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The Thoughts of the Chairman



John J Shanahan,
Chairman

Dear Members,

Christmas was as busy as usual and I would like to thank all the Staff at the Club for working so hard over the holiday period, and, indeed, throughout the entire year, by ensuring that we had the usual high standards of service that we have all come to expect, despite the limited facilities available during the second floor renovations project. The renovations continue apace and I am pleased to see that the Indoor Lawn Bowls Green on the first floor was opened before Christmas after the ceiling work above it was completed and a new carpet installed after leveling the base.

The Christmas Fete held in the Infield was very well attended and helped by being a sunny day, with lots of smiling faces and happy children. The Welsh Male Voice Choir performed on the Main Pitch on the evening of the 11th December, and, as always, the event was very well attended with some 700 plus people enjoying the carols and songs, and also, I hope, the mulled wine and mince pies that were available afterwards!

Please note that the **Annual General Meeting** of the Club will be held in the Sports Hall at **7pm on Thursday 18th January 2018**. All the nominations for positions on the General Committee have been

received and are detailed in the Annual Report that you should all have by now.

We now rapidly approach the Lunar New Year holiday on the **16th to 19th February 2018**. As the third day of the holiday falls on a Sunday, the Government has declared the following Monday a Public Holiday; so a nice long weekend if you are thinking of getting away. I would like to remind all Members that the **Club will be closed from 5pm on Thursday 15th February, closed all day on Friday 16th February and will reopen at 9am on Saturday 17th February**. Therefore all the Club facilities, including the Car Park, will be closed on that Friday. We will also be holding the **Annual Staff Party on Sunday 11th March 2018**. **The Club will close**, on the same basis as above, **from 5pm on 11th March 2018 and reopen at 9am on Monday 12th March**. So please note these dates for your diary.

In closing, please see the photo below which shows the leaving party we held for Shirley Lo who recently resigned after 38 years of service to the Club. We thank Shirley for all her efforts over the years and wish her well in her future endeavours.

John J Shanahan
Chairman





HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

Race Box

at the Happy Valley Race Course

The Club maintains a Box at the Happy Valley race course which is available for Members to book in advance.

Cost:

F&B Package: \$750 per head.
Admission badge: \$60 per head.

F&B arrangement:

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

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From the Desk of Mark Pawley



*Mark Pawley,
General Manager*

Wishing you all a happy and, hopefully, prosperous 2018. At this time of the year we all tend to look at reducing our calorific intake and increasing the level of exercise we look to do, to try and shed those extra pounds that invariably we have put on over the Festive period! This is all good with me but it seems that some of our Members decided to get their exercise in first (and their weight loss) before the start of the Festive Season. Well done to David Shaw for winning the recent Transformation Challenge (see page 14 for more information) who managed to lose a whopping 19.4 pounds in weight!

As we move into January, and New Year resolutions, I would like to remind Members of the Bye-law as regards the use of Electronic Communication Devices (ECD's) on the Club Premises. There have recently been a few transgressions and therefore it is timely that I should repeat what the Chairman wrote on this subject in his magazine article of July/August 2017 which is very clear.

“Could I remind Members of the rules regarding Electronic Communication Devices (“ECD”), notably

mobile telephones, as there has recently been a number of instances, especially around the Sportsman's Bar, where Members or their Guests have been playing music or watching videos and disturbing other Members. Our rules are clear (and noted below) and essentially boil down to the fact that your ECD should be on silent mode wherever you are in the Club, either inside the building or outside. If you want to watch a video, use headphones so as to not disturb other people. Members are not allowed to make or answer calls or listen to voice mail while in any facility that is inside the Club building. You may use the ECD in the outside areas of the Club to make and receive calls and receive voice mail, but, again, your ECD must be on silent mode and video conferencing or having, for example, Facetime conversations where other Members can hear the other party to the conversation, are not permissible. If you want to have a conversation, use head phones.”

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

*Mark Pawley,
General Manager*

Reminder Notice To Members

Bye-law 3.8(1) states that:

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

The use of Electronic Communication Devices (including but not limited to portable telephones, pagers, wearable technology (e.g. wrist watches with portable telephone / camera /video capability) and technologies such as voice over internet protocols on computers or similar devices, collectively referred to herein as the “ECD”) for receiving or making calls or listening to messages is prohibited in all but the following areas of the Club:

In respect of b), c), d), e) and f), ECD must be on silent or vibrate mode and should not emit any audible signal under any circumstances and for whatever purposes.

- (a) The Car Park; and
- (b) The infield areas comprising the Pitches, Stands and the area immediately outside the Sportsman's Bar including the Verandah and Patio area(s); and
- (c) The immediate surrounds of the Outdoor Green; and
- (d) The Swimming Pool Complex; and
- (e) The Coffee Shop Patio area; and
- (f) The immediate surrounds of the Tennis Courts 4, 5 and 6.



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2018 departure date: 29 Apr | 10, 21 May | 1, 12, 23 Jun | 4, 15, 26 Jul | 6, 17, 28 Aug

Fare: **HKD18,089^{up}**

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London (Southampton), England | Guernsey (St. Peter Port), England | Cork, Ireland | Dublin, Ireland [Overnight] | Belfast, Northern Ireland | Glasgow (Greenock), Scotland | Invergordon, Scotland | Edinburgh (South Queensferry), Scotland | Paris/Normandy (Le Havre), France | London (Southampton), England

2018 departure date: 1, 13, 25* May | 6^, 18*, 30 Jun | 12^, 24^ Jul | 5^, 17, 29* Aug

*will not stay overnight at Dublin, will call to Orkney Islands
^will not stay overnight at Dublin, will call to Liverpool, port order may vary

Fare: **HKD18,947^{up}**

7days Inside Passage **Star Princess | Island Princess**

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2018 departure date: 2, 5, 9 May

Fare: **HKD9,002^{up}**

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2018 departure date: 11 Feb* | 30 Mar

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Staff volunteers and the elders happily holding their rolling card



Master Kim led all of the volunteers to make the special card as a souvenir to the Club



A meaningful day from the HKFC Staff Caring Committee: The Gift of Joy

On Tuesday 21st November a group of thirteen volunteers from the Club went to the Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong (ELCHK), Chung On Neighbourhood Elderly Centre in Ma On Shan to share an afternoon with the elders. The centre has provided comprehensive elderly services and community support services to the elderly people living in Chung On Estate and Kam Fung Court since 2002 to cope with their psychosocial and personal care needs. The objectives of these services are not only to assist the elderly to lead a healthy, respectable and dignified life within the locality, but also motivating the local residents to work together to build a stronger and more caring community. Inside the centre, they can learn Chinese Calligraphy, Traditional Chinese painting and some handicraft making.

The volunteers arrived after lunch and joined the elders in their activity meeting room to get acquainted with them. After a bit of socialising, the elders invited the volunteers to make paper rolling cards together. Like a wishing card, these cards are about 5"x 5" in size, all having the Chinese word "Fortune" on it. Since the entire card is made with different sizes and different colours of paper being rolled together, the outcome looks beautiful, as it is embroidered.



The project was led by many of the tutors, but the most experienced ones are actually the elderly people whose social activities are their daily routines here in the centre. There is one impressive paper rolling tutor in his 80s, Master Kim. All of the volunteers were divided into five groups, each pairing with two elders who would guide the volunteers to make the paper rolling cards step-by-step. None of the volunteers could ever think of the mere usage of a wide variety of paper, combined with a skilful sculpture technique, such as folding, cutting, rolling, stitching, layering or gluing the papers, so many paper sculptures and other 3 dimensional objects can be rolled out and turned into colourful blessing decoration cards!

A total of 13 paper rolling blessing cards were made by each of the volunteers. We learnt that on the 23rd November, these cards would be

distributed by the centre in a "Song Ann 15th Anniversary Celebration and Elderly Birthday Party" to all the elderlies who are born in the month of November. In addition, the volunteers also gave the centre some household goods for the lucky draw to be held at this celebration party. Then at the very end of the paper rolling session, Master Kim led all of the volunteers to a collective creation, which is a special paper rolling card on which there are colourful papers rolled in heart shapes, and papers rolled like a picture frame, and papers rolled in Chinese characters. This special card was given to the Club as a souvenir. It filled the hearts of the volunteers as well as the elderlies with joy and warmth because a seemingly simple paper rolling afternoon had become a not-so-simple sharing day, the sharing of quality time and genuine warmth.

The volunteers left the Chung On Neighbourhood Elderly Centre with plenty of unforgettable memories. It was a fun and enriching afternoon, not only for the elders but also for the volunteers, who all left with a contented smile on their faces.

Many thanks to all who those who volunteered their time in this meaningful activity. ■

For more information on ELCHK, Chung On Neighbourhood Elderly Centre, please visit their website at: http://service.elchk.org.hk/eng/unit_service3.php

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Sunday to Thursday
7.30am to Midnight
Friday to Saturday
7.30am to 1am

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

FAMILY LOUNGE BAR

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

POOL BAR

Daily: 8am to 6.30pm

The last food order: 6pm
Tel: 28309573

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 food order: 2.30pm
Tel: 28372629
Email: bar@hkfc.com

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

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SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm

Semi Buffet Lunch

one serving: 95 per person
or full menu: 120

*(Booking accepted at Lunch time
from Monday to Friday only)*

CAPTAIN'S BAR AND FAMILY LOUNGE BAR

(on 1st Floor)

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

FUNCTION ROOMS

(on 1st Floor)

Daily from Noon to 2.30pm

Semi Buffet Lunch

2 Courses: 168
3 Courses: 188

(includes Coffee or Tea)

*(Booking accepted at Lunch time
from Monday to Sunday only)*

In the Function Rooms



SEMI BUFFET LUNCH

In the Function Rooms / 1st Floor

Monday to Sunday
from noon to 2.30pm

2 Courses: 168
3 Courses: 188

(Includes Coffee or Tea)

SEMI BUFFET DINNER

In the Function Rooms / 1st Floor

Friday to Sunday
from 6.30pm to 10pm

2 Courses: 168
3 Courses: 188

(Includes Coffee or Tea)

Treat yourself to a selection from our
appetizers buffet, made-to-order main
courses and desserts.

For Bookings and inquiries, please contact:
2837 2629 or email: bar@hkfc.com



RUGBY:

The **European Champions Cup** and **Aviva Premiership** continues throughout the month of January.

Be Ready in February for the **Six Nations Championship** which is without doubt the world's greatest rugby tournament. Each year the collective fans of six proud nations – England, France, Ireland, Italy, Scotland and Wales – share in the passion and excitement of this feast of rugby. Some of the rivalries in this tournament date back more than 140 years, which simply adds to the sense of occasion.

The first match of the 2018 Six Nations Championship is Saturday 3rd February fixture Wales vs Scotland and France vs Ireland. The following day, England travel to Rome to begin the defence of their Six Nations title against Italy.

SOCCER:

The **English Premier League** takes on the Spotlight with plenty of important games this month. Be sure to check the notice boards for updated schedule as the race to the title continues.

TENNIS:

Don't miss out on the **Australian Open** from 15th to 28th January.

GOLF:

For the Golf enthusiasts, three European **PGA Tournaments** will be played this month. Please check the website for updated schedule.

NFL SUPERBOWL 2018:

For American Football lovers, the **Superbowl 2018** will be shown in the early hours of 5th February HK time, so mark your diaries!

Join us for the traditional Superbowl Early Breakfast including a full breakfast buffet selection. The Sportsman's Bar will open from 6am for the complete build up to what some say is the most watched final in the world. Not just a game but a party! Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Call the Sportsman's Bar at 2830 9531

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- Duck Liver Terrine 85
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Clean whey protein is loaded with potent nutrients and essential amino acids. When whey is cold processed and ultra filtered the health promoting essential amino acids are kept intact, contributing both to lean muscle structure, and overall health.

Mind the gap!!: When we take a closer look quite often there is a gap between the amount of protein required daily and what we actually take in. So the next time you order, consider the amount of protein you are actually getting vs what you need and how that gap can be filled deliciously.

