned champions. Master tactician and player/manager **Tony Hamilton-Bram** with his right hand man **John Casey** in tow, put the team through a warm up and it was then left to **Tom Pughtin** to put the question to the team 'how much do you want this?' and to rouse the squad to deliver the 'Ultimate Performance'. Meanwhile, Colloids were struggling to even muster enough players to make the bare eleven.

The game kicked off with Albion flying out of the blocks, the fit again **Rich Maton** fired in with an astute finish to make it 1-0 within 2 minutes. 1-0 quickly became 2-0

as the enigmatic **Antoine Sahaghian** calmly slotted home. Colloids were now gasping for air in the searing heat and Captain **Tom McGillicuddy** alongside an inspired **Thomas Pugh** were easily snuffing out their attacks. With Albion camped in the Colloids half, a corner was forced and set piece specialist **Jean-Baptiste** whipped in a vicious in-swinging delivery and a Colloids defender under pressure from the colossal **McGillicuddy** had no chance, with **McGillicuddy** tapping in to make it 3-0. There was now no coming back for Colloids with **Tony Hamilton-Bram** drawing a wry smile.

The first half ended with a sublime individual goal from Albion's podiatrist to the stars, **Albin Brion**, who after turning and leaving





YYL Champion 2016-2017



a Colloids defender in his wake caressed a left-foot finish past the despairing keeper. The tenacious **Rich Kell**, a summer signing from Lucky Mile, paired with the wily and reliable **Adrian Worth**, were bossing the midfield. The bronzed **Ned Millington-Buck** was going walkabout up the right flank with the youthful and pacey **Ashley Poon**, providing width on the left. At half time, Albion even had the luxury of replacing keeper **Rudi Hollander** with **Dave Shaw** who both ended up having rather pleasant afternoons as mere spectators.

In the second half, **Sahaghian** effortlessly dispatched a penalty to make it 5-0 and **Maton** added a second of his own by yet again being in the right place at the right time to make it 6-0. Albion were now running riot. The marauding **Colin Spanos** and the artist, **Fouad Ben Allal** both crossed well for **Sahaghian** who was attempting to finish as top scorer in the league but alas it was not to be.

There was even time for a cameo from the talismanic **Craig Tuckerman**, and after breaking down a Colloids move, the ball was fed to **Sakai Masayuki**. **Masayuki** then waltzed past a defender and from twenty-five

yards out, unleashed a ferocious drive that cannoned off the under side of the bar and into the net. 7-0 and a superb moment to end a terrific season. When the final whistle went, Captain **McGillycuddy** held the trophy aloft and celebrations began.

On reflection, Albion proved to be unstoppable in the second half of the season, with 14 League wins in a row, which included 10 clean sheets. The whole squad has contributed to the league title, and special congratulations must go to **Fouad** who has now won the YYL title for a record 9th time. ■



The victorious Albion league winners' squad is as follows:

Goalkeepers: Rudi Hollander, Dave Shaw, Mark Devonshire

Defenders: Tom Pugh, Tom McGillycuddy, Colin Spanos, Ashley Poon, Ned Millington-Buck, Thomas Taw, Esra Schmidt, Jamie Milne, Sebastian Fiedler

Midfielders: Albin Brion, Adrian Worth, Rich Kell, Scott Hooper, Marc Huff, Pak Wai Wan, Ashley Dyer, Sakai Masayuki, Craig Tuckerman, Jordan Rhodes

Strikers: Antoine Sahaghian, Jan Souleyman, Richard Maton, Antonin Monneyeur, Jean-Baptiste Bois, Niklas Sandor, Tony Hamilton-Bram





Colts Cup

for the 4th time in the last 10 years

Colts arrived in the final in contrasting fashion, having beaten a strong KCC side 2-0 thanks to **Calvin Harris** and **Che Van Raad** goals, then a lazy 3-0 win over Hearts, a quarter final blitz 10-0 over Dynamo and then a wonderful hard fought contest in the semi-final over Wanderers 2-0 with goals from **Liam** and **Alex**.

The opposition was Swiss, who a few weeks earlier had played very aggressively in the league match. Colts had won comfortably 2-0, so confidence was high. Colts started very well and had two good early chances, but then after 20 minutes from almost the first time that Swiss had any possession in the attacking half, they scored from a corner when goalkeeper **Dan Healy** punched the ball against a Swiss player's backside into the goal. This was the first and indeed only goal conceded by the Colts in their cup run, but it did change the complexion of the game for a long period. Whilst Colts probably had something like 70% possession, passes were no longer as quick and sharp as normal and the half ended with very few clear chances being created.

At half time, two changes were made and the possession stats were probably even higher

in the Colts' favour, but credit to Swiss, they defended very well and whilst occasionally a bit "naughty", they were far better behaved than in the league game. I am reliably informed that Colts hit the woodwork five times during the game, although it seemed like many times. With about 8 minutes to go in normal time, a beautiful free kick from **Tom Halder** was met by **Liam Herbert** and in the resulting scramble was turned in by **Tim Chan**. It should be noted though that the referee added 6 minutes of "injury time" due to many many stoppages from Swiss players, most notably from their goalkeeper, who did seem to be going down, injured almost every five minutes so the goal was not scored quite as late as might have appeared. Colts created many chances thereafter and had two goals disallowed from headers, the second quite unbelievably ruled out...even the fourth official had to admit that it seemed a fair goal, but the game ended 1-1 with extra time to come.

The subsequent 20 minutes ended without any further goals and Swiss should again be commended for great defending under constant pressure, so the game went to penalties. By then Colts had brought on the experienced **Allan Fraser**, who, having

missed his last penalty for the Colts, was never likely to miss the first penalty. **Dan Healy** who had played in a winning school cup final penalty shoot-out a month or so earlier, showed his quality by saving the first Swiss penalty and inducing the second over the bar. **Tom, Liam** and **Che** all scored their penalties and the correct team were able to celebrate a hard fought but deserved cup win. It left **Rory Lonergan** to collect the trophy and leaving many happy young lads not to mention relieved parents.

Fabulous support not only from parents but also from all of the Wanderers and Albion lads who came in very good numbers to support the young lads, and whilst we would have preferred to have won it more comfortably, it gave a lot of excitement and tension to a large number of supporters.

It ended a great season for the Colts, as apart from winning the Cup, they came third behind Wanderers and Albion in the league, and won the Fair Play Trophy for the fourth year running and did so without using any "experienced" players almost throughout the whole season. I truly believe we could have a great young first team in years to come. ■

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Award Ceremony

Over the past few months, we have had the pleasure of having different coaches from the Real Madrid Foundation visit HKFC and spend time with players and coaches in our programme.

On a beautiful Saturday morning on February 11th, Real Madrid coaches came to Junior Soccer training and ran sessions for our P6, U10 Girls and U12 Girls. Our kids enjoyed themselves and learned a lot but they were not the only ones; Junior Soccer coaches who assisted certainly also got an opportunity to see different coaching perspectives on the pitch.

The following Monday the coaches visited the Club and had a great session with the Crusaders. After that they worked with our Junior Soccer coaches during our Monday night "coaching the coaches" session.

More recently, we partnered with Real Madrid Foundation to run a 4-day Easter Camp, which was attended by 100 players from U6-U12. Many of the players were HKFC Junior Soccer players but kids from all around Hong Kong were represented.

It was a successful week of camp for the kids, culminating with our own U12 player, **Gil Yehudayan**, winning MVP of the camp and awarded an all-expenses paid trip to Madrid for a summer clinic. Congratulations to **Gil** and other players in receiving awards for their outstanding performance and attitude during the week.