Did you know that:

Whey protein is one of the most easily digested and absorbed sources of proteins for humans.

Unlike carbs or fat, we can't store the amino acids so we need to replenish our supply daily.

Excluding training or body composition goals, each of us needs about 1g of protein per KG of body weight daily.

1 egg = 6g of protein & 100g of chicken = 27g of protein.

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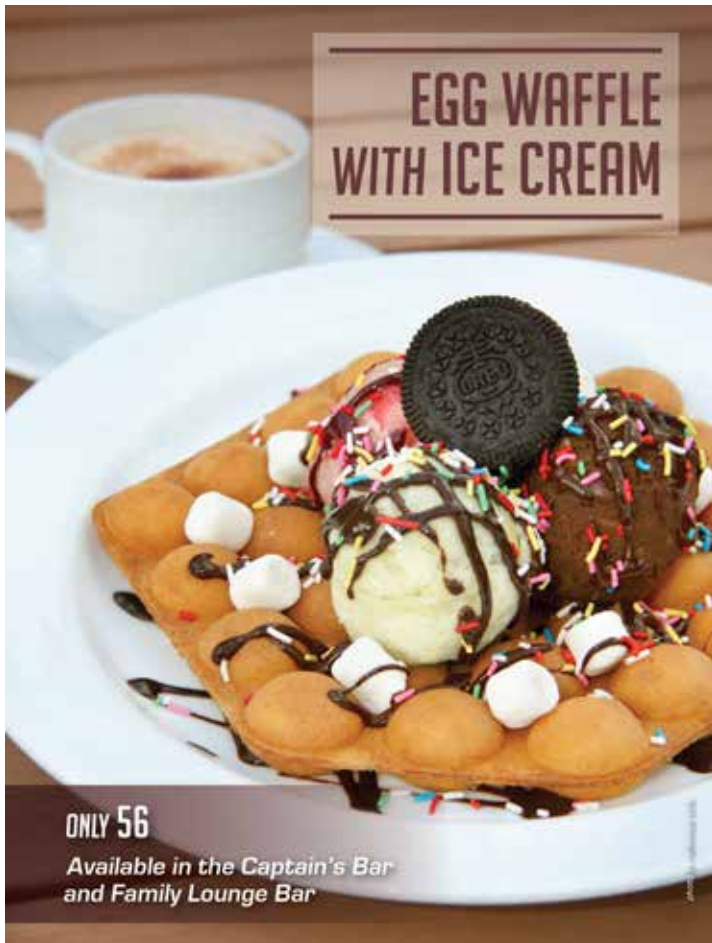
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Lion Dance
at the Club
Sunday 25th February 2018


We will be holding our special Lion Dance at the Club which starts at the Front Entrance of the Club at **10.30am**.

For those of you that have not seen this spectacle then do, try and make a date to watch it! A must watch entertainment for all our Members.



IN THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR

NFL SUPER BOWL
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Monday 5th February 2018
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128 per Member
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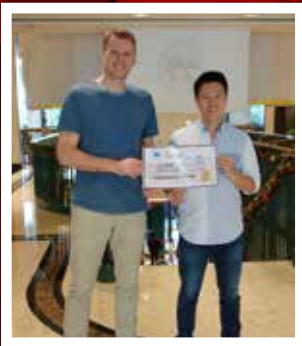
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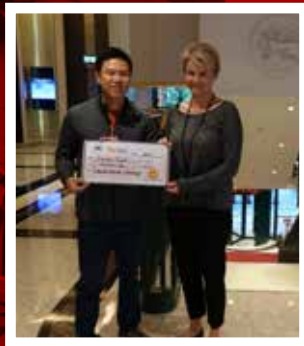
- Entrance to the Club at 6.30am is restricted to the Sportsman's Bar only. The rest of the Club will open at normal hours.
- Guests must be accompanied by a Member.
- Children under 12 years old are not permitted.
- Children between 13 and 17 years old must be accompanied by a Member.
- Tickets are non refundable and will be automatically charged to the Member's account.
- For further details and assistance please contact Sportsman's Bar at 2630 9531 or email: sportsmans@hkfc.com.
- Should the number of bookings be insufficient, the event may have to be cancelled.

HKFC Transformation Challenge

Congratulations to all the participants who completed the Transformation Challenge.



Eric presents a cheque to the Winner, David Shaw



Eric presents a cheque to the 1st runner up, Tracey Pugh



Eric presents a cheque to the 2nd runner up, George Tullis

Winner:
DAVID SHAW
Down 19.4lbs, win: \$2976

1st runner up:
TRACEY PUGH
Down 11.7lbs, win:\$1100

2nd runner up:
GEORGE TULLIS
Down 11.4lbs, win:\$1100

Total weight lose: 63.6lbs

A big hooray to all the participants. Special thanks to Personal Trainers Eric Chan, Carly Peters and Minos Lee for organising the event.

If you missed the Transformation Challenge and want to do weight management, diabetes and/or cholesterol control, please free feel to contact Eric Chan at eric@energearfitness.com or 9455 4189.



Message from the Soccer Captain



Robbie Bacon,
Soccer Section
Captain

Hello all,

In November the Soccer Section had the pleasure of introducing the legendary **Alan Shearer** to the Club. In a busy few days Alan was made an Honorary Member of the Club by the General Committee, visited Po Leung Kuk Foundation supported by Wallsend Boys Club Hong Kong, put on a penalty taking masterclass for a selection of the Section's Junior Soccer players and was in fine form at the charity dinner in his honour entertaining guests with stories of the past and his thoughts on the future – City to win the league, and the less said about **Mike Ashley** the better.

This month we have an article on the perennial trip to Phuket for the Henrik Lorenz Memorial Match, an account of Alan Shearer's session



Alan Shearer with Club Captain Robbie Bacon, 1st Team Manager Tony Hamilton-Brown, and Chairman Stephen Tew

with Junior Soccer, an interview with HKFC 1st Team Kitman **Tom Shirley**, and an update on Wanderer's fantastic start to the season, a perfect ten.

Cheers

Robbie Bacon

HKFA 1st Division

Position	Team	Game	Win	Draw	Loss	Goal Gain	Goal Loss	Goal Diff	Point
1	Hong Kong Football Club	12	10	2	0	35	10	25	32
2	Sha Tin	12	8	2	2	23	14	9	26
3	Sparta Rotterdam (Mutual)	12	7	3	2	29	16	13	24
4	Double Flower	12	7	2	3	25	12	13	23
5	Hoi King	12	6	2	4	17	19	-1	20
6	Wing Yee Property	12	6	1	5	24	16	8	19

HKFA 2nd Division

5	Sham Shui Po	11	4	5	2	15	10	5	17
6	Lucky Mile	10	4	4	2	19	13	6	16
7	Kai Chi	11	4	3	4	14	13	1	15
8	Sun Source	11	4	2	5	14	17	-3	14
9	Kwai Tang	10	3	3	4	13	17	-4	12
10	Fukien	11	2	5	4	8	10	-2	11
11	Keung Wah	11	3	2	6	10	13	-3	11

HKFA Ladies Division

1	Glenn (Women)	4	4	0	0	35	0	35	12
2	KiChae (Women)	4	4	0	0	16	0	16	12
3	HKFC (Women)	4	3	1	0	21	0	21	10
4	Happy Valley (Women)	4	3	0	1	25	2	23	9
5	Shatin (Women)	3	2	1	0	5	1	4	7
6	Chelsea FC Soccer School (HK) (Women)	2	1	1	0	5	0	5	4
7	WSE (Women)	4	1	0	3	3	14	-11	3
8	HKBU (Women)	4	1	0	3	2	15	-14	3
9	Wong Tai Sin (Women)	4	0	1	3	2	18	-16	1

Yau Yee League

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
(Inc. 68, 13, 17)								
Club Wanderers	11	11	0	0	36	2	34	33
Club Colts	11	7	2	2	27	16	11	23
Club Ablon	11	7	1	3	35	20	15	22
German All Stars	11	7	1	3	30	21	9	22
Carnegie's Boca Seniors	11	5	2	4	28	21	7	17
Baker Tilly Spartans	11	5	2	4	24	22	2	17
KCC Dragons	11	4	1	6	24	27	-3	13

Legal League Legends (Vets)

Pos	Div	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Legends	DSFC Vets	8	7	1	0	30	7	23	22
2	Legends	HKFC	7	5	0	2	21	13	8	15
3	Legends	USRC 1911	7	5	0	2	19	11	8	15
4	Legends	KCC Vets	6	3	0	3	15	9	7	9
5	Legends	Spartans Masters	7	3	0	4	19	17	2	9
6	Legends	BTDT	5	2	1	2	12	6	6	7
7	Legends	Godfathers	7	0	1	6	8	31	-23	1
8	Legends	PWD Seniors FC	7	0	1	6	7	35	-28	1



Kitman Corner with Tom Shirley

Tom, you are with the HKFC 1st Team for a second season, who is your favourite player so far this year? – "Ollie Laxton is currently my favourite player."

What is your favourite game of the season so far? "The match against Wing Yee was my favourite", it was a difficult 4 – 3 away victory against a side featuring one of our ex-players **Matthew Hoare**.

What is your impression of JC's kitman duties? "Those are my duties, but I hear he is doing well when I am away."

Where do you think the HKFC 1st Team will finish in this 17/18 season? "I think that we will finish top just like my team Manchester City".

What are your plans next season? "I am hoping to move to the UK to go to college to study sports admin."

Cheers Tom, carry on the fine work and good luck for the season.



Henrik Lorenz Memorial Match

4th November 2017, Youth Football Home Phuket

The annual match between HKFC and Singapore Cricket Club (“SCC”) was held at the Youth Football Home (“YFH”) in Phuket on Saturday 4th November. With the Club players travelling from the UK, the Middle East and Hong Kong as well as a few Phuket residents, we were confident of retaining the trophy which we have held for the past four years. However, SCC had a much smaller squad than they have had in recent years and a lower average age which worked in their favour. They also had an ex-professional in their team (he played for Torquay and Brentford) who is rumoured to be moving to Singapore sometime in the future.....

As ever it was very hot and humid so the game was split into four periods of twenty minutes and with a squad of 18 we were able to make regular changes to ensure the older ones in the squad didn’t suffer life changing injuries.

SCC started the first twenty minutes on the front foot with a couple of their younger players dominating.

SCC (the ex-pro) opened the scoring with a blistering shot from the edge of the box which gave our keeper, Devs, no chance.

The second and third twenty saw HKFC creating numerous chances but failing to convert any. Blame is not something we do in the Dynamics but “One in a Million” had been missing open goals all weekend. Against the run of play SCC were awarded a penalty which was tucked away by, you have guessed it, the ex-pro.

In the fourth period HKFC continued to push and create more chances but could not convert. In fairness the SCC keeper did have a blinder.

So the game ended 2 – 0 to SCC so we will have to strengthen the squad and win it back next year.

Now to the main purpose of the visit. To maintain the Section’s support for a truly worthwhile cause.

On the Friday night, the children at the YFH were treated to a meal at a local KFC and my thanks to all the lads who were at KFC to support.

I would also like to thank **Mick Lonergan** for his efforts in arranging the continued sponsorship from **Giga Sports** and arranging the transfer of the football boots down to the orphanage.

The YFH has a full complement of thirty-two boys and thirty-two girls and it also supports approximately a dozen older boys who reside outside the YFH attending university, vocational training, diploma programmes as well as those at professional Thai football teams and academies.

The girls building was completed three and a half years ago and in August of this year the YFH were invited to send a girls team to take part in the under 14’s competition at the Gothia Cup in Shenyang, China, representing Thailand. The Gothia Cup is one of the largest youth football tournaments with over 200 teams from thirty countries. Despite an average age of just twelve they won four of their six games and finished a creditable third in the league.

The management team at the YFH do a fantastic job and we look forward to visiting for many years to come, hopefully we might get the trophy back next year.



Some of the children with the boots sponsored by Giga Sports.

Wanderers – Season 2017/18 – November 2017

Club Wanderers – A Perfect 10

As we move into the month of December and many turn their thoughts to the Festive Season, the players of Club Wanderers remain focussed on an amazing start to our League campaign. We find ourselves perched happily atop of the Yau Yee League with a perfect record of played 10, won 10. We look forward to this weekend's game (December 3) against our Club rivals Albion, knowing that a win would complete the first half of the season with a record of eleven straight league wins. A feat that may be unprecedented in Yau Yee League history.

We begin our story for Yau Yee League 2017/18 season in the scorching heat of August. There is an element of horse trading at this time of year, with players moving in and out of squads. We lost **Gianni Melwani**, **Freddie Toomer** and **Mark Thurbon** to the 1st team, but **Andrew Wyld** came the other way to return to where his true heart lies and became a Wanderer for a second time. **Jordan Brown** of the dancing feet moved onto a team in the HKFA, and with us picking up a couple of new players for the squad, we went into the pre-season with a relatively small squad, but one full of good quality.

The pre-season games go well, with comfortable victories against various opposition. However, the last game was to be a defeat against our league rivals GAS (the Germans). This provided the wake up call that said that the season ahead was not going to be easy. Our gaffer, **Danny Beattie**, who is of Vesuvian temperament (dormant but ready to erupt), exploded with vitriol in affirming that we cannot put in performances like that if we are looking to win the League. **Terry Harris** of more placid Hawaiian volcanic disposition, quietly voices that we move on but be mindful of Danny's warning.

The season starts with Danny stating that the aim is to "win the League minimum". The squad is battle hardened having been runners up for the previous two seasons. There was a determination to ensure not suffering a most unwanted of hat-ricks, of finishing for a third year in succession as League bridesmaids. Testimony to this being the intensity of the training sessions and the lads doing their own personal fitness workouts away from our team sessions. The results can be seen in the current league standings.

However, that table does not tell the full story. Although we have won all 10 games to date,



many of these games have been close well into the second half. Allied to the team's ability and match day tactics, our fitness levels have been a factor in winning matches, with us picking teams off as they tire late on. It has been anything but easy, it has been a run built on hard work and focussed training.

A defence that has conceded just two goals, led by our keeper "Clean Sheets" **Martin Yu**, has been the foundation for the team. The team has generally played with three at the back, a triumvirate of **Michael Campion (Campo)**, **Jay Green** and **Andrew Wyld** providing the bedrock for the side to go forward. Allied to his defensive excellence, Campo has also popped up with a series of free kick goals to showcase his full range of skills.

In midfield, we have a real depth of quality. The midfield area is one that gives Danny the most headaches. He has to perm around eight players that could start in our engine room, for only five available places. Competition is fierce which stokes the fires of this important part of our team. However, the vagaries of injuries, player availability and form has allowed plenty of pitch time to all. **Sebastian Beer**, **Brenden Beni**, **Shane Thompson**, **Joel Ascombe**, **Graeme McConnell**, **Mark Cameron**, **Ricky Wells** and **Dan Yee**, regularly featuring for spots in the starting XI.

Up top, leading the line, there have been impressive contributions and goals from **Joel Gasche** and **Jame Wolfson (Wolfie)**. Joel is a player of International pedigree having represented the Swiss national team at junior

level. Whilst Wolfie, his name hinting at his undoubted pedigree, dazzles with quick turns and bursts in and around the box. **Adam Riley** makes up the threesome regularly challenging for starting roles for Wanderers, and with the team scoring 32 goals in 10 games, the guys have been doing a great job.

In terms of highlights to date, I think our performance against the Colts is the pick. Wanderers always stay to watch the Colts play on a Sunday evening. They play a style of football that is good on the eye, at a high tempo and plenty of skill. With both teams at the top of the League, we knew it was an important game in the season and we setup to nullify their strengths and attack them quickly once we got possession. A 3-0 win was the result, and the satisfaction of producing our best football against top opposition.

Tomorrow we go into the Sports Road "El Classico" against Albion. It's a top of the table clash, first versus second, which adds extra spice to the match. By the time you read these words, the result of the game will be known. We are anticipating a typically rumbustious affair, with no quarter given. The most stern of tests in what should be a great game of football. We hope that the footballing Gods favour us, and we come out on top. But this is football, and anything can happen "over 90 minutes".

■ Terry Harris

Addendum: Wanderers beat Albion 4-0 to open a 10 point lead from second placed Colts. A truly perfect start to the season. Wanderers March On!



Alan Shearer visits HKFC

Alan Shearer with U7-U12 players, with trade mark one arm/ hand goal celebration

In early November, **Alan Shearer** came through Hong Kong in support of Wallsend Boys Club Hong Kong (WBC HK), an organisation set up by our very own **Neil Jensen, Tony Sealy** and **Chris Vale**, to provide football to underprivileged children who otherwise would not have the opportunity. Beyond the excitement of meeting one of the legends of the game, the visit was even more special given its purpose (to raise funds and awareness for WBC HK's important initiatives) and Junior Soccer's shared values with WBC HK. A number of WBC HK-sponsored children from Po Leung Kuk Foundation play in our Junior Soccer Programme.

Many in the Club knew of the dinner event in the Sports Hall, where Shearer, not surprisingly was an entertaining and engaging dinner host. Perhaps less known was Shearer's busy day the day before. Shearer visited Po Leung Kuk and spent time with the children that live there. At the Club afterwards, he spent time playing football with the boys and girls from Po Leung Kuk who are enrolled in our Junior Soccer Programme.

He then spent time with our U7-U12 midweek training players, the most memorable moment being when someone asked how many goals he scored in his lifetime. After Shearer

answered, one kid yells "No way!" Shearer and the rest burst out laughing, and as the crowd parted to identify the voice, the laughter continued as everyone realised the kid was probably no more than 7-8 years old. It was a good moment and one that I won't forget. Shearer then spent time with our older U13-16 Youth Pathway academy players, giving these players insight into what it takes to play at the highest levels.

The day was capped off with the kids gathered around the penalty area and Shearer giving a lesson on taking penalty kicks, including what goes through his mind when he takes them; a unique opportunity to learn from one of the greatest penalty takers of all time. This was followed by a penalty kick competition with players, of all ages, selected from the crowd.

It was an incredible day and one the kids will never forget. They may have been too young (or not even born) when Shearer was playing in the Premier League, but they knew they were spending time with someone who was a special player. And Shearer's genuine interest and interactions with the kids also showed that not only does he display class on the pitch, but off of it as well.

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



Alan Shearer giving a lesson on taking penalty kicks



HKFC U16 Team Captain Jesper Jarlefeldt taking a penalty with Alan Shearer closely watching



HKFC U8 player Dimitris Vallas taking a penalty on U16 Goalie Derek Ing



Alan Shearer demonstrating a penalty kick



Alan Shearer, WBC HK founders (Chris Vale, Neil Jensen, Tony Sealy) with Po Leung Kuk players in the JS Programme



Alan Shearer with U13-U16 Youth Pathway (academy) players



Alan Shearer playing football with Po Leung Kuk kids



Tales from the Bush

■ by Jimmy Richards, Rugby Section Captain

Greetings from the Bush and welcome to what I hope will be an outstanding year for you, your families and the HKFC rugby community. I hope everyone had a sensational Xmas and a fantastic New Year's party. I'm sure we have all come back with a little more belly and a little less liver and the New Year's resolutions to drop the drink and get back into shape are fully underway. 2018 is set to be a cracker and there is a huge amount to look forward to what with finals footy just around the corner – but before we move into 2018, let's just take a moment to review the last few months of 2017.

A new Committee and Chairman were voted in last year and have been working hard over the last six months to make this Rugby Club better, closer and stronger. A lot of positive momentum has been forged and some great initiatives undertaken, however as with all new journeys there are some bumps along the way, but we will continue to serve you the players and members as best we can. A big thank you to all the Committee members for giving up their time and please know your efforts do not go unrecognised and are very appreciated.

Cameron McIntosh joined us in October and has been thrown into the thick of things spending his first few months getting to grips with the beast that is HKFC. Cam continues to navigate his way through this season taking on extra responsibility where ever he can and is now nice and settled and looking to incorporate a bit of his "flavour" into the Club.

Sadly, **Phil Bailey** leaves us this year, to head home and take up a coaching role with the Sydney Rabbitohs. Phil has done an outstanding job in coaching the first team over the last couple seasons and we are sad to see him leave. His vision and hard work has really shown this season with the Club team playing some of the best rugby we have seen in a long time. We wish Phil and his family all the best with their new adventure back in Straya and hope we will see them all again in HK soon.

To all the coaches who have been down to trainings, rocked up to Saturday games, planned sessions, worked together to get teams out and dealt with all the admin and headaches that go hand in hand with the role – a huge thanks from all the players. Thanks to **Thierry,**



Q, Russian, Skurzzy, Tetley, Tony G, Scott Lindsay, Billy Mason, Mungo, Dave and all the other managers and water boys who are too many to name.

To the players, some great performances on the field and in the pub this year – I think we can all agree it has been a pleasure to watch, so a huge thank you and let's keep it going in 2018. Special mention to the Club side who have been playing some champagne rugby and the culture and the desire shown from the boys has been outstanding. Some of the wins and results have been hard fought and gritty and this is what rugby is truly all about – battling with your mates for the win regardless of the consequences to one's self out on the field. We wish them all the best for the business half of the season.

In closing - Finals footy is now just around the corner and the season is coming to the business end. This is the time when a huge amount of players suddenly pop out of the woodwork and make themselves available for the next few months. I encourage all those that have been waiting for "knockout footy" to make their way down to trainings and get involved in whatever way they can – playing, supporting, complaining just come down and enjoy the rugby over the next few months.

I wish you all a great 2018 and hope to see you in the Sporties toast this New year ahead of us.

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Champions UBB Gavekal, Clarkin confirm GFI HKFC 10s defence



strength of Hong Kong's domestic Premiership, which has been won by Valley for the last five years.

"Like the Fijians, Aorangi and Nick also made the difference we expected and perfectly delivered the job. They're in line to be invited again in 2018," Aldige said.

"However, I think it's also important that people know that eight of our squad were playing in Hong Kong. Each of those players were just as important. The Hong Kong league is definitely getting better and better, year after year."

Inaugurated in 1986 to celebrate Hong Kong Football Club's centenary, the GFI HKFC 10s has long attracted the game's top players including seven All Blacks who won the 2015 Rugby World Cup – **Conrad Smith, Jerome Kaino** (both 2003), **Ben Smith, Charlie Faumuina** (both 2008), **Beauden Barrett, Sam Cane** (both 2010) and **Nehe Milner-Skudder** (2013).

Jonah Lomu, Mils Muliaina, Justin Marshall, Christian Cullen and **Israel Dagg** are among other All Blacks to have played at the 10s, while Australian stars have included **George Gregan, George Smith, Wendell Sailor, Joe Roff, Toutai Kefu, Rod McCall, Tim Gavin, and Mark and Glen Ella**.

South Africa's **Bob Skinstad** and **Cornall Hendricks**, France's **Damien Traille**, Fiji's **Waisale Serevi**, five-time World Cup star **Brian Lima** of Samoa, England's **Will Carling**, **Jeremy Guscott** and **Rory Underwood**, and Scotland's **Gavin** and **Scott Hastings** have also competed.

GFI has title sponsored the event since 2006, while other sponsors and suppliers for 2018 include Allied World and Natixis (Gold Sponsors), DHL and Q-Net (Silver Sponsors), CBRE (Bronze Sponsor) and Samurai Sportswear (Official Apparel).

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UBB Gavekal have confirmed that they will defend their Cup title at the 33rd edition of the GFI HKFC 10s, which will be held at Hong Kong Football Club from April 4-5.

New Zealander **Matt Clarkin** – former captain of Top 14 club Union Bordeaux Begles (UBB) – will return as UBB Gavekal's head coach for the 10-a-side competition, which is held annually on the Wednesday and Thursday ahead of the Hong Kong Sevens.

UBB Gavekal team manager **Jean-Baptiste Aldige**, a former Valley and Hong Kong player, said the 36-year-old Clarkin's early commitment was a huge boost ahead of the side's defence of the Bill Burgess Cup.