- MVP - Madrid summer clinic free - **Gil Yehudayan** (HKFC U12)
- HK clinic free- **Jessie Hudson** (HKFC U10 Girls)
- Shenzhen clinic free- **Xavier Leboeuf** (HKFC Y7)
- Real Madrid adidas Ball- **Jeremy Ome**
- Real Madrid adidas jacket- **Charlotte de Jong** (HKFC U12 Girls)

Special thanks to our own Spanish coach, **Alfonso Martin** (P2 Head Coach and Coaching Education Co-ordinator) who helped organize the event during the week.

■ **Nam Nguyen**
Chairman – Junior Soccer Programme



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Tournament Updates

Message from the Mini Rugby Chairman

Dear Club magazine readers,

Another busy month for the Mini Rugby with both boys and girls participating in a number of different mini festivals and events:

Macau Bats Mini Festival

Saturday 25th March in Macau
Teams entered:
U6 -1, U7- 1, U8-1 and U9-2

Zurich All Girls Festival

Saturday 1st April at Kings Park
Teams entered: U5/6 -2, U7/8 - 1, U9/10 - 1 and U11/12 - 3

Borrelli Walsh Beach 5's

Saturday 1st April in Repulse Bay
Teams entered:
U9 - 2, U11 - 2 and U12 - 1

Taipan Day Mini Festival

Saturday 22nd April at the HKFC
Teams entered:
U9-1, U10-1, U11 -1 and U12 - 1

Please find following some highlights from each of the events. Many thanks to all players and coaches involved.

Separately please note that registration for the 2017/2018 season will be opening towards the end of June at www.hkfcyouthrugby.com.

■ **Bruce Ruffy, Mini Rugby Chairman**

Zurich All Girls 7s Tournament

Saturday 1st April 2017

Under 12 Girls

■ **Peter Whitton**

The U12 Girls entered three teams and despite the fact that they'd only been able to have one practice session for the 7s, the girls were confident going into the tournament.

With each team in a different pool, all three teams did very well in the round robin stage of the tournament and played some great 7s. For FC3, the girls produced some of their best rugby of the season and did brilliantly to get through to the Bowl semi-finals unbeaten. In the semi final, they overcame DBP2 and met Singapore in the final. Despite having beaten them in the pool stages, Singapore proved too strong and the girls came out just short to finish Bowl runners up. Special mention goes to **Colette Wong** who played exceptionally well, scoring an outstanding try during the day, and also, **Polly Liu** who put in her best performance of the season.

FC2, playing in the Plate competition also played very well during the pool stages of the tournament and was able to make it into the Plate semi finals before unfortunately losing out to DBP1. All the

girls played very well with **Libby Lapham** and **Joy Uso Udo** producing some barnstorming runs.

For FC1, it was a familiar story of the season and yet again, it all went down to their games with SKS. In the group game FC1 lost narrowly to give the advantage to the girls from Sai Kung. In the other group games, the girls played some very good 7s and won all their other games to finish second in the group. In the semi finals the girls again put in a very good performance to comfortably beat VF to set a final against SKS yet again. The final itself proved a tremendous contest with a last minute try from Club's **Emma Standing** sending the game into golden try, extra time at the end of a 3-3 full time score. Unfortunately Club lost the 'stone, paper, scissors' to decide the restart of extra time which handed possession to Sai Kung. Despite some strong defending, the girls couldn't get possession of the ball and SKS eventually broke through to score the golden try and win the Cup. Despite finishing runners up, the girls played brilliant and all of them can be very proud of their performance, as could all the Club girls on a great day of 7s rugby.



Under 12 Girls



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■ **Peter Hudson**

For the U10Gs, the tournament presented an opportunity for the squad to continue its winning form and test their learning to the limit.

The squad performed at another level, but in particular their resolve in defence is what resulted in them taking home the cup. There was an awakening of the true nature of team spirit and the principles of rugby. Every player was at their best, and Discovery Bay tested every ounce of learning the squad had throughout the season.

In the end, this special group of girls remained undefeated and claimed the Cup!

To all the parents and coaches, again your support throughout the season is a huge reason why these player play the way they do!



Under 10 Girls



Under 10 Girls

Under 8 & 7 Girls

■ **Barney Durran**

The first match against VF1 saw the girls struggle a little, having not played together as a team before, and Valley took an early lead. As the game progressed the FC team grew in confidence and, despite three good tries from **Justine, Iris** and **Kelli**, we couldn't quite close the gap.

The second match against HKUSB1 saw us go 3 tries down before we really knew what had hit us. However, the girls didn't give up and a hat trick from **Kelli** and a great run down the line for **Iris'** second try of the tournament saw us level the match at 4-4.



Under 8 Girls



The girls' confidence was growing and they were showing much more tenacity and organisation, as they took on the Flying Kukris. **Hannah** came to the fore defensively and **Sophie** scored an excellent try, which was backed up by another from **Kelli**. **Ella** was unlucky not to score as she made a great sidestep and superb break through the middle, though was tackled just short of the line. The girls won 2-1, though the match never looked in doubt, especially after **Alexa's** diving tackle on the line kept the Kukris out and forced the turnover.

teams at this age level are most definitely a good thing, there can be occasions where the girls feel overshadowed by their more boisterous male counterparts. These tournaments provide a different environment and are a wonderful opportunity for our girls to express themselves. The girls were excited to be participating in such an event and it was clear even from the warm up that they were in their element. Given we were made up of girls from across the Pumas, Lions, Tigers and Cheetahs, my team christened themselves the Unicorns for the day. Both teams performed extremely strongly across their three games; in fact, as a coach, I saw some of the best rugby of the whole season. It was noticeable that the girls really listened to the guidance on pitch and worked together as a team as opposed to as a group of individuals. All the players made a big contribution, both in attack and defence. We had great support from the parents (the mothers in particular!) who were rightly very proud of their daughters' efforts. My own daughter's verdict? *"Best tournament ever, but you should not have been allowed on the pitch because you're a boy"*.



The final match was against DB and the team played very well to secure a 6-2 victory, with four tries for **Kelli** and two for **Sophie**.

Overall, the girls should be very proud of their efforts and particularly for the way in which they developed throughout the festival and for their positive attitude.

Under 6 & 5 Girls

■ **Jonathan Cary**

The U6s fielded two teams and whilst mixed

Taipan Day Mini Festival

Saturday 22nd April 2017

Under 12 Boys

■ **Steve Jones**

With a large number of players leaving Hong Kong or unavailable on the day, we picked a team for the future with players who had shown great potential throughout the season. With little playing time together, not too much was expected in terms of results. Within 3 minutes of the first game against Valley, the coaches had to reevaluate their expectations as HKFC played flowing attacking rugby, moving the ball from one side to the other. **Patrick Duperouzel**, son of Taipan's legend **Alex**, was particularly influential with his distribution and decision making. Eventually the pressure told and HKFC took the lead. Valley came back, battering their way across the line after a concerted period of attack. HKFC had made Valley work hard for their try and as a result were able to move the ball around again and score in the corner with a minute to go with HKFC winning 2-1.

HKFC changed their attacking style for a very tough Sandy Bay team, and opted to go up the middle to keep it away from their powerful backs. The physicality of HKFC's attack and defence rattled them; **Cameron Macpherson** stood out as he took down





Under 11 Boys



Under 11 Boys

their fast outside backs multiple times. HKFC were unable to convert a couple of try scoring opportunities. Eventually Sandy Bay found a way through to win 1 try to 0. HKFC put in a complete performance against Stingrays. The defence was excellent and they combined hard ball carrying with moving the ball wide. **Charlie Hunn** scored a brace to complete a comfortable 2-0 victory.