"Matt's return as head coach is very important for us as he was key to our GFI HKFC 10s success," Aldige said of the France-based former No. 8 who retired from playing in 2016 after six seasons with Bordeaux.

"We're very proud to have given Matt his first experience as a coach. I believe he has enormous potential and I can see him as a future head coach at a top European club."

UBB Gavekal won the GFI HKFC 10s for the first time in April 2017 with a primarily Hong Kong-based squad boosted by four contracted Fiji Sevens backs – **Lemekhi Tulele, Josua Vici, Samu Bale** and **Glen Cakautini** – who all played on the 2016-17 World Rugby Sevens Series.

Aldige said he would again communicate about player availability with Fiji Sevens boss **Gareth**

Baber, former head coach of the Hong Kong Sevens team.

"Our Fijian players made a difference, but one we expected," said Aldige, Managing Director of Sport Inside Asia, the Hong Kong-based sports marketing agency that represents UBB.

"Gareth Baber is a top man and one of the most visionary coaches on the Sevens Series, so we'll renew the relationship with his squad based on his needs and ours."

Aldige admitted that the title of defending champions would place new expectations on his team, which has the support of Hong Kong-based Louis-Vincent Gave, founder of financial services company Gavekal and a shareholder in UBB.

"I know that as the champions, all the teams will be waiting for us, but our philosophy won't change – we're a challenger team who just try to compete with the big dogs," Aldige said.

"However, even though I've just finished my playing career and don't have the experience of some managers at the 10s, when you've tasted winning once, you want to taste it again."

Eight of UBB Gavekal's victorious 15-man squad were based in Hong Kong, while New Zealand-based stars included Tournament MVP **Aorangi Stokes** and flyhalf **Nick Smith**, who converted a late drop kick to pip 2016 champions Penguins 10-7 in the Cup final.

Aldige said he hoped several key players would return to the invitational tournament but that the winning line-up also reflected the growing

Message from the Mini Rugby Chairman



The Mini-Rugby 2017 / 2018 Season started on Sunday 3rd September and we had our first Festival of the season at USRC: King's Park on Sunday 5th November. Group reports follow below.

We (as in Mini Year Groups U9, U10, and U11 players, coaches and parents) led by the Rugby Section Chairman, Ben Stobart, commemorated Remembrance Sunday on 12th November, by a two-minute silence.

I must note that for me the start of the season became notable with my being asked to assume the role of Chairman from Bruce Ruffly (who decided it was

time to return to England). To "fill Bruce's shoes" is a tough ask; he is a "tough act to follow". But I have a first class committee to rely upon and I will do my very best to live up to the confidence placed in me.

■ **Denis Brock, Mini Rugby Chairman**

Mini Rugby

USRC Tigerfest, Kim Lam Cup and Richard Hawkes Cup

5th November 2017

Under 12 Girls Fire

The season opener of the KLC was always set to be an interesting one with all the teams sizing each other up and comparing strengths and weaknesses over last year's squads.

With almost 50% of the team stepping up from Under 10's the FC girls will find themselves up against tough opposition from the early favourites in the group, Sai Kung Stingrays and HKU, who will field bigger squads (on average) this season.

Not to be daunted by the task ahead of them FC1 got off to a great start with a 10 : 0 win over Valley, followed by a close and well contested 2 : 1 victory over DB Pirates before losing (but not without a fight) 4 : 1 and 4 : 0 against both Stingrays and HKU respectively.

A good all round team performance and with seven different try scorers we are starting to develop strength in depth...It's going to be an interesting season.

■ **Andrew Pitter**



U12 Girls



U12 Boys



U11 Firebirds



U10 Girls

Under 12 FC1

FC1 had a fantastic start to the Richard Hawkes Cup, winning all four matches without conceding a try. The first match was against Sandy Bay, who moved the ball well and used the width of the pitch to good effect. However, the FC defence was outstanding, closing down their space and pressuring them into errors, before **Seb Gyngell** crashed over for the try.

The second match was against DB Pirates, who ran hard and straight, but again the FC defence held strong. Tries were scored by **Dan Bennie** and **Will Durrant** as we moved the ball well in attack. The third match was against Valley, who had us under pressure as we were too flat in attack. However, continued pressure and tries from **Leo Doyle** and Dan Bennie secured the victory. The final match was against Sai Kung Stingrays, who threatened the line on a number of occasions, but the defence once again stood firm – even holding them up over the line on one occasion. Seb Gyngell again crashed over for the first of our two tries.

The defensive effort was outstanding, with great commitment shown by all of the players and a real determination to ensure that no one breached our line. The scrum won at least seven against the head and the front row, in particular, deserve great credit for this. In attack, there were a number of strong runs and the boys offloaded well. We are all looking forward to the next round, though know that the competition will be even more challenging.

■ **Barney Durrant**

Under 11 Firebirds

The HKFC U11 Firebirds had a great outing in the USRC Tigerfest, being pitted against some of the strong U11 teams in Hong Kong, namely HKU Sandy Bay 1, Sai Kung Stingrays 1, and Valley Fort 1. In summary, the Firebirds: won one game; narrowly lost the second game by a try; and decisively beat Valley in the final game of the day. The squad was made up of **Winson Jong, Oliver Brock, Samar Cooke, John**

Wood, Henry Lapham, Andrew Sheary, Flynn Develter, Alastair Metson, Tom Reeves, Freddie Durrant, Gustavo Hendriks, Lleyton Lam, Olyver Flynn, and Tommy Langley. A little bit rusty in the first match, but nonetheless the team managed to defeat Sai Kung 2 tries to 1 in a good spirited game. Against HKU 1, it was a game of 2 halves. In the first half, Sandy Bay took the lead with 2 tries. However, the Firebirds dominated the second half both in attack and especially in defence. The Firebirds nearly evened the score, but time ran out and we narrowly fell 2 tries to 1. The final game against VF1, the Firebirds started where they finished off in the second game. From the first whistle, the Firebirds were determined to put VF1 to the sword. The referee let the game flow and the action on and off the field was tense and frantic as is always the case when these two teams meet. Although the final score was just 2 - 0, the Firebirds dominated and came close to scoring several more tries. The game was characterised by ferocious tackling and rucking, and a great mix of pick and goes by the big forward pack and good straight hard running by the backs. Everyone played their hearts out and got the result they deserved. Special mention has to be made of **Freddie Durrant**, who provided excellent leadership when it was most needed.

■ **James Wood**

Under 10 Girls FC1

FC1 started off strong against DB1 with a great run from **Lucy Guest**, handing-off to **Brigid Warde** who busted through DB1's defence for the first try of the day. DB1 scored 3 tries until FC1 retaliated with strong runs from Brigid, Lucy Guest and **Mia Wong** resulting in 2 hard-fought tries. Despite the tenacity of FC1, they ran out of time, conceding a 3-4 defeat to the DB team.

FC1 rebounded in their 2nd match with a strong performance vs HKU1. Some great tackle work by **Alyssa Schoonmaker** and **Lauren Lau** kept the pressure on HKU1 and

kept the ball in their half of the pitch. 3 tries by Brigid Warde and 1 by Lucy Guest ensured FC1's domination over HKU, winning 4-2.

FC1's final match started with VF1 scoring 3 tries. Not to be defeated, FC1 rallied with two breakaway runs by **Sophie Aranha**, resulting in 2 tries. FC1 was flawless in the scrum with strong footwork by hooker **Saidhb Martin** and solid play by scrum-halves **Elie Cox** and **Erika Bach**. Another 2 hard-fought tries by Brigid Warde up the middle and FC1 wins the match 4-3.

The U10G FC1 team showed great teamwork, as well as individual performances, with plenty of rugby moments. A fantastic start to the season!

■ **Kelly Warde**

Under 10 Panthers (FC2 and FC5)

This season as Under 10 we have dropped a squad and changed some names. We are now



U10 FC2



U10 FC5

the Cheetahs, the Jaguars and the Panthers, we may have changed our big cats names, but we haven't changed the enthusiasm for the game and positive playing style.

FC5 started strong with a convincing win in their first game. Strong running by **Max** and **Roy** up the middle led to space out wide for the speed merchants **Alvin** and **Ryan** to run in some great tries (with Roy also crossing over and **Sam** getting close!) Kotaro was everywhere in attack and defence – our stand out player, with strong contributions from **Hans** and **E Ching**. We had a solid scrum in our first outing, led by **Guillermo** at hooker, **Ethan** and Sam combined well in the second row and provided good drive at the breakdown. We came up against some strong opposition in the remaining games, going down in each, but with the likes of **Kota** and Alvin providing some memorable cover tackles we have some good momentum going in to the rest of the season. The boys had great fun and are already looking forward to the next tournament.

FC 2 started their season with a great game against the Stingrays. The coaches were expecting a number of scrums in this first game but only one occurred, a single knock on and no forward passes showed the quality of the passing and hands on show. FC ended comfortable winners but the score didn't reflect the quality of the game. If the first game was a display of passing the second was one of defensive effort and tackling, our defence was amazing. VF 3 pipping us 1-0. A great game, where the balance was tipped by an intercepted pass). The loss was a catalyst for our third game, once again against our old rivals Valley Fort. We played some scintillating rugby, passing from one wing to the other, a strong 3-0 win, it was a great bounce back from the strength sapping encounter the boys had just played. The final game was against Tigers, who came into the game on fire and scored an early try. The boys showed real character and true ability with great passing, tackling and support play, eventually winning 6-1. One coach stating, "I think it's the best they have played ever!"

■ **Edward Johnson / Matt Lyons / Chris Hattam**

Under 9G FC1

The HKFC U9G FC1 team, or the "Donuts" as they are affectionately known in training, had their first tournament of the year last Sunday. Not only was it their first tournament as a team, but the first contact match, and the first time playing with all girls as part of a regular squad.

A wide spread of opponents with Sandy



U9 Girls

Bay, Sai Kung, and a mixed (mostly Tigers) BaaBaa's team looking to challenge. Straight out of the gate, the girls impressed with their ferocity, and willingness to get involved. **Kelli Kong** was tireless looking for work, with **Lainie Ashbrook** keen to bust through the sternest defence. **Hannah Gibbs** was aggressive all day while **Rachel Chan** was everywhere. **Sophie Titterington** stepped through defences, while **Ella Fong** on the other hand never took a backward step. **Emily "Bannon" Bannon** ran hard with a smile on her face, while **Evie Spizziri** and **Lucy Duncan** were tireless in their support play.

Plenty to work on, as the girls come to understand the laws of rugby, but encouragingly we have a fantastic base of aggression and tenacity. Their first foray into a collision sport was impressive, and we look forward to the next outing!

■ **Kelly Warde**

Under 9 FC1 Tigers A

First up VF 1, our arch rivals, started slow but it soon changed into boys against men. FC went



U9 Tigers A

in and ruled the ruck. As this was their first tournament without a coach on the field and full contact the boys took it to themselves to earn a great win.

Tries in the corner by young **Healy** and **Leon** saw the team triumph. Not only was the ruck forming well but the clear out by **Maximilian** and Captain for the Day **Conrad** proved all too much for the VF boys (3-0).

What a game against DBP; 1-0 up after 3 mins. FC 1 boys woke up, worked well at the ruck and taking momentum with them to gain yardage and push the DBP 1 back. Some beautiful tackling especially from Leon, great passing and driving from young **Fred** and Maximilian with the added help of the hard-hitting **Marcus**. Try's again from Leon and this time **Philippe** made a comfortable win for Club (4-1).

A long wait till the game against the strong Sandy Bay was a game which really showed the importance of concentration. Some great drives and tackles and in the end, saw FC 1 lose (1-2).

For the final game, the combination of hot weather and long wait, allowed a tough Stingrays side, to keep FC1 to their own half for the first 5 mins. Change of personnel and Club came back to 1-1. However, Stingrays kept control and FC 1 caught on the attack, gave away a penalty try. FC 1 again lost ground and Stingrays scored again, but a rally, some smart passing and a consolation try (2-3).

Some great moments from all the boys and a pleasure to finally see after 3 seasons a team who work well together and push for results.

Rugby won again.

■ **Robin Zavou**

Under 8 Mighty Phoenixes

The Mighty Phoenixes, being the all girls section of the U8 age group, took flight in their inaugural tournament this past Sunday at King's Park. They were magnificent, and their coaches



U 8 Mighty Phoenixes

were very proud. Playing as FC 2 and 4, they recorded draws, victories and some defeats, playing against other all-girls, all-boys or mixed teams – it mattered little. Defensively, the girls are very organised, hard-working and tough to break down. On attack, they scored some cracking tries, and as they gather that their (impressive) recycling of the ball consistently has the opposition offside, they will hopefully exploit this to score even more tries. It is particularly pleasing that the fairly high number of girls who are new or nearly new to rugby have made so much progress in just a few weeks.

Both squads covered themselves, and their lively and supportive groupies on the touchline, in glory, with displays of great effort and fantastic attitudes. For FC 2, special mentions to **Bella** for her labyrinthine and elusive running skills, to **Iris** for always being in the right place at the right time, and to **Sophie** for her extremely well taken try. For FC 4, such was the speed, sharpness and accuracy of execution in the running by **Alice, Darcie, Louise** and **Romane** (with seven tries!) that cracks and tears in the playing surface were seen to open up, and a number of spectators complained of whiplash and motion sickness from trying to keep up with the succession of side-steps and changes in direction.

All the girls were smiling at the end of the day, and rightly so. Super effort.

■ **Chris Guest**



U7

Under 7

The HKFC U7s were proudly represented by 8 teams at our first tournament of the season.

U7 is a transition year – many of our players have already pulled on their boots for two year's of rugby and are learning at different rates, others are almost new to the game and still very much learning. We enjoyed an internal 'round robin' at training the week before – where coaches did our best to prevent "bananas" (running backwards and across rather than straight), "off-sides" (back three spaces) and encourage "quick off-loads" (pass to the nearest player and not look for a mate). So expectations amongst players, coaches and parents were growing come the USRC tournament.

Our coaches were pleased to report significant improvement in the key areas mentioned above. Other clubs are clearly at the same stage of development – meaning for some excellent games (when rules were applied consistently by the volunteer referees),



U7



U7

and also some games resembling semi-organised chaos.

From the next tournament onwards, each of our U7s squads will be providing write-ups.... calling out their players demonstrating most improvement and effort....so watch this space, and please encourage your children to work hard in training and apply what they are taught in the tournaments!

Congratulations to all the kids for representing the Club.

■ **Duncan Grewcock**

Under 6

The HKFC U6 mark their first competitive start this season under the beautiful Autumn sunshine at the USRC TigerFest with 8 teams made up of close to 100 children.

Overall, the Club teams achieve excellent results at the festival and the weeks of detailed preparation by the strong coaching bench was particularly evident in our games.

Our players demonstrated excellent evasive running, superb spatial awareness and defensive discipline.

HKFC teams 3 and 8 achieve fantastic tournament records.

A few highlights from their games include strong running from **Xander Lee, Amika Potgieter** and **Lachlan McGowan** to gain much needed territory which was well supported by clinical finishing from **Arthur Robertson, Sebastian Lai** and **Declan Tsui**. The teams winning records would not have been possible without the committed defence from **Godfrey Chan, Juahn Meizer** and **Cooper Wieser** to limit our opponents' try scoring opportunities.

A big thank you to the volunteer coaches and parents for your early Sunday start and commitment to the Club.

■ **Mark Tsui**



U6

From the Men's Captain

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and managed to moderate your mince pie intake. Not that I did...

The second half of the season is already upon us and I trust that you are feeling fit and ready for the restart. At the midway point, **Sam Pijpers** is leading the charge for the Golden Stick, leaving last year's winner **Arif Ali** trailing in his wake.

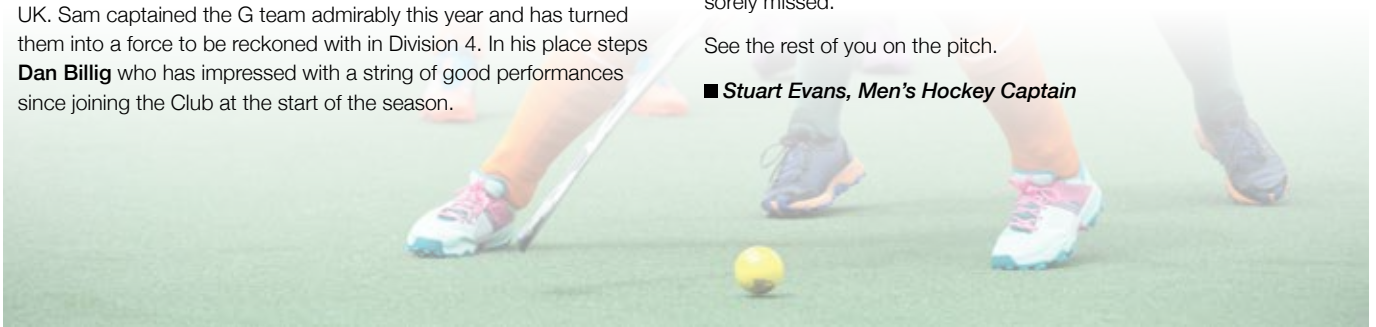
Some sad news to start 2018; **Sam Turvey**, G Team Captain and midfield maestro, is leaving Hong Kong this month to go back to the UK. Sam captained the G team admirably this year and has turned them into a force to be reckoned with in Division 4. In his place steps **Dan Billig** who has impressed with a string of good performances since joining the Club at the start of the season.

Another leaver is **Alex Simmonds**, who has played in the A Team for the past three years. Known to his teammates as "the Seagull", Alex could often be seen on the Sportsman's Bar patio stealing chips from strangers' plates. Although he only left in December, Alex's last competitive game for the Club was in 1994, as unfortunately injury kept him on the sidelines for the latter part of his Club career.

Alex served alongside Sam as a Sponsorship Secretary on the HKFC Hockey Committee and I'd like to thank them both for their commitment and wish them well for the future. They will both be sorely missed.

See the rest of you on the pitch.

■ **Stuart Evans, Men's Hockey Captain**



Men's E Team

After a summer full of beer and being couch potatoes, the Men's E's started the season with a wake-up call. In their practice game against a young and fast Antlers A they got thrashed 4-0. This was enough to shake the ego of the team and bring out the fighting spirit. The Vets in the team have already achieved one picture on the Club wall a few months back and are hungry for more.

The team is currently trailing in 2nd place behind a talented Dutch team but there is still hope for gold. Defenders in the team are having the best season in recent history, helped by the addition of **Alex Engel** who is here on an exchange programme from Germany. They have conceded the lowest number of goals in the division and the E's defenders are currently occupying the top three MoM positions.



However, no game is won without goals and if it weren't for the forward line firing away and grabbing every chance they got, the efforts of the defenders would go to waste. **Jonny Brock** is the 2nd highest goal scorer in Division 2 and is working his way to the top after having missed a few games. **Conor Donovan**, who played at every position in the previous season, has finally found his calling. He has been an asset in his new position at left wing. His goal count is not far behind Jonny's either.

This is probably the most competitive season the team has played and there is very little difference between all the teams in the division. But as long as there is a good turnout for all games, the Es are confident of having a podium finish.

From the Ladies

The HKFC ladies have provided an exciting first half of the season, with some fantastic team results, smashing individual performances and incredible stories of teams digging deep and rallying together when things looked bleak. At the halfway point, both the As and the Cubs are sitting top of their respective leagues and our other ladies teams are all poised nicely for their assaults in the second half of the season. We are both particularly delighted with the Gorgeous Gs' performance this season - after their promotion last season they are sitting comfortably mid-table at the halfway point.

Highlights for us from the run-up to Christmas include a spectacular Club Derby Day, with hard-fought matches across the board (with the Dinos, Cs and As coming out on top against the Es, Ds and Bs), **Tiffany Chan's** 7 goal stormer against KCC in the A team's 11-0 win, the D-ream Team's 2-1 win against Dutch A (the only team to beat



them all season), the Dinos smashing it in this very special anniversary year and **Alison Cabrelli's** record 20 hours at the Club - helping out at the Mini Hockey Festival, cheering on her Club-mates, playing for the Dinos and enjoying pink bubbles in the Sportsman's Bar.

By the time you read this, we will have all had a wonderful rest from the hockey season, one too many mince pies and probably far too many glasses of wine. We hope that you enjoyed this break, any injuries have recovered and you are all getting ready to bring the fire in the second half of the season. We hope you have had a fantastic festive season with your family and friends and we look forward to seeing you all back on the pitch and in the bar soon.

■ **Lynsey Edgar Ladies' Captain**
and **Izzy O'Connor Vice Captain**

Ladies' E Team - The Injury Es

Last season, the newly-formed Ladies E team never managed to acquire a moniker, but after a few drinks it was decided that their whirlwind attitude entitled them to the name - The Typhoon Es.

After coming second to Aquila last season, there were high hopes for the new Typhoon Es to go one step further this year and take home the title. But the team wasn't going to be complacent, they knew this would be made difficult by the addition of some stronger teams coming into the division. The first game in September was against HKCC B, a team who convincingly won Division 3 last year. Their team was made up of many of their old A team players as well as some newbies, so the Es were prepared for them to be strong. For their first walk in the park, the game was highly competitive but clean - unfortunately at the end of the game HKCC scored the only goal of the match and narrowly came away with the win. Since then, the Typhoon Es have notched up a series of draws and tidy wins so are currently sitting in fourth place behind nemesis Antlers, HKCC B and CDR.



However, from the very start the Es have been plagued with unfortunate injuries. First there was **Mel Harris'** hip, and then **Nina Voce's** ongoing problems. Then **Ping Tan-Hawkins** and **Melissa Mayo** felt twinges and the whole team held their breath and prayed for speedy recoveries ahead of weekend fixtures. Most recently, **Helen Champion** got a ball smacked in her eye, **Becs McClymont** had a head collision during a Gaelic football match giving her concussion and then, (they say everything comes in threes) co-captain and general E team organiser, **Kim Roberts**, took home a broken hand from the game against the Dinos, meaning she will be out of action for at least six weeks.

Typhoon Es?...Scrap that, the Injury Es is fast becoming a more appropriate name.

The Dinosaurs

The Ladies F team, more commonly known as the 'Dinos', play in the Second Division of the HKHA Women's League. At the halfway stage of the 2017/2018 season, the team stands in fifth position out of eight teams. **Claire Fulton** is currently top goal-scorer in the HKHA's Second Division, with **Caron Hughes** in sixth position.

With a playing squad of 24, captain **Jo Moore** has been able to field a full team with four substitutes most weeks – fingers crossed that that situation continues!

The 2017/2018 season is a special one for the Dinos, as it marks 30 years of Dinos hockey. Two of the original players, **Mary Coghill** and **Heather Probert**, are still with the team as managers. In recognition of the Dinos' contribution to HKFC hockey over the years, the Hockey Section designed an away playing strip kit especially for the team; a white top with purple trim bearing the words "30 years Celebrating Dino's Hockey", worn with purple socks. Older Club hockey players will remember that Club ladies used to play in

purple and white. The Dinos were touched by this very kind and thoughtful gesture and raised a glass or two in thanks to the Hockey Section, and **Chappie** in particular.

Every hockey player knows about the need to fill positions on the pitch, but the Dinos team has many other roles to be filled each season. In fact, the team has more positions than you can shake a hockey stick at . . . Captain **Jo Moore**, Vice-Captain **Kath Munt**, Coach **Ollie Chiu**, Managers **Mary Coghill** and **Heather Probert**, Keeper of the Purse ('Kitty') **Lisa Foley**, Training Director (new this season) **Debra Taylor**, three Social Secretaries **Di May**, **Cath Gibbs** and **Debra Taylor**, Bearer of the Salad Servers (also known as Tossers) **Jess Morrison**, Postie **Mafalda Oliveira**, Fruiterer **Pat Cunningham**, Baker (aka **Mary Berry**) **Heather Deayton**, Director of Charities **Minnie Kerrison** and Scribe **Alison Cabrelli**. Hockey is indeed more than just a game for the Dinos.