HKFC faced Sandy Bay in the Cup Final. The commitment was incredible, **Dewi Simons**, back from long term illness and injury, hit his stride and drove the team forward. Unfortunately Sandy Bay put more players around the rucks in defence and launched counter-ruckers after several phases of attack, scoring a few tries from turnovers, and hold HKFC up over the line twice, to win the game 4 tries to 1.

Despite not being able to win the final, it was a very successful day for HKFC. The incredible strength in depth of the team was demonstrated against the best opposition in Hong Kong. HKFC can look forward to a bright future as they move up to Colts.

Under 11 Boys

■ Barney Durrant

The U11s festivals have been very competitive this year and each of Valley, Sandy Bay, Discovery Bay and HKFC have won at various points throughout the year. The boys were therefore very excited by the tournament and keen to put in a good performance.

First up against Sandy Bay, we knew we needed to start well and after an effective kick-chase, we pressured them into a mistake and allowing **Luca** to score immediately. The defensive effort maintained this momentum

and each time they attacked, the HKFC boys came up as a line and drove them back. It was an excellent display of rugby and the victory was secured when **Mitch** went over to make it 2-0.

Our second match was against Sai Kung, but having seen Valley gain a bonus point against them, it was clear that we had to at least match their scoreline. The boys played superbly well, dominating the game and producing an outstanding defensive performance to regain the ball each time the Sai Kung team gained possession. Tries from **Leo** and **Geoff** gave us a good start but then the momentum slowed. Needing at least 2 more tries, the replacements came on at half time and **Matteo**, in his first festival for the A team, scored a superb try running straight and hard through the middle and using his hand-off very effectively. Another two tries from **Dan** secured the bonus point and also the psychological victory over Valley going into our final match.

Once again, the boys produced an outstanding performance, with two tries from **Seb** and one from **Luke** to dominate the final pool game and finish with a 3-1 scoreline.

The boys went into the final against Sandy Bay full of confidence and gave it their all. Unfortunately, a breakaway try left us trailing and we couldn't retain possession for long enough to cycle through the phases and build a good enough attack. Despite a 0-1 scoreline at the end, the boys should be incredibly proud of the way in which they played throughout the tournament. The intensity of these matches, coupled with the obvious development that they have made throughout the season, should fill them with confidence for next year and I look forward to training with this talented bunch of players next year.

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Under 10 Boys

■ Simon Cooke

The U10s Taipan Day tournament was always going to be a tight affair. All season long games between Valley, Sandy Bay and Club have been close and competitive and with all three clubs, together with Stingrays, able to field as strong a team as possible, it was difficult to predict a clear winner. The Club team had Valley first up and the boys started a little slowly, letting Valley get on the front foot and they snuck over for a try. Thereafter we came back strongly but couldn't quite make it over the line and we went down 1-0. Disappointed, the boys threw themselves into the second game with Sandy Bay, closing down the space much more effectively and pressuring the opposition into mistakes and turnovers. Unfortunately we weren't able to turn the pressure into a try and a real kick in the teeth for the boys came when Sandy Bay were awarded a try at the death following a blatant knock-on. Fair play to Sandy Bay who held us out and whilst we wouldn't say they deserved to win the game, the scoreboard

did not lie. With the final now out of reach, we took on the Stingrays in the final pool game and pulled together well to take the game 3-0 without playing at our best. The plate final, again against Stingrays, provided the best performance of the day as the boys flew into contact, got go forward ball and moved the ball wide at will, running in 8 tries in the

process. Hats off to Valley who pipped Sandy Bay in the final and ran out deserved winners but with 11 tries for and only 2 against in our 4 games, our boys acquitted themselves very well in bringing home the plate. We'll be gunning for Valley and Sandy Bay next season!

With a berth in the Cup final now assured, Valley were next for the final pool game. With both teams undefeated, this was always going to be a tight tussle. After some great rugby from both sides, and some sustained defensive and attacking forays into each other's halves, the final score saw Club triumph 2 tries to 1.

After a break the two teams met again in the Cup final, with Valley keen to exact revenge. In his last game for the Club, **Jack Radclyffe** scored an early try using his pace, however a sustained period of possession saw Valley put 3 tries of their own on the board in relatively quick fashion. Down 1-3 the boys fought back gallantly with **Liam Gordon** running past some desperate tackles to score with a couple of minutes remaining. With the final hooter sounding, and in possession, there was one last throw of the dice from the boys, however they came up desperately short, with Valley deserving Taipan Cup U9 winners for 2017.

Well done to all the boys for gelling so well despite the majority playing in separate teams throughout the season. The collective rugby talent of this group is fantastic, and I am sure they are already looking forward to 2018 Taipan day.

Under 9 Boys

■ **Matt Lyons**

Pleasant early morning conditions greeted the mighty U9s in their quest to take home the Taipan Cup against familiar foes Valley, Sandy Bay and Sai Kung. After a strong warm up session overseen by more coaching staff than the British and Irish Lions will have on their upcoming tour, the boys looked strong and ready for action.

The first match saw Club playing Sandy Bay, and after a slow start and an initial try by the opposition, an increase in possession came with it an opportunity for the boys to exert their attacking prowess, with the end score a resounding win 4 tries to 1. The Stingrays were next up, and from the opening whistle the U9s showed off their supreme passing skills and ability around the ruck to run out convincing winners 8 to nil.



Under 9 Boys

Macau Bats Mini Festival

Saturday 25th March 2017

Under 9 Boys

■ **Christ Hattam**

A group of 22 players and 34 parents left the Macau ferry terminal, a lot of which were bound for their first overseas tour (that is if you don't count driving under the Cross-Harbour Tunnel to King's Park on Kowloon side).

A huge grass pitch and some very tough games awaited them. The HKFC U9's fielded two teams, against all the usual suspects. Valley, HKU, Kukris, Stingrays, the Pirates and of course our hosts the Macau Bats. Even though the opposition, the intensity and level of competition were all the same, there was something different about our away day in Macau. The Bats did a great job in creating a warm and friendly atmosphere, everybody, players and parents commented on it. The general feeling was the smaller size of the festival made it more intimate and enjoyable.

Both HKFC teams played some fantastic rugby and were victorious in 7 out of the 8 games played. There were too many stand out performances to mention, so I won't. Well done to all those who travelled and a big thanks to Macau Bats, see you next year.



Borrelli Walsh Beach 5's

Saturday 1st April 2017

Under 9 Boys

■ Jeremy Fearnley

An 8am start was in store for our two teams of valiant rugby crusaders, who were to be pitched against the mortal enemies of Valley and Sandy Bay and the ever improving Tigers and Kukris. After the initial whining about the "hard sand", the guys soon got into the swing of it, HKFC1 taking a closely fought game against Sandy Bay 1, followed by an excellent win against Valley 1, to book their place in the first semi-final. HKFC2 started with a bang, flying out of the blocks to cruise to a huge score against the Tigers 1, following it up with another big win against the Kukris and book their semi-final berth. The vagaries of the organisation meant this saw HKFC1 v HKFC2 for a place in the final – Club emerging victorious to face-off against the Valley team in the final. As the crowd swelled, the excitement grew and huge pressure from Club resulted in two early tries to give us a solid platform. From there it was all about defence and whilst we shipped one try to give them a sniff, the boys saw the game out camped on the Valley line putting in a series of big smashes to keep them pinned back. Congrats to the 2017 Beach 5s U9s Champions!



Cameron Henderson in action

Ex-Colts Player represented U18 Scotland

Cameron Henderson, an overseas registered HKFC Colts player, represented Scotland at u18 level during March and April 2017.