The team has two qualified umpires, **Mel Watt** and **Heather Deayton**, who can be seen



blowing the whistle or assessing most weekends.

Social events this season have included Sailors at Sea (on board OverBudget), dining out and boosting the profits of the Sportsmen's Bar most Saturdays.

The Dinos are blessed with a regular band of supporters and hecklers, you know who you are . . . THANK YOU!

See you pitch side, pip pip!

■ **Alison Cabrelli**

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HKFC Mini Hockey Festival 2017

The 2017 festival yet again showcased some highly entertaining junior hockey and was a fantastic occasion for all involved.

Children from all across Hong Kong, numbering 84 teams in three age groups, gave it their all in the first of the big festivals this season.

The regular participating clubs and schools formed the majority of teams, alongside our own multitude of Club teams. We also welcomed a debutant team from New Home Association this year, and what a debut they had, winning the Under 10 Division 2 competition. Not only were there some fantastic hockey players in the team, they were so excited and grateful to be taking part. They were a credit to themselves, their coach (**Rafi**) and to the NHA organisation. It will be a pleasure to have them take part again in the future.

As always a huge amount of time and effort goes into preparing and running the event, so it's with gratitude and praise, I personally thank the Hockey Section Members, parents of participants and the youth players who all volunteered their time to make the day a

success and so much fun for the youngsters taking part, especially for the visiting teams. To our fabulous coaches, umpires, medical team and photographer and videographers, thank you for your time and efforts! A special mention to **Ellie Poulton**, **Anthea Murray**, and **Alistair Clark**, for their committee roles, and to **Jacqueline Furniss**, **Leena Madhvani**, **Charlie Poulton**, **Shirley Chau**, **Alison** and **Alice Cabrelli**, **Arif Ali**, and **Chris Hattam**. Thanks also to the team of Youth volunteers (**Raphael Wong**, **Zoe Kwok**, **Chloe Sik**, **Maya Maloney**, **Elise van Hees**, **Agnes Shu**, **Nathanja Verburg**, **Sophie Poulton**, **Jojo Spooner**, **Findlay Mayo**, **Kit** and **Felix Studholme-Wilson**, **Loughlin Davidson**). A special thank you also to **Justin Davidson** from Norton Rose Fulbright for presenting trophies and awards on behalf of the sponsor. Thanks also to Liquidnet for the tournament merchandise and support.

As much as the 'festival' focus is on having a great day out, the kids (parents and coaches) are mostly all "in it to win it" and so it's to the results table we go...





Under 8, Division 1

Champions: HKFC Wizards
 Runner-Up: DB Pirates

Under 8, Division 2

Champions: DBIS
 Runner-Up: Po Leung Kuk Wong Wing Shu Primary School (PLKWWS) A

Under 8, Division 3

Champions: HKFC Comets
 Runner-Up: PLKWWS B

Under 10, Division 1

Champions: GSIS A
 Runner-Up: HKCC A

Under 10, Division 2

Champions: New Home Association
 Runner-Up: PLKWWS

Under 12, Division 1

Champions: HKFC Racers
 Runner-Up: GSIS A

Under 12, Division 2

Champions: HKFC Crows
 Runner-Up: HKFC Eagles

The following HKFC players were nominated for Fair Play or Star Player Awards:

Under 8

Oscar Brook (HKFC Astros), Fair Play Div 3
Leon Delespierre (HKFC Wizards), Star Player, Div 1
Maggie Dowding (HKFC Atoms), Star Player, Div 3
Elliot Munt (GSIS), Star Player, Div 1

Under 10

Felix Spooner (HKFC Tigers), Star Player, Div 1

Under 12

Jessica Boa (HKFC Rangers), Star Player, Div 1
Frederick Boettger (GSIS), Star Player, Div 1
Ellie Johnson (Harrow), Fair Play, Div 1
Jan Corral Barba (HKFC Eagles), Fair Play, Div 2
Xavax Cordero (HKFC Eagles) –Star Player, Overall Division 1
Lucas Minne (HKFC Eagles), Star Player, Overall Division 2





Champion Vivian and supporters



Vivian Yip and Celena Kwok



Tony Cheung and Kenny Tam

HKFC shine at Hong Kong International Classic 2017 (11th – 19th Nov)

Once again, the Club's bowlers excelled in this year's Hong Kong International Bowls Classic as evidenced by the Champion title in Women's Singles and the hard-earned places in the Semi-Finals of the knock-out stages in both Men's and Women's Pairs. HKFC was undisputedly the best performing local club in the competition.

International veteran **Tony Cheung** partnering with **Kenny Tam** were edged by England in

the Men's Semi and awarded 2nd runner-up in the Classic Men's Pairs.

In the Classic Women's Pairs, **Vivian Yip** and **Celena Kwok's** winning streak was ended by the Champion Team – Thailand – in the Women's Semi and awarded 2nd runner-up on the podium.

Prior to the Pairs competition, Vivian was already crowned Champion in the Women's

Singles by overshadowing the former world champion, **Julie Keegan**, in the final.

The annual Classic was organised by The Hong Kong Lawn Bowls association with participations of over 730 overseas bowlers, which has gained an international reputation as a prestigious event in the world's bowling calendar.

Congratulations!

Warren Cheung remains unbeaten in the Club Singles for 3 years in a row

For three consecutive years, our Men's Team Captain, **Warren Cheung**, has proven to be the best Men's Singles player in the Club. He overshadowed 21 other bowlers under the knock-out format in the Club's Singles competition. The national squad veteran, **Tony Cheung**, came second in the same competition. Well done!

The final of the Ladies' Club Singles competition was held on 9th December. Arch-rivals, **Dorothy Yu** and **Vivian Yip**, appeared again in the duel. Dorothy Yu has proved to be in better form round, this time for the top honour.



Champion – Warren Cheung and Runner UP – Tony Cheung



Champion – Dorothy Yu and Runner Up – Vivian Yip



Headstart for Winter League with a Win at Friendly Game against HK Police Bowls Club

This year's winter Triples League will commence on 9th December. As a warm-up game in preparation for the start of the new season, twenty-four players represented the Club and competed against the Hong Kong Police Bowls Club (HKPBC) in this mixed-gender 2-wood rink competition held

in Mongkok on 26th November. The Club won by a narrow margin of 10 shots as the result turned out to be a tie of three rinks for each side.

The event ended with a BBQ gathering hosted by HKPBC with sumptuous food and unlimited joyfulness.





LAWN BOWLS SECTION End of Season Party 2017

Chairman Speak



Lawn bowls once again testified to be a community sport beyond geographical boundary with which friendship is always celebrated as the jewel in the crown. A total of 99 Section Members and Guests enjoyed an evening of not only great food, music and

dance but also heartfelt tributes to lawn bowls excellence. The party was made merrier with the participation of the Officials from World Bowls together with international players from Wales and Ireland.



1st Prize winners



Lai See winners



Table prize winners (1)



Table prize winners (2)



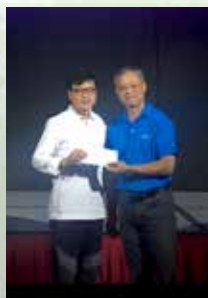
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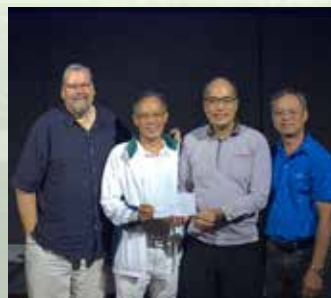
Unisex Triples Champion



Unisex 242 Champion



Men's Club Single Champion



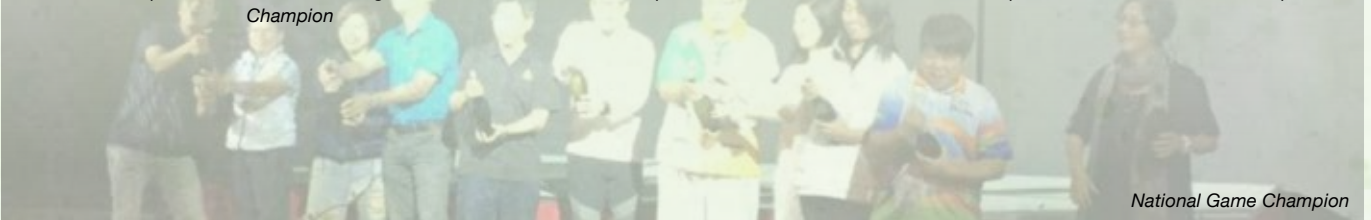
Men's Mini Four Champion



Ladies Club Pairs Champion



Ladies Mini Four Champion



National Game Champion

HKFC Shine at All-China Goddess of Flower Lawn Bowls Carnival 2017, Jiaxing, Zhejiang



An HKFC team represented by **Frankie Siu, Peggy Fai, Warren Cheung** and **Terence Lee** (skip) was recently honoured as the 2nd runner-up in the annual "Goddess of Flower" Trophy held in Jiaxing City. The three day tournament was organised by the Chinese Multi Bowls Association, which attracted over twelve teams from various cities in China, plus eighteen teams from Hong Kong.

Jiaxing City in Zhejiang is fast becoming the cradle for top lawn bowls players in China in view of the extensive training facilities made available and staunch support pledged by the local sporting authorities.



Tassie Brakenridge
Netball DSA
Chairperson

Chairperson's Report

As the first half of the season comes to a close, all HKFC teams are looking forward to some rest and relaxation over the Christmas break (and possibly one too many mince pies). The second half of the 2017/2018 Season will start on 8th January and will see the introduction of the Premier League. Comprising of the top six teams of Division One, teams will play all other teams in the Premier League multiple times to ensure only the top two teams compete in the Grand Final, and with HKFC's Club securing a spot in the Premier League they are well on their way to playing in their 5th straight Grand Final. The Div 2 Whirlies are also proving they are a force by being promoted to the Division 1 league in the second half, which will see them take on our very own Typhoons for a spot in the Grand Final.

On the international front, HKFC was represented by Club players **Tassie Brakenridge**, **Stephanie Cuvelier**, **Kate Jolly** (co-captain) and **Kalani Brown** selected to play in the Hong Kong National Team with **Veronica Arnold** as assistant coach in the 2017 Mission Food Cup in Singapore. The Hong Kong team played against nations from around the world including Ireland, Malaysia, Swaziland, Cook Islands and Singapore. Whilst Hong Kong wasn't able to bring home the trophy this time, it was wonderful to see a third of the national team being made up of HKFC players.

On behalf of the entire Netball DSA, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable New Year! See you all in 2018.

HKFC Netball

Represented in the Hong Kong National Team Playing in Missions Food Nations Cup in Singapore

Four of our very own HKFC Club team members were selected to play for the Hong Kong national team in Singapore in the 2017 Mission Food Cup. Putting their heart and soul into netball for 10 days, playing 7 full games of netball during this time, this test of mental and physical stamina has proved the high calibre of netball players we have at HKFC. Congratulations to **Kate Jolly** (co-captain of the Hong Kong Netball Team), **Stephanie Cuvelier**, **Kalani Brown**, and **Tassie Brakenridge** for getting selected and to our very own **Veronica Arnold** for assistant coaching the team.