Cameron played as Scotland lost to England in Preston in March in a friendly preparing for a 6 Nations International tournament in Wales in early April. During that tournament, Scotland lost to a strong Welsh side at Cardiff Arms Park, before beating Italy at Scarlets Stadium. Cameron played the full game in both matches, but suffered a shoulder injury against Italy that kept him out of the England game.



Men's G team

The G Team started the season with a squad made up of a lot of experienced players, as they sought to stay once again in Division 3. They found top gear early on, with a 4-1 demolition of the eventual league winners Antlers (their only defeat) and hard fought draws against three of the other top six teams. The balance of the season was harder going, as they struggled to take points against peers in the lower half. Total goals scored was a G Team record for recent years, with the usual hatful from **Mike Vrontamitis**, backed up by **Ashley Micklewright** and several other scorers. Newcomer **Sam Turvey** was the engine room of the team, supported in midfield by the equally tireless **Mark Kan** and **Wing Wong**. **Ashwin Pagdaonkar** and **Neil Norman** provided a solid defence. Unfortunately, we said goodbye to Captain **Colin Terry** who has left Hong Kong.

Final standing: G Team (4th in Third Division B, 10th Overall; 2015/16: 10th)

Men's H team

The H Team struggled for much of the season, especially against the young university teams with a much lower average age. A couple of early wins gave hope, but a frustratingly long period of 0-1 or 1-2 losses was only turned around in the last three games, resulting in the team ending up 8th in a division of twelve. The defence was mean with fewer goals conceded than most sides in the league. However, an inability to score meant that games were lost where they should have been won. Special mentions go to **Walter Marthaler**, who at 71 is still defending with panache, and **Chris Giblin** as most improved player. Both **Shaun Denton** and **Sam Olsen** will be leaving Hong Kong. The former is returning to the UK, but Sam will be in Singapore and hopes to be available on occasion next season. The H Team will miss their commitment and energy.

Final standing: H Team (2nd in Fifth Division B, 8th Overall; 2015/16: 9th)

Ladies G team

At the beginning of the season the Gs lost nearly half of their original team and gained a plethora of new players. Despite having to gel as a team quickly and cope with a new Captain and new coaches, the Gs had an excellent year, winning all but one match in the league and making it to the finals of the 5s Competition. They also have the divisions' top goal scorer (**Ashley Mann** - if you count her goals for Gs and Vets), South Island School's Sports-girl of the Year (**Millie Leinster-Holt**) and the most goal scorers of the division across a whole squad (eleven G squad members scored at some point this season). In past years the Gs have sat comfortably in the 4th spot of the 4th division but this year they have jumped to the number 2 spot - very nearly making top!

Just under half the G team squad are either in school, or teaching at one, so nobody knows better than the Gs that it is not just the stats that count. To use some Education Buzz Words here are our *What We did Well's* and our *Even Better If's*:



What we did well:

Supported our Coaches

A G contingent can regularly be found pitch-side for Coach **Izzy** on the Bs on a Saturday and the team was delighted when Coach **James** took his rightful place on the Men's As.

Supported Hockey Section Charity and Social Events

Record numbers of G team members attended the hockey socials and the Guv Dillon Ball this year, and rumour has it a G team member will be performing at the end of season ball! Nothing is more important than supporting the Club and the Section.

Focussed on the rules

This year the G team have worked hard to understand the subtleties of some of the rules of the game of hockey, with the help of Umpire extraordinaire **Alistair Clark**.

Walked into every game with a plan/strategy

Coach **Izzy** and Coach **James** have proved expert strategists, with **Izzy** scouting out the opposition and **James** devising a specific strategy for our 5-a-side tournament, proving that it takes real planning to organise G chaos.

Even Better If:

G Team pitch-side supporters yelled less embarrassing and distracting epithets, and concentrated on watching and learning from the games rather than other social pitch-side activities.

Even more G team members make it down next year, particularly as this might spread out the amount of alcohol consumed per person!

We always followed the rules, even at game-deciding moments and throughout fits of passion!

When things didn't go to plan we still kept cool heads. After all, if Plan A doesn't work, there are 25 other letters in the alphabet!

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2017 departure date: 25Oct | 5Nov[^] | 11Dec^{*}

2018 departure date: 13Feb[^] 🍀 | 2Mar[#]

Fare: **HKD8,247^{up}**

8days itinerary: *will stay overnight in Melbourne #reverse itinerary

6days itinerary: [^]Burnie replaces Melbourne and will not call to Wineglass Bay & Oyster Bays



13days New Zealand Golden Princess | Sun Princess

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2017 departure date: 20Oct | 15, 26Nov | 9Dec

2018 departure date: 4, 17Jan | 19Feb 🍀 | 4, 17, 30 🌈 Mar

Fare: **HKD13,284^{up}**



[^]Grand Cayman replaces Ocho Rios

[^]Grand Cayman replaces Ocho Rios and Falmouth replaces Princess Cays

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2018 departure date: 3, 27[^] Jan | 6 🍀, 16[^] 🍀, 26Feb |

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Hockey the Dutch Way...

The SportWays Easter Hockey Clinic was again a huge success, thanks largely to the highly enjoyable and technically sound coaching from the SportWays coaching team.

Led by **Thomas Tichelman** 'coach extraordinaire', the clinic consisted of four full days of drills, demos, challenges, games and entertainment. The 60 registered juniors ages 8-15 represented various clubs in Hong Kong, and had an absolute blast all week!

A big thanks to **Shep** and **Chappie** for organizing yet another amazing Easter clinic.





HKFC Hockey 6s

The 2017 edition of the HKFC Hockey 6s hosted overseas teams from Dubai, Beijing, Jakarta, Shanghai, Malaysia and Japan, along with a mix of local clubs over the Easter break. The expanded competition saw 24 mixed social teams and four elite men's sides vie for the title of champions over two days of play.

Teams were welcomed on the Back Patio of the Sportsman's Bar on the Friday evening for drinks and food, before play kicked off early on the Saturday morning. Touring teams from Dubai and Shanghai joined HKFC players for the dai pai dong experience on Saturday night, with more than 60 people enjoying local cuisine at the Bowrington Rd Market in Wan Chai. The tournament was capped off on the Sunday with a closing dinner and awards ceremony under the large marquee, with Dubai crowned 'Team of the Tournament.'

Khalsa narrowly beat HKFC in the elite men's Super 6s Final to become champions for a third consecutive year, while HKFC's Gladiators were Cup winners in the mixed tournament. Shanghai Dragons won the Plate final in their first year of competition and Khalsa's social team also won the Bowl. Young at Heart took out the Wooden Spoon honours.

The feedback from all teams that attended has been overwhelmingly positive, with most marking the event in the calendar for a 2018 return. A huge thanks to the Club Staff as always, to **Ben Sharples** (Tournament Director), **James Byers** (the Intern) and **Chappie** (Go to Guy) for all their efforts to continue making the event as popular and successful as it is.

Top Goal Scorers:

Harry Bal (m) Emma Sturgess (f)

Players of the Tournament:

Jun Yokoe (m) Lauren from Dubai (f)

Junior Players of the Tournament:

Findlay Mayo (b) Sophie Poulton (g)

Community Coaching

As part of the new partnership between the **Guv Dillon Fund** (Hockey Section Charity sub-Committee) and **Operation Breakthrough** (charity of choice), a small group of senior Hockey Section coaches have been heading out to a secondary school in Tuen Mun once a week to work with a group of girls in a 12 week after-school hockey programme. The girls are predominantly new immigrants to HK, with a mix of girls from Pakistan and China. The community programme is organised by local NGO, **ChickenSoup Foundation**. The Hockey Section is contributing resources and financial support to the CSF programme as a way to both introduce hockey to the community and to support the Operation Breakthrough commitment "to provide sporting and related activities, together with positive interaction with role models, to young people at risk."

Coaches: **Simon Chapman, Emma Sturgess, Michael Gee, Arif Ali**



Junior Hockey Festival

Over the course of this season the juniors (U8, U10, U12) have competed in the HKFC, KCC, Khalsa and Shaheen Mini Hockey Festivals. Given the large numbers participating in the HKFC Junior Hockey programme, we've not always been able to cater for all at every tournament. It's hoped next season there will be more opportunities to play against opposition clubs. That said, it's been another successful season with a number of teams and individuals winning various awards. The HS Committee wishes to pass on a huge THANK YOU to all of the volunteer coaches for their support and involvement this season, particularly when looking after teams at tournaments.

HK to England

It gives us great pleasure to know that 'one of our own' has ventured off to greener pastures and achieved what she set out to do. **Issy Carey** regularly won 'player of the tournament' in various age groups during her time with the HKFC Junior Hockey Programme. Now in the UK she has just made her debut for the England U16s against the Dutch (a rather dawning opposition first up). Watch this space as younger sister **Emma** is also doing well.



Friendly Win over KCC

On 8th April, Club bowlers recaptured the S C Trophy (Sports Road and Cox's Road Trophy) at the annual friendly game with Kowloon Cricket Club, which is in its third year of running. Well done to the 24 Club bowlers in the 18-end mixed-gender games. A great start to prepare us for the 2017 Premier League season commencing on 29th April!



Pig-Cutting Ceremony

The pig-cutting ceremony for the new season was held on Saturday 15th April with a great turnout of 84 Section bowlers. This annual curtain-raiser for the Premiere leagues was followed by an intra-club warm-up games with all 84 bowlers divided into two sides – Red vs Blue. The competitions were held at both the Outdoor and Indoor Greens concurrently, and ended with a happy tie, with Red team winning at the Outdoor Green and Blue team winning at the Indoor Green.



2017 Inter-port Match with RBSC

12 Section bowlers represented the Club to compete at the tripartite inter-port match at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club (RBSC) in Thailand. Apart from the Club, Hong Kong's representatives included players from the Hong Kong Cricket Club (HKCC).

The match took the format of round-robin with all games held at RBSC's Outdoor Green between 21st April and 23rd April. The results were as follows:

21st April - HKFC vs HKCC (Winner: HKFC)

22nd April - HKFC vs RBSC (Winner: RBSC)

23rd April - HKCC vs RBSC (Winner: RBSC)

RBSC won the overall championship while HKFC was crowned the winner of the tripartite competition by capturing the highest total score over the three days.



HKFC Remains Unrivalled in the HKLBA Premier Leagues 2017

The Club tops other lawn bowling clubs in Hong Kong by having the highest number of teams competing in the senior divisions of the Premier Leagues, including both men's and women's, organized by the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association (HKLBA) in 2017.

The openers of the new season on 29th April saw competition between the "friendly" arch-rivals: HKFC-A's vs HKFC-B's in both Men's and Women's Leagues of Division One, at the Club's Indoor Green. Best of luck for all of our Club Bowlers in the Leagues!





*Penny Angove
Netball DSA Chairperson*

Chairperson's Report

With the 2016/2017 season now at an end, this also closes the chapter on my time with the HKFC Netball DSA. This will therefore be my last chairpersons report. I want to thank every single member of the Netball DSA for their hard work and dedication not only to their teams but also towards the Club. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at HKFC and promise to come back and cheer from the sidelines as soon as I can.

With my departure sees a new Netball Committee appointed and I am excited to keep track of how all teams progress season after season.

I want to thank the entire HKFC Netball community for a great 5 seasons and wish each and every one of you, both present and future players, all the best in the future.

Farewells

This year we say farewell to quite a few members who have been integral in the success of HKFC Netball in recent years.

Penny Angove has been a valuable player for the Typhoons team for the past 5 seasons, and has been a crucial figure on the committee throughout her time at HKFC. Penny is the outgoing Chairwoman, and was previously the Netball Secretary, and captain of the Typhoons team. Penny is relocating back to Melbourne with her family, after ten years living in Hong Kong – she will be missed greatly.

Natacha Cuvelier is another face that is synonymous with HKFC Netball – having done just about every role on the committee; no one can question Tach's dedication to Netball. A player who despite having had four knee reconstructions, still managed to play in three consecutive Club grand finals. Tach was also a player coach with the Typhoons whilst recovering from ACL surgery in 2013-2014. Tach has relocated to Singapore with her partner Trevor (we hope they decide to relocate back to HK!)

The sibling rivalry also means that **Vanessa Cuvelier** will be departing Hong Kong,

relocating to London with her partner Stewart. Ness has been that pocket rocket player for Club, changing games with her speed and agility in the midcourt. With four back-to-back Grand Final wins, and a "Most Valuable Player in the Grand Final" award in her final game, it is a big loss to the Vlub to see Ness go. Ness has been a valued member of the committee, holding various roles including Attendance Officer, HKNA Representative, Tours Convenor and Umpiring Convenor to name a few! Ness has also played for Hong Kong National Team in recent years. We hope to see you back in HK one day too Ness!

Victoria Smith, one half of the Club's poster girl "6ft Blondes" duo is also saying farewell to Hong Kong, with a promotion at work taking her to Switzerland. Vic came to the Club after retiring from professional Netball in New Zealand, looking to just play for fun – however HKFC thought they could make better use of her talents, and a key player in the Club team she became. She was integral in the Club "four-peat" team winning every Grand Final she played in.

Calling All Netball Coaches!

We are currently recruiting qualified and experienced netball coaches to work with both our junior and senior squads.

Coaching will take place on Monday and/or Wednesday evenings.

All applicants must have the right to work in Hong Kong.

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Vic was one of the key organisers of the successful "Net-Ball" held in 2015, and is certainly a bubbly personality that has willingly shared her love of the game with all of the HKFC Netball teams. Vic has also represented HKFC in the Hong Kong National Team, playing most recently in the Tri-Nations in February. We wish Vic all the best with her relocation to Zurich.

Melissa Atkins, a stalwart of the Club team, has also decided to retire after playing in four back to back Grand Finals. Melissa has been a valued member, with significant contributions in establishing the Junior Netball Academy, as well as most recently holding the role of Netball Coordinator. Melissa has also been a coach of various teams in the Junior Academy throughout her time at HKFC. Her contribution to netball also includes representing HKFC in the Hong Kong Netball Team over the years, playing in the Asian Championships, and assisting the coaching of the Under 21 team. Whilst Melissa is retiring from playing, we hope to convince her to continue to coach!!!

Last but not least, **Elise Daly** is retiring after 6 seasons playing in HKFC Club. Elise has been the ever reliable centre-court player in the Club team's four-peat – winning the "Most Valuable Player in the Grand Final" award on two occasions. During her time at HKFC, Elise has coached Juniors as well as holding the role of Treasurer for several years on the committee. Her passion for netball has seen Elise represent HKFC in the Hong Kong National Team, most recently playing and co-Captaining the team in the Tri-Nations Cup in February. We hope Elise enjoys her retirement, with extra time for her family. ■

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From L to R: Chloe, Peggy, Nora and Tiffany before the first ladies' doubles match



Big smiles before the match begins! From L to R: Umpire Danny with Patrick, Leo, Eddie and son Kanco



Kanco rises high to smash while Eddie protecting the net



From L to R: Joe, Chun Tin, umpire Danny, Terry and SK.