HKNA Netball League Results

The first half of the ladies league is drawing to a close after a busy and exciting few months. The league standings of our teams so far:

- DIV 1
HKFC Club 2nd
HKFC Typhoons 7th
- DIV 2
HKFC Monsoons 1st
HKFC Whirlwinds 4th
- DIV 3
HKFC Tornadoes 2nd
HKFC Hurricanes 4th
- DIV 5
HKFC Cyclones 8th



HKFC Tornadoes vs Singapore U-16's



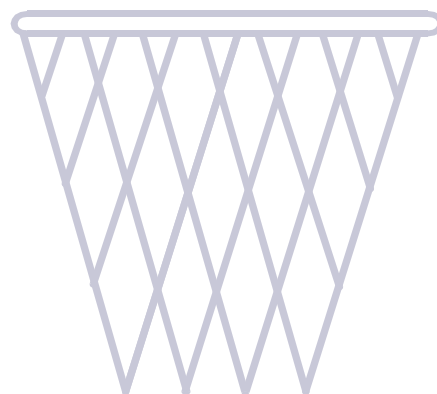
On a quiet Wednesday night at the Club, the Div 3 Tornadoes played against the Singapore National Under 16's team. The Singapore team was successful in making it through to the finals of the International Under 16's tournament and in preparation, toured Hong Kong to practice against various teams and on different court conditions. The Tornadoes were lucky enough to get a run around against Singapore, and a lot of running they did. Whilst Singapore clearly had the age and speed

advantage over the Tornadoes, the Tornadoes held their own and showed their maturity and composure on the court by holding possession and converting goals. However, the additional 5th quarter got the better of the Tornadoes as their legs ran out of steam and the youth of the Singapore team prevailed. This game was a wonderful show of sportsmanship and strengthened the relationship between Hong Kong and Singapore netball.

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Again this year the Club hosted the qualifying rounds of the HK Squash Open. Some of the world's greatest squash players battled it out over two days to secure eight berths each for the men's and ladies main draw. With record crowds down on the 1st day of qualifying the courts around the Club had an electrifying atmosphere as the competitors from all over the world played on the all glass courts at the Club. The below is a roundup of the main draw.

■ by Andrew Wood- First Published in the Epoch Times

The highlight of round one of the Cathay Pacific Sun Hung Kai Financial Hong Kong Open 2017 was that local hero and HKFC player **Max Lee**, who made history to be the first Hong Kong men's player to reach the semi-finals last year, pulled off another impressive performance in front of the home crowd. This time against two-time champion **Mohamed Elshorbagy**, before losing in a gruelling five setter. Lee levelled the match twice to push the Egyptian into a decider. However, the former world number one showed all his experience in having the better finish to close out the match 11-7, 2-11, 12-10, 10-12, 11-4.

In the women's first round, **Joey Chan** was the first home player to secure her second round appearance, after claiming a 3-0 victory 11-9, 11-2, 11-9 against England's **Emily Whitlock**.

Round two saw a huge upset, as another local **Leo Au** pulled off one of the best wins of his career, after outplaying three-time champion and form number one **Ramy**

Ashour, in five intense sets. Ashour made a strong start in the first at 11-6, Au dominated the following two sets to lead 2-1. However, the Egyptian forced a tie-break to level up the match. In the decider, Au regained control of the game to finish 6-11, 11-7, 11-7, 10-12, 11-4.

Ten-time champion **Nicol David** squeezed past the Hong Kong number one **Annie Au** to her 12th quarter finals appearance. Malaysian David came from a game down to level the match 2-2. In the fifth, both players traded points, but Au made a few errors and was unable to convert her lead, with David triumphant 11-9, 9-11, 7-11, 11-9, 11-7. Next up for David was France's **Camille Serme**, who dispatched another local interest in Joey Chan, in four games.

Leo Au retired hurt after sixteen minutes and in the middle of the second game of his quarter final against **Ali Farag**, ending the journey of the domestic players this year. Only seeded players sailing through to the last eight.



World number one and top seed **Nour El Sherbini** and defending champion **Nouran Gohar** played the first of the women's quarters. The in-form El Sherbini dethroned the defending champion in a comfortable 3-0 win to secure her second semi-finals encounter in a row in Hong Kong. World number four **Laura Massaro** of England came back from a game down to beat Wales' **Tesni Evans** 4-11, 11-8, 13-11, 11-6.

Marwan Elshorbagy became the first men's semi-finalist after producing a massive upset against world number one **Gregory Gaultier**, with a sublime display. Gaultier who was



gunning for his first success in Hong Kong, came back in the third from 0-2 down. However, he failed to keep his momentum as Marwan managed to execute better at 11-8, 11-8, 7-11, 11-6, to reach his first Hong Kong semi. Mohamed Elshorbagy progressed to the semi-finals by winning over his fellow Egyptian **Mohamed Abouelghar** in four games.

Second seed **Raneem El Welily** survived a dramatic five-setter with Kiwi **Joelle King**. Taking the first two sets, El Welily was unable to close out the match, with King storming back to set up a decider. El Welily took it in the fifth, digging deep and point by point to push a deuce before winning 11-8, 17-15, 7-11, 8-11, 14-12. Camille Serme gained revenge from her defeat at last year's quarter finals to stop Nicol David in four games this year.

The semis saw an all-Egyptian affair for the first time in history in the men's event of the Hong Kong Open. In the women's, Nour El Sherbini reached her first ever Hong Kong final by storming back from 1-2 down to dispatch Laura Massaro in an epic five game tussle. World number two Raneem El Welily once again sneaked through an intensive five setter against Camille Serme to make her third appearance in a Hong Kong final.

In the men's semi-finals, the battle between the Elshorbagy brothers was straightforward, as Mohamed Elshorbagy conquered his younger

brother Marwan Elshorbagy, by forcing two tie-breaks to finish off a straight sets win 13-11, 11-5, 12-10 to enter his first final since 2015. Ali Farag, the world number four, ousted the current world champion and second seed Karim **Abdel Gawad** in four games to book his second final in this World Series Event.

In the women's, final after some tough and close matches leading to the final for El Welily, the in-form and refreshing world number one El Sherbini dominated the match from the beginning, taking the first set 11-5 and keeping her aggressive and solid performance going, before winning in straight sets 11-5, 11-8, 11-5, to capture her maiden Hong Kong Open title.

In the men's final, Elshorbagy overcame Farag in a see-saw five sets. Elshorbagy led twice before Farag levelled at 2-2, but he could not stop the experienced and laser-like Elshorbagy from powering back to take a 9-1 lead in the fifth, before going all the way to seal his victory in Hong Kong for the third time.



Declan James who came through the qualifiers at the Football Club made it through to the quarter-finals.

Annual Golf Match: Squash Section vs Tennis Society



Josh's strong and balanced finish after a powerful drive.

In November the Squash Section had their annual golf match with the Tennis Society on the North course at Kai Sai Chau. Now in its 5th year the squash team has remained unbeaten after two wins and two very tight draws in the last four outings so the Tennis Society were keen to get revenge and finally get their name engraved on the trophy.

The squash team had a good mix of players for the game ranging from the single handicap very "handy" players to the more "how to spoil an enjoyable walk type player." With this in mind the team pairings were going to be key to see if the Squash Section could remain unbeaten for a fifth straight year.

Dallas Reid and **Ian Mavin** were the first players up for the Squash Section in what on paper was one of the stronger match ups with them playing a team which had a player with a handicap of 4 **Johnny Brock** who went on to win the longest drive on the 7th and **Toby Clark**. The game didn't disappoint and was very close all the way through. The almost boring steady style of Ian was complimented well with the more adventurous Dallas. The pair dovetailed nicely throughout and with them going up the 18th all square the game was in the balance and all square. Neither team could win the hole so the game was halved and the points shared.

Andrew Wood and **Julian Ragless** were second up for the Squash Section. They were up against the long hitting tennis coaches so it was always going to be a tough game to come through. With everyone hitting well off the first tee it was difficult to choose who would be a winner. This match won the most prizes along the way with Julian getting the closest to the



Flight 1: Toby, Dallas, Jonny, Ian. Long battle for 18 holes ended all-square.



Flight 2: Woody, Matt, Nathan, Julian. Tennis coaches' ball striking too much for Squash.



Signature hole 14 par-3 (Henry got nearest pin)



Flight 3



4th and 5th flights: Keith, Anatole, John, Jukka, Greg. Tennis wins overall with a 3rd point in the 4th flight.

WED NOV 8, 2017 – FOUR-BALL BETTER BALL (5 Points)					
	Tee Time	Tennis		Squash	
		Name		Name	
1	9:27	Jonny Brock	vs.	Dallas Reid	Halved
		Toby Clark		Ian Mavin	
2	9:36	Nathan Booth	vs.	Andrew Wood	4 and 3 Tennis
		Matthew Johnston		Julian Ragless	
3	9:45	Josh Ngo	vs.	Brian McDougall	4 and 2 Tennis
		Henry Lai		Nick Schultz	
4	9:54	Anatole Le	vs.	Keith Frith	2 and 1 Tennis
				Jukka Hakli	
5	10:03	Greg Brutus	vs.	John Thompson	2 up Squash
					Tennis win 3.5 to 1.5



Tennis' long time coming victory over Squash.

pin on the third and Andrew winning the closest to the pin on shot 3 on the 17th. Their opponents **Nathan Booth** and **Matthew Johnston** also won closest to the pin prizes on holes 6 and 7 respectively. The tennis team started strong and put a good run together to leave the squash team too much to do. With holes running out the squash side couldn't turn the game around and lost 4 and 3.

The third pairing saw **Nick Shultz** and **Brian McDougall** playing for the Squash Section vs counterparts **Josh Ngo** and **Henry Lai**. Again the tennis team took an early advantage. They managed to keep in front throughout most of the round. Henry's closest to the pin on the 14th ensured that the tennis team would keep their advantage as they won the game 4 and 2.

In the penultimate round **Keith Frith** and **Jukka Hakli** for squash played against **Anatole Le** who was playing alone after a late injury hit the tennis team. In a very close game Jukka managed to hit some very close shots on the par 3s without managing to win a prize but him and

Keith couldn't quite get a scoring run together and they were one down on the 17th. Anatole managed to take the advantage and win the 17th to make it 2 and 1 and the overall spoils for the Tennis Society.

Last up was **John Thompson** from squash vs tennis' ex-chairman **Greg Brutus**. In what was an enjoyable game John got ahead early and kept the lead all the way through to the 12th where he was 3 up. Greg dug deep and won the next 3 holes to make it all square. In a very tense ending Greg missed a tough putt to halve the 16th. The pair went down the 18th with the game still to be decided but a scrappy last hole was won by John to win for squash and take the game 2 up.

In summary the tennis team finally won 3.5 vs 1.5 in their 5th try and take the rather large and heavy trophy back to the 3rd floor for a year. The Squash Section are already looking forward to next year and getting the trophy back. A great day was had by all, many thanks to everyone who played and the Squash Section and Tennis Society for assisting with the organisation.

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CHRISTMAS Social



Patrons of the Club's tennis courts are still reeling from the spontaneous outbursts of good cheer and joy that broke out at the Tennis Society's 1st December Social. An incredulous **Nathan Booth** was overheard to say "They're playing tennis and laughing? What's fun about tennis?" Coach **Toby Clark** chimed in with "Disgraceful! Where are the arguments about line calls? This has to stop!"

But it was to no avail as the players, fueled by Christmas Ham and mulled wine, reveled in the fun of the game and kind spirited competition. Even a dreaded game of "Bob Sled" ended all smiles in a one-all draw and everyone declared a winner.

To spread the cheer further attendees donated over 20 presents for children supported by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR). For information see: <http://www.unhcr.org>.



Junior Tennis League



Our Junior A team had a fantastic season with a 6-1 record and finishing equal first with Olympic but lost the cup on a count back with the deciding result a 4/5 loss (to Olympic). It bears repeating that in a season where both team played 7 matches with a total of 63 sets the result was decided on a 4/5 split!

The Junior B team entered the season with a large number of first time players and more than usual the focus was upon development rather than results. On the whole the team played against older and more experienced opponents and finished 0-9. The results at the back end of the season became much closer as the kids learnt about match play. It is a credit to all involved that the team came away from a tough season looking forward to the next and gunning for a break through win.

The new season is fast approaching with A and B teams gearing up for January. For many of our Junior A players this will be their last season (remember: study hard kids... those exams won't do themselves) and they are determined to lift the trophy - which I'm sure they will.