First Internal Doubles Leagues Launched

In April, the Badminton Society (BS) launched the first Internal Doubles Badminton League at the Club. The objectives are to promote competitive badminton in the Club and to foster fellowship amongst badminton fans over a period of a few months. The league comprises of three events, namely, the men's doubles, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles, which are open to all Club Members. While other badminton tournaments organized by the BS are primarily one-day events, the Internal Doubles League adopts a competitive round robin format and the matches are played from April to June. The matches take place during the weekly BS sessions on Friday evenings (from 8 to 10pm) and Sunday mornings (from 10:30am to 1pm), two to three matches are scheduled for each session.

There has been great interest in the league. A total of six teams enrolled in the men's doubles, three teams in the ladies' doubles, and six teams in the mixed doubles. As such, there will be a total of over 30 matches for the whole tournament. Participants include the BS's first team players as well as other Club members.

The first day of the match kicked off on Friday 14th April, with two men's doubles matches, **Eddie and Kanco Cheung vs Terry Cheung and S K Suen**, and **Ivan Ho and Ka Leung Chan vs Chun Tin Lam and Joe Leung**. These were followed by two more sessions on 21st and 28th April respectively.

46th World Morning Cup Badminton Championships in Taiwan

The World Morning Cup Badminton Championship is a tremendously popular international tournament with players from various age groups and skill levels from around the world. Held in Taiwan each year, it attracts over a thousand players from countries as far as Canada and New Zealand, and includes national players from major badminton powers like China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Japan. BS members **Jaff Lo** and **Nora Man** participated in the tournament in early April this year and achieved good results. Jaff paired up with a non-Club Member in the men's doubles in the "Combined Ages of 100 to 109, A Division" and won a bronze medal. Nora paired up with her mother in the ladies' doubles in the "Mother and Child, Mother's Age of 45 to 49 Division" and also won a bronze medal. Well done and congratulations!



Jaff Lo (above) and Nora Man (left) proudly show off their bronze medals



The HKFC Mixed Doubles Team. From L to R: Nora, Amy, Hoey, Chun Tin, Gavin, Michelle and Ivan. (Players absent from photo: Emily, Tiffany Joe, Mat, and Patrick)

Eyes on Hong Kong Badminton Mixed Doubles League Title

Having won all three matches at the group stage in the Mixed Doubles League Division B of the Hong Kong Badminton Doubles Leagues (the First Division in Hong Kong), the HKFC team has emerged as group champion. The team will play against the other two group champions on 13th and 20th May respectively in the final round for the overall title of the League. To prepare for these matches, the team has been training extra hard under the guidance of **Edwin Ma**, captain of the Badminton Society. Three cheers to our HKFC Badminton Team!

Golf News

Phoenix Hill Golf Event

Tuesday 25th April

■ **Phil Head, Golf Event Organiser**

This was my 3rd outing to Phoenix Hill Golf Club, which is located 45 minutes drive from the Huanggang border crossing. As its name suggests, the course is set atop a very tropical lush green mountainous area which provided some incredible vistas as well as tricky tee shots and undulating fairways.

Fortunately we had a break in the inclement weather and with only a little drizzle on a few holes, 7 HKFC players teed off in 2 groups to challenge the A/B course layout we were designated.

Jonathan Li, Albert Lam and myself took the lead on a very tricky par 3 hole to start with, and without anyone hitting the green, off we set. Jonathan was sporting his newly cut handicap of 12.4, given to him courtesy of the Golf Society for winning almost all the HKFC golf events he entered. After the front 9 holes, all 3 of us were within 1 stableford point of each other, all excitingly close.



The back 9 saw Albert start off very well indeed and was leading by 5 points after 5 holes. Jonathan hit 4 consecutive double bogeys and I narrowly missed an eagle putt on the 16th to close in on Albert who somehow managed not to score any points on the last 2 holes. Nerves were showing.

The 4 ball behind us consisted of **Steve Lee, Johnny Lam, Ricky Chan** and social player **Peter Nie**.

All 3 players were playing off higher handicaps so the leading group neglected to think of them as a threat until we started to collate the scorecards after the round. Steve's 29 stableford points on the front 9 raised a few

eyebrows as did Ricky's 21 points, and after the final tally, Steve amassed 45 points and Ricky 41 points after 18 holes.

A steward's enquiry was now well under way by the leading group and after some online checking of handicaps and posting of recent scores, it was apparent that both Ricky and Steve's handicaps were not current and therefore faced DQ.

This left Albert and myself to recount our cards with my 38 points trumping Albert's 35 stableford points to win the event. Hurrah!

Nearest pin and longest drive contest winners were as follows:



- NP A1. No one
- NP A4. Jonathan Li
- NP B1. No one
- NP B3. Albert Lam
- NP B8. Albert Lam
- LD A5. Albert Lam

After a quick bite to eat, we all set off for the shuttle bus and were back in Hong Kong by 3.30pm before the rush hour. Double Hurrah.

Thanks to Phoenix Hill for offering a very competitive price for a fantastic course full of interesting and challenging golf.

See you all at the next event.

HKFC vs HKCC: The Bucket Match

Monday 24th April

■ **Dallas Reid, Deputy Captain (retired)**

On 24th April the stage was set for our annual grudge match against the HK Cricket Club. After their inaugural victory back in 2003, HKCC had managed to put their name on the trophy only a couple of times (plus two ties) and had generally gone home with the Bucket of Shame, a rather nasty ice bucket awarded to the losers of this fixture.

Hopes were therefore high in the HKFC camp as we made our way to Macau for the 2017 event. Tickets had been purchased, match balls handed out, smart team shirts prepared for all players, and a coach ordered to get us back to the ferry as the Macau taxis are notoriously unreliable. What could possibly go wrong?

Well it did not take too long to find out. **Alistair Murray** who had insisted on making his own way to Macau, decided to start his journey with neither phone, nor wallet, and so as apparently cash and ID cards are something of a pre-requisite for the trip, managed to arrive at the golf course some time after his partner had been forced to tee off on his own against 2 Cricket Club players. When he did finally appear on the third hole, **Anatole Le** had actually managed to maintain parity despite being outnumbered, and so things still looked quite bright for our final pair.

This was just as well as our first pair of yours truly (deputizing as Captain in **Terry Wright's** absence) and **Mike Button** had received a severe beating (5&4), and the husband and wife pairing of **Ange Dickenson** and **Bob McKirdy** had also recorded a 3&2 loss. Our other two pairs fortunately managed to bring home the bacon (**Brock** and **Devenish** 2 up and **Spooner** and **Ng** 4&3) so the match at least sat level at 2 matches apiece as we anxiously awaited the result of the final match.

As it transpired, despite being 1 up after 16, and never being behind at any point in the match, **Anatole** and **Ali** managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory by losing both the 17th and 18th so handing a 3-2 overall victory to HKCC.

So sadly the rather magnificent trophy Plate was handed over to the HKCC, although luckily they had forgotten to bring the bucket so at least we avoided the humiliation of having to carry that back to Hong Kong.

Next match will be HKFC vs HK Club on 8th May, a fixture which HKFC have never lost. What could possibly go wrong?



GOLF NOTICE

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To all Golf Society Members,

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Please therefore ensure that you conduct yourself in an appropriate manner at all times both on all golf courses and in all clubhouses.

Failure to do so will not be tolerated as it could compromise both the reputation of HKFC and its use of these debentures and golf courses.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

■ **Golf Society Committee**



Start of season BBQ

On 22nd April, the weather gods conspired against us, so we ended up having to separate the Charity Cup and the Start of Season BBQ, which was originally scheduled on the same day. Thanks to some hasty awning-erection work by the Club Staff, we were able to go ahead with the BBQ, which was attended by over 30 people, including special guests - trainee Guide Dog Freda, together with **Andy Ho** who is CEO of the Hong Kong Guide Dogs Association (HKGDA) and his wife **Bonnie**.

Charity Cup

The Charity Cup was rescheduled on 6th May. Despite the hot conditions which was made worse by the high pollution, 26 players participated in the event. As in previous years, this was a fun social occasion with a lot of entertaining and silly games, as well as serving competitions and team challenges. Thanks to our sponsor **Treasury Wines**, the top six players went away with some excellent wine and some great books about wine.

We raised over HK\$10,000 from the event, and all the proceeds went to the HKGDA, which will help with the cost of raising and training guide dogs. The HKGDA is only five years old and currently has 15 dogs supporting visually impaired people in Hong Kong. The entire process to raise and train specially-bred guide dogs takes around two years, and they can expect to be of service for around ten years. There are over 170,000 visually impaired people in Hong Kong who could potentially benefit from having a guide dog. For more information please go to http://www.guidedogs.org.hk/en_index.php

Monthly Tennis Society Committee Meetings

Tennis Committee (TS) meetings are held at the Club on the first Tuesday of every month. Please feel free to raise any issues via email at hkfc tennisociety@gmail.com or through our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/hkfc tennisociety)

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Upcoming Tennis Events

Committee / Captain Dinner
Friday 9th June

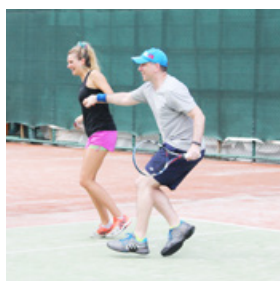
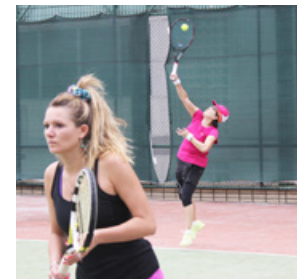
French Open & Wimbledon Social
Saturday 10th June

Tennis Society AGM
Thursday 22nd June

US Open Social
Saturday 9th September

Professional Clinic and Gala Dinner
Sat 7th October

Club Championship
Saturday 7th October



Winners of the Charity Cup. From L to R: Karen Thorne, Job Tang, Dexter Brutus, Samantha Ho, Hollie Gale and Ed Fielding

Swimming Results:

1st April : Ironman Liuzhou 70.3

Iain Veitch 4:12.42 (3rd AG, 19th overall male)
Steve Purcell 4:20.58 (4th AG, 37th overall male)

22nd April: Spartan Sprint Race

Iain Veitch 35:21 (1st AG, 2nd overall)
Guy Andriano 44:58 (3rd AG)
Alex Simmonds 47:40 (7th AG)
Callum Dunn 59:33 (20th AG)
Doug Morton 1:11.50 (13th AG)
Stephanie Morton 1:34.32 (29th AG)
Liz McDonald 1:11.32 (22nd AG)

22nd April: Junior Spartan Race

Eva Morton
Milla Andriano
Dylan Andriano
Abigail Dunn

29th April: DWB 5k Open Water Race

Matthieu Maury 2nd AG
Alwyn Li 3rd AG
Adrian McCarroll 8th AG
Jessica McCarroll 1st AG



Tuesday evening training

Hong Kong Duathlon Champs

Plover Cove, 5K Run, 40K Bike, 5K Run

■ Iain Veitch

Run 1: After the initial frantic start, the pace wasn't too bad for the first run. A small pack of about 5 of us were first into the bike transition. I lost some time on the other 4 getting my bike but wasn't worried about making up the difference once we got going.

Bike: The bike course is pretty hilly which suits me so was looking forward to trying to catch and pass the pack. In reality I knew that at least two of the young guns would probably beat me on the last run if I didn't get out a good bit before them. Luckily I was able to reel them in after the first 10K but annoyingly the electronic gears on the bike decided to stop working shortly after. It meant I actually lost touch with one chap and had to murder myself to put a small gap into the other three.

Run 2: Despite starting in 2nd overall I knew I didn't have the legs to catch the leader who, to his credit, had had a great bike and also I wasn't confident about holding off the chaps immediately behind me. Predictably I was hunted down and

passed and couldn't do anything about it ending up in 5th place overall.

Overall it was a great fun race and always good to race locally without having to travel too far. Ended up winning the overall Open Male category and my age group as guys before me were racing Elite but truthfully I would have preferred to have given them a harder time out there...

There were some other very good results from HKFC members:

- **Richard Hall** killed the competition in his category putting a huge 14 min into the 2nd place finisher.
- **Steven Purcell** overcame some serious competition from race hardened **Olivier Courret** to also take top spot.
- Solid performances were also seen from **Jonathan Rhys Perrin** and **Keith Nicolle** finishing 8th and 11th respectively.

Raising funds for the Brain Tumour Charity

In memory of David Howell

15th April marked the second anniversary of the passing of Swimming and Triathlon Society stalwart **David Howell**. In honour of David, **Richard Hall** ran the Brighton Marathon during a trip to the UK, taking the opportunity to raise funds for The Brain

Tumour Charity along the way - many thanks to all those who generously donated in memory of David.



Ironman Liuzhou 70.3

■ *Iain Veitch*

One of three new Ironman races in China the race promised to be a good one. In addition to the new Chinese owners of the Ironman brand wanting to put on a well organized race in their home country they were also offering world championship slots for the full distance Kona/Hawaii race. This hopefully meant it would attract a stronger field of athletes looking to qualify early in the year.

Swim: In the River Liu running through the city it was a lot better than expected. Many of us were nervous about both the temperature and quality of the water but it certainly didn't feel as cold as the 12 degrees C that some had predicted and there were no stomach upsets during or after the race that I know of. Actually it was pretty scenic swimming past temples and waterfalls on the banks. Another bonus was swimming downstream which meant for a slightly less slow swim split than normal for me. I wasn't sure of my position by the end but roughly 20th place.

Bike: The extra time made up on the swim was then taken away in the super long transition to the bikes but it was still fun with plenty of supporters shouting and cheering you along.

Once out on the bike the conditions were

perfect. Super smooth roads, no traffic allowed, no strong wind and not too many hills were all the right ingredients for another fast split. Coming into the race I had planned to not go too hard on the bike but instead target an aggressive run as this had served me well in the previous event I had done. Sticking to this plan was a mistake though as the competition was better and the gaps I allowed to build up were too large to claw back. Coming off the bike I thought I was in roughly 5th place but in reality was actually about 10th! I had been too conservative and actually posted a pretty slow time.

Worth mentioning is the fact that organizers had completely closed the 4 lane highway the route was on and had arranged for 5000 military police to line the route and monitor proceedings. Very impressive!

Run: As with the bike route the run was completely closed to traffic and the public so competitors could just focus with the job in hand. Again, it was a fast route with only a few hills to negotiate and while the sun was out it was not oppressive or overly humid, a welcome change to most Asian racing.

I managed an ok run but not fast and certainly not good enough to get a top



overall spot. I finished 5th overall and 3rd in my category. Even if I had realized where I was in the field earlier on, I would have possibly managed one place better at best after the poorly judged bike.

Overall: Despite the poor race execution I got the world championship slot which was cool.

A great race overall! Not too far away from HK. A course that could prove to be a real PB hunting ground here in Asia with very impressive organization.