■ by *Nathan Booth*



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HKFC Golf Society Vs Kowloon Cricket Club Golf Society

This was the first competitive golf match between these two proud clubs that are both an important part of the sporting history of Hong Kong. It is surprising it has taken so long to bring the two teams together.

A dull overcast day saw the attendants on the ferry distributing extra sick bags to the passengers journeying to Macau. A clear sign we were in for a blow. Fortunately we all survived a mild trip with a few bumps breakfast intact and arrived at Macau GCC to find a strong breeze crossing the course. Being on top of the hill Macau has always been exposed but with the recent typhoon removing most of the trees there was nowhere to hide from the wind now.

Society Chairman **Dallas Reid** and **Owen Davis** lead off against KCC Captain **Sanjay Nainani** and **Suresh Gopisetty**. 2 down after 7 the HKFC pairing were playing well but not making headway until Owen kicked in with some key shots and making good use of his handicap turned the match to result in an ultimately comfortable 3 and 2 victory to the HKFC pair.

HKFC Captain **Terry Wright** and **Andrew Wood** faced a similar predicament 2 down after only 4 holes. With **David Brettell** putting out of bunkers to win holes it was not going to be easy to turn this around! A purple patch with Woody's putter on fire around the turn saw HKFC go a hole up only to slip behind again on

the 15th. Clawed back to even after 17 holes it was all up for grabs on the 18th. Watching Woody's tee shot disappear off the tee into the hazard gave KCC some immediate hope but a solid par in the wind by Terry wasn't able to be matched and HKFC had secured a 1up win in an extremely tight match.

Jonny Brock and **Gordon Marsden** were next up and by all accounts had this match under control throughout and every time KCC would threaten to take a hole good shots were matched with even better shots. **Ashok Mahtani** and **Eric Kee** frustrated their best efforts were constantly covered as the HKFC pair closed out a strong 4 and 3 win.

Next **JP Cuvelier** and **Jenny Chapman** took on KCCs **CM Mak** and **Mary Ching**. JP for once in the unusual position of not being the most senior golfer in his fourball with Mary Ching having the edge over JP in both years and good looks. This clearly had JP rattled with the HKFC pair 2 down well into the match. Fortunately the strong shoulders and calming influence of Jenny carried JP until these two caught fire and won 6 holes in a row to win 4 and 2. The HKFC pair possibly a little lucky that the strong wind and cold temperatures got to their opponents on the back nine.

Duncan Spooner next up with HKFC debutant **Sam Shei** who despite feeling nervous rolled in fabulous putts on each of the first 2 greens. This match was tight all the way and went



Winning Captain **Terry Wright** receives trophy from KCC's **Sanjay Nainani**

down to the very last hole with Duncan again proving to be the consummate host allowing **Gabriel Lam** and **Vincent Lee** to gain the first win for KCC 1up.

The final match saw the husband and wife pairing of **Jason** and **Malou Waldie** taking on KCCs **Johnny Cheung** and **Duncan Paul**. Another very tight match with Malou being challenged as much by the cold temperatures as the golf opponents. Her preference most certainly being her nice warm home course in the Philippines ahead of Macau in the cold and wind. Despite the conditions Jason and Malou ground out a 1up victory to give HKFC the win.

The final result a 5-1 victory to HKFC was probably quite flattering when you consider three of the matches went all the way to the last green and could have gone either way. Local knowledge probably a big advantage to HKFC given the conditions.

All in all a very successful first match between two good teams that were socially very well paired and an enjoyable time was had in each others company. Good signs for this to become an entertaining and popular event for many years to come.

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Xmas Cup Lotus Hill

25th/26th November

Our usual smooth event administration had something of a hiccup for this event, as we were able to only reserve 8 tee times and nine players had booked. "Fortunately" **Steve Glover** had back issues and so was delighted to drop out leaving us with a perfect eight players for the event. Hopefully Steve's back will make a prompt recovery.

As **Phil Head** was playing a squash event elsewhere in Asia I offered to be the "on the spot organiser" which meant a heavy suitcase heading to China full of prize balls for the two days of competition.

On the first day we had a standard Stableford event. On the second a team Stableford event. In addition the prestigious Christmas Cup was on offer for the player with the greatest total Stableford score over the whole weekend.

Lily Chan was suffering a 7 stroke "adjustment" to her score (reduced to 6 on Sunday) following her phenomenal 50 point score in our last event. Despite this she competed well scoring 31 and 36 points over the two days.

However no-one could compete with **Lana Woo's** outstanding 40 points on day one and so went into the second day with a 5 point margin over the next player (me). However I was confident that the pressure of sleeping on the overnight lead would prove too much and she would come back down the field on Sunday.

After Saturday's game we decided to head into town for dinner, and enjoyed an excellent dinner in a huge restaurant near the ferry terminal. When I say "huge", they were hosting a wedding banquet for 1000 people but had no problem whatsoever fitting us in. The fine food was washed down with plenty of interesting wines, not least a peach prosecco which I decided was perhaps best left to the ladies.

On day two, we reversed the flight order, and allotted players to their respective teams based on Saturdays score, with the two top scorers in opposite teams, etc. Generally scores were higher on Sunday, but despite my hopes of a collapse from Lana, it was not to be, and despite a one shot penalty for her Saturday performance, she recorded another excellent 40 points to be top scorer both days and walk away with the Xmas Cup trophy.



Nick playing the course under par – till this visit to the bunker!

Meanwhile the Sunday team event was very tight, and only after a very harsh ruling from Nick Allen on me regarding what clearly should have been a free drop from a flowerbed, Team Lana (**Lana, Nick, Steven Lee and Dominic Ng**) emerged the winners by 109 to 107 points.

So an excellent weekend at the lovely Lotus Hill course in splendid weather; particularly excellent for Lana winning day one, the overall Xmas Cup, and leading her team to victory on Sunday. Maybe this is a message to the Captain to pick her for the Reunification Cup in future!

Scores Summary

Day 1

1st	Lana Woo
2nd	Dallas Reid
3rd	Owen Davis
Best gross	Nick Allen

Day 2

Winning team	Team Lana (Lana Woo, Nick Allen, Steven Lee and Dominic Ng)
Xmas cup Champion	Lana Woo



Another small dinner at the same restaurant



Everyone eagerly awaiting the food



Name	Place	Race and Age Group
Iain Veitch	2nd	Spartan Sprint Elite - Overall
Alex Simmonds	17th	Ironman Malaysia - Male 30-34
Deb Hanley	2nd	Laguna Phuket Triathlon - Female 35-39
Alex McCarroll	4th	Luna SwimRun - Female Open
Iain Veitch	1st	Luna SwimRun - Male Open
Vasco van der Flier	2nd	Luna SwimRun - Male Open
Matthieu Maury	3rd	Luna SwimRun - Male Open
Jessica McCarroll	1st	Luna SwimRun - Female Senior
Marcus Chu	2nd	Luna SwimRun - Male Senior
Nicolas Gontard	3rd	Luna SwimRun - Male Senior
Adrian McCarroll	8th	Luna SwimRun - Male Senior
Douglas Morton	9th	Luna SwimRun - Male Senior
Christian Wyborn	10th	Luna SwimRun - Male Senior
Toby Clark	28th	Laguna Phuket Triathlon - Male 35-39
Tanya Clark	4th	Laguna Phuket Triathlon - Female 25-29
Vasco van der Flier	4th	Laguna Phuket Triathlon - Male 35-39





Pre-match group photo.



Exchange of souvenirs.



Chun Tin dived to the ground to save a net shot.



The visiting team lining up.

The Royal Navy Badminton Team visited the Club during their week-long tour to Hong Kong in November/December, and played a friendly match with us during our Badminton Night session on Friday 1st December in the Sports Hall. We put up a team comprising fifteen Badminton Society members, including younger players as well as a few senior players. A total of ten

doubles matches were played. It was then followed by social matches, which were played with mix-and-match pairings of both teams. The occasion was concluded with drinks and food gathering of both teams and other Badminton Society members at the Sportsman's Bar.



Ivan and S K (near end) prepared to receive serve from Royal Navy team

Hong Kong Badminton Open 2017 Finals

On the Sunday afternoon of 26th November 2017, a group of some thirty Badminton Society members and their guests gathered at the Hong Kong Coliseum in Hung Hom, Kowloon. They had the same purpose as thousands of other badminton fans who also came to the venue – to watch the world's top badminton players compete in the finals of the Hong Kong Open 2017, especially the Men's Singles final between the legendary **Lee Chong Wai** of Malaysia and 2016 Rio Olympics gold medalist **Chen Long** of China. The Hong Kong Open, one of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Super Series Tournaments, is an annual mega-event for

all badminton fans in Hong Kong and around the world. This year it was held during 21st to 26th November. The Badminton Society had organised for our members to watch the finals on 26th November together. Tickets were purchased for members to subscribe. The response was great with all tickets taken up within a few days.

Before the clash between Lee Chong Wai and Chen Long, there were other exciting final matches, such as the Men's Doubles finals. **Marcus Fernaldi Gideon** and **Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo** of Indonesia soared to their sixth title of the World Superseries tour. The world number one duo blunted the challenge of Danish pair



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Conrad-Petersen and **Pieler Kolding** with a dazzling repertoire of firepower and slick skills. Despite a spirited effort by the No.6 seeds to stay close to their rivals in the second game, Gideon and Sukamuljo were just too fast and fiery and sealed the victory in thirty-seven minutes: 21-12 21-18.

The long-awaited match between Lee Chong Wai and Chen Long came as the fifth and last event of the day. It was their first clash since China's Chen defeated Lee in the gold-medal showdown at last year's Rio 2016 Olympic Games. The 35-year-old Lee was off to a flyer, scoring from all parts of the court, whether it be sliced drops, tight net shots or thunderous smashes. Flying high and gliding freely, the sinewy athlete took the first game 21-14. Chen started better in

the second game and he began to pressure Lee, unveiling more of the variety in his impressive arsenal to seize a 15-10 advantage. But with the roars of support from the audience, Lee had not given up the game. He engineered his way back and brought the second game deadlocked to 19-19. Chen blinked first, netting the shuttle to give Lee the championship point, which Lee swiftly took as Chen put a backhand into the net in the next foray.

All participated in the gathering had a great afternoon, having witnessed perhaps some of the most amazing matches played in recent years and sharing the joy of admiring the master strokes of the world top badminton players.

HKFC Member Won Bronze Medal in World Chinese Badminton Championship 2017



Society member, **Boo Boon Khoo**, won the bronze medal with his friend **Vincent Yek** in the Men's Doubles 100 Years Combined Age category in the World Chinese Badminton Championships 2017, which was held in Panzhihua, China from 1st to 5th November 2017. More than 2,000 Chinese and non-Chinese players from around the world, including both professional and amateur players, participated in the various events of the tournament. Boon and his partner had defeated many strong opponents from the qualifying round to the knock-out stage for the last thirty-two, including the pair of former Chinese national players in the bronze medal match. Well done and congratulations, Boon!

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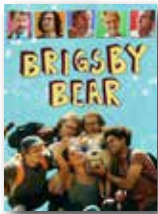


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Iron House is located in the heart of Slough, just 200m from Slough Crossrail station (opening from 2018) with travel times to Central London (Paddington) of 18 minutes and offering direct access to the Crossrail network (Heathrow - 17 mins, Bond St - 32 mins, Liverpool St - 36 mins, Canary Wharf - 46 mins).

Estimated Completion: End of 2019



Price from £299,950*



The Lindley, New York, USA

Located in Midtown Manhattan, The Lindley offers residents quick access to five existing subway lines, the 4, 5, 6, 7, and S and a neighbourhood rich in history, green spaces and famous for its nightlife and cafes.

Estimated completion: Summer 2018



Prices from: US\$935,000*



The Lennox, Paramatta, Sydney, Australia

The Lennox will stand tall as a symbol of the Parramatta Renaissance. Positioned on the riverfront where Church Street meets the brand new boardwalk and parkland, The Lennox offers a hotel-like lifestyle for everyday living. Every detail will be taken care of - from premium resident only facilities to innovative parking.

Estimated completion: 2021



Price from AUD\$502,000*

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