Also congratulations to **Steven Purcell** from HKFC who had a fantastic race posting a personal best total time and a seriously impressive half marathon run split of 1:20! He also qualified for Kona! Awesome job!

I Ran Iran. The Story of the 2017 Tehran Marathon.

■ *David Gething*

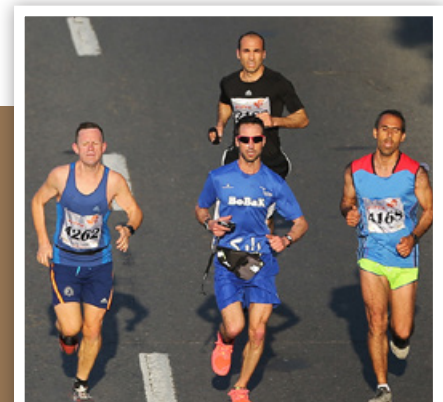
"A traveller without knowledge is like a bird without wings".

It was one of the first things that our weathered, leathery Iranian driver and guide Mr Zahedi said to me after meeting us off the plane in Tehran. Maybe it's because I'm a vet, but that struck a chord with me. It brought home how little I knew about Iran. Instead of the authoritarian, oppressive and slightly sinister country I'd somehow expected, I was met with a vibrant, hospitable and friendly culture, with a proud history

stretching back for millennia.

"Directions? Oh, I'm not good with directions" he continued, somewhat denting his aura of wisdom as he bundled my wife and I into the back of an old Peugeot to spend a week travelling through the Dasht-e-Kavir desert in the south of Iran, visiting the ancient silk road towns of Kashan, Isfahan, Yazd and Shiraz before returning to the capital to run the inaugural Tehran marathon.

As always, the journey was as much of an experience as the destination. From the intricate beauty of the Naghsh-e Jahan



Mosque in Isfahan to the seemingly prehistoric mud and brick dwellings of Yazd, from lush green oases of Kashan to biting sandstorms in Naein, it sounds trite but the only commonality was the friendliness and hospitality of the people. It seemed every person we met wanted to talk to us, take a selfie with us, share food and drink with us – we were even invited home for a Persian family dinner one evening, a once in a lifetime experience. Despite a reputation for a fractious relationship with the west, we received nothing but generosity and kindness, although there were confused looks when we told people we ‘Westerners’ were from Hong Kong, China.

The marathon was certainly a draw-card, for my wife as much as myself. Female athletes were segregated from the men and had to run a different race that had some truly unique rules: women must run in an organiser-provided white hijab (Muslim head covering) and loose fitting white clothing, so as not to accentuate feminine curves,



and men (including husbands) were not allowed to watch the ladies run. To make sure there were no indiscretions, female morality police, dressed in full black robes, were situated at regular intervals along the course. The women’s race was also suddenly shortened to 10km and held in a closed compound, again due to cultural sensitivities.

The men’s full marathon had entirely different but also unique challenges. We got a taste of how quickly the mood of a city can change when the United States decided to launch cruise missiles at Syria, a close ally of Iran, just a few hours before the race start. Life continued but the tension increased palpably, and every television and radio streamed live coverage and strong opinion. While we were running down the highway marathon course we passed army troops setting up massive anti-aircraft cannons just metres away. At that moment events came sharply into focus and we both realised the situation could unravel very quickly.

We had a wonderful experience in Iran. Our races were both very successful, a 2:57 marathon for me and a 1:00 10km for my wife, an especially remarkable achievement after she lost significant lung function to tuberculosis last year. But as I now sit on the flight out, what is cemented in my mind is the friendliness, hospitality and graciousness of the average person on the street, and my newfound appreciation for Persia. Yet there is one other thought that I can’t shake – the reassurance that we can now put the troubles and anxieties of an endless regional conflict behind us. Mr Zahedi and his compatriots are not so fortunate.

New Movies and Books in the Library



New DVDs

<i>A Dog's Purpose</i>	<i>Paterson</i>
<i>A United Kingdom</i>	<i>Rock Dog</i>
<i>Ballerina</i>	<i>Sleepless</i>
<i>Catfight</i>	<i>Split</i>
<i>Decline and Fall</i>	<i>SS- GB</i>
<i>Detour</i>	<i>The Affair - Season 3</i>
<i>Distance</i>	<i>The Book of Love</i>
<i>Diving Into the Unknown</i>	<i>The Carer</i>
<i>Dongju: The Portrait of a Poet</i>	<i>The Founder</i>
<i>Downton Abbey -</i>	<i>The Halcyon - Season 1</i>
<i>The Weddings</i>	<i>The Librarians - Season 3</i>
<i>Gold</i>	<i>The Marine 5: Battleground</i>
<i>Hidden Figures</i>	<i>The Team</i>
<i>I Am Not Your Negro</i>	<i>Tomato Red</i>
<i>King Arthur: Excalibur Rising</i>	<i>Toni Erdmann</i>
<i>La La Land</i>	<i>Vera - Season 7</i>
<i>Lion</i>	<i>Vikings - Season 4</i>
<i>Lucky's Treasure</i>	<i>...and more!</i>
<i>My Life as a Zucchini</i>	

New Books

Cometh The Hour by Jeffrey Archer
Gino's Hidden Italy by Gino D'acampo
Girl Online Going Solo by Zoe Sugg
Grandpa's Great Escape by David Walliams
Lean In 15: The Shape Plan; 15 Mins with Workout to Build a Strong Lean Body by Joe Wick
Middle School: Hollywood 101 by James Patterson
Miss Wrong and Mr Right by Robert Bryndza
Penalties by Stephen Leather
Phil! : A Hilarious Account of Everything by R P Momsen
Pokemon Encyclopedia: Official by Cris Silvestri
Rather be the Devil by Ian Rankin
Seeking East by Sam Olsen
Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult
Super Food Family Classics by Jamie Oliver
The Chemist by Stephanie Meyer
The Girl from Venice by Martin Cruz Smith
The Orphan Master's Son by Adam Johnson
The Survivor's Guide to Family Happiness by Maddie Dawson
This was a Man by Jeffrey Archer
Tintin - Explorers on the Moon by Herge
Turbo Twenty -Three by Janet Evanovich...and more!



2017 HKFC SUMMER OVERNIGHT CAMP

at the Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club Hong Kong

Date : Tuesday 11th to Thursday 13th July 2017

Age : 7-10 years old

Time : Meet at HKFC - Tuesday 11th July at 9.00am
Dismiss at HKFC - Thursday 13th July at 5.00pm

Fee : Member - \$2,800
Non-Member* - \$3,000
(Includes Transportation, Meal(s) and Insurance Cover)
*Non-Members must be accompanied by a Member

Activities: Golf, Wild Cookery, Water Games, Night Treasure Hunt, Swimming, Team Building Games and much more...

Booking form available at the I/F Sports Desk. To register, please fill in the booking form and submit to the I/F Sports Desk.

For more details, please contact Sports Desk at 2837 2673 or e-mail sports@hkfc.com

Registration Deadline:
Tuesday 27th June 2017



2017 HKFC SUMMER CAMP

Date : CAMP A - July 3rd, 5th, 7th
CAMP B - July 17th, 19th, 21st
CAMP C - August 7th, 9th, 11th

Time : 9.00am - 12.00noon

Age Group: 5-7 years old and 8-11 years old

Venue : Hong Kong Football Club

Fee : Member: \$1,350 per camp
Non-Member: \$1,450 per camp
(Non-Members must be accompanied by a Member)

Activities : Golf, Rope Skipping, Thai-Boxing, Racket Games, Team Building Games, Ball Games, Arts & Crafts and Bowling

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