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HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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



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Cover image: Newly renovated Sports Hall

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Club Magazine

Monthly journal of the Hong Kong Football Club.
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The Thoughts of the Chairman



John J Shanahan, Chairman

The new sporting seasons are now just about underway and our teams are getting back into some serious competitive matches. I wish all our many and varied teams the best for this season and I trust that you will all do well in the various leagues and tournaments that we compete in.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club will be held on the evening of **6th November 2014** in the Clubhouse and you will be receiving separate notification of that along with the names of Members putting themselves forward for election when you receive the Annual Report. Full Voting Members, their Spouses or Partners are eligible to attend the AGM. The AGM will be followed by a cocktail reception which is **only open to those of you that actually attend the AGM**. Please note too,

that no Guests or children are allowed to either the AGM or the cocktail reception.

As you will all be aware, various factions in the Club regularly undertake charitable causes. The main one on the horizon this month is the **Sportsman's Charity Dinner** organized by the Soccer Section in conjunction with the Hong Kong Rangers Supporters Club with guest speakers and, well known sports commentators, Richard Keys and Andy Gray (20 caps for Scotland) which is to be held on **Thursday 30th October** and is in aid of the Indochina Starfish Foundation. This promises to be a popular event, so please look to book your tickets early.

JOHN J SHANAHAN
Chairman

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From the Desk of Mark Pawley



Mark Pawley,
General Manager

By the time you read this article the Sports Hall renovations should be complete and Phase II and III of the hall back in operation. With Phase I of the Sports Hall renovation being completed two years ago when the new flooring system was installed, we now have a new acoustic wall system in place, a new ceiling system in place along with new sports lighting and an in-situ banquet lighting system. A new sound system has also been installed along with a large LED screen (plus a much smaller LED screen primarily for scoreboard purposes). All in all, we have a brand new Sports Hall which now looks the part!

As the Club gets back into full sporting mode, you will also note in the following pages, that the food and beverage programme for the month of October is pretty much, full on as well! Much of this, it seems, is centred around wine! First up is the **Discover the Wines of Bordeaux** night which is being held on **Friday 17th October**, aptly titled “**Bad Boy Under the Stars**”! This is a casual style wine party being held outside at the Sportsman’s Bar Deck (adjacent to the Main Pitch) and includes a wine tasting, a 3-course meal served family style (with the meal comes a free flow of Baby Bad Boy - the name of one of the wines, I am told). On **Friday 24th October** we are putting on an **Adult Only BBQ Pool Party** where Mt Difficulty wines will be served along with your meal. This is swiftly followed by a **Veve Clicquot Champagne Dinner “A Celebration of Autumn”** where a four-course meal is “supplemented” by free-flow champagne! As ever, please do book early for these events to avoid disappointment.

Not to be outdone, on the food front, some of you may already have tried the recently introduced **All You Can Eat Dim Sum Brunch**, which is available on Saturdays throughout the month (as well as on the Public Holidays on the 1st and 2nd October). In the Restaurant’s VIP room we introduce, for the month, a **Social Dinner Menu** whereby a minimum booking of 12 people gets you a 3-course sharing menu along with an unbeatable drinks package including 2 bottles of Veve Clicquot, 3 hours of free-flowing selected wines, beer and soft drinks.

The Coffee Shop this month is all about **Hairy Crabs** (as they are in season) as well as a Dinner Buffet (on Fridays and Saturdays) **A Gourmet Journey of Old Hong Kong**. And, in the Sportsman’s Bar we now have the **Weekend Roast** available from Noon to 2.30pm, every Saturday and Sunday throughout the month along with our **German Sausage** promotion.

And, last, but by no means least on the food and beverage front, that is, we are now starting to take bookings for our very popular **New Year’s Eve Party** — details for this are on page 13 of the magazine.

On the staffing front, many congratulations are in order to the Quarter 3 Star Award winners pictured in the photos on page 2.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

MARK PAWLEY
General Manager

ROBERT MARK SAFARIS

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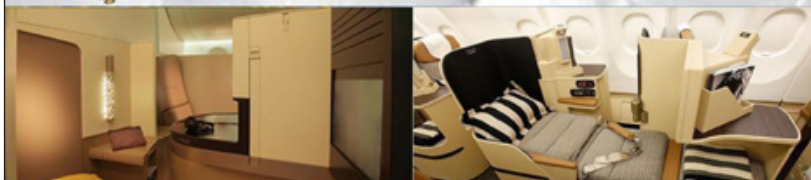
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■ MENU ■

APPETIZER

Boston Lobster Carpaccio with Purple Cress,
Home Made Lemon Olive Oil Dressing

1ST COURSE

Pan Seared Quail with Roasted Pumpkin
and Thyme Jus

MAIN COURSE

Slow Braised Shoulder of Lamb, Mint
Mashed Potatoes and Grilled Asparagus

DESSERT

Chilled Chocolate Fondant, Salted Toffee
Sauce and Toasted Hazelnut

COFFEE & TEA

Petit Fours

DATE: SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2014

VENUE: RESTAURANT

TIME: 7PM TO 11PM

PRICE: \$600 (MEMBER)

\$680 (GUEST)

PLEASE CONTACT THE RESTAURANT AT 2830 9562 FOR RESERVATIONS OR
EMAIL: RESTAURANT@HKFC.COM / FAX 2576 7598.

KINDLY BE INFORMED THAT THE LATEST DATE FOR CANCELLATION IS WEDNESDAY, 15TH
OCTOBER 2014, FOLLOWING WHICH ALL BOOKINGS WILL BE CHARGED IN FULL.

THE RESTAURANT'S A LA CARTE MENU WILL BE UNAVAILABLE DURING THIS SPECIAL EVENT.

Organic Set Menu in the Restaurant

Every night from 6.30pm to 9.30pm (except Sunday) throughout the month of October

The trend of Organic Food is sprouting in Hong Kong, it is easier than ever to buy fresh organic ingredients, yet if you want to save the trouble of preparing your own meals, join us at the Restaurant and enjoy our Organic Set Menu this month.

Scouring the world for the best organic produce, we have sourced some of the most flavourful beef and lamb from Australia and salmon from Ireland. Our Executive Chef Danny and his team have created fresh new recipes for these dishes. For those with a sweet tooth, indulge yourself with our organic desserts such as the Warm Valrhona Organic Chocolate Cake with Organic Vanilla Ice Cream, and more!

So whether you are a discerning diner or just want a change of pace, come and try our new Organic Menu at the Restaurant today!

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



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RESTAURANT AND CHAIRMAN'S BAR

SUNDAY BRUNCH

from 11am to 2.30pm

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

DRESS CODE: Club Casual.

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

RESTAURANT

HARVEST FROM THE SEA SUNDAY DINNER BUFFET

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

\$285 per Adult

\$145 per Child under 12 years of age

Our diverse international buffet has a seafood focus which includes fresh prawns, oysters and crab, as well as a selection of mouth-watering desserts.

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

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



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LUNCH AT THE CLUB

THE RESTAURANT

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm

Set Lunch with Starter Buffet

2 Courses: \$170

3 Courses: \$190

THE COFFEE SHOP

Monday to Thursday
from Noon to 2.30pm

Light Lunch Buffet

\$135 (Adult); \$73 (Child)

Friday to Sunday
from Noon to 2.30pm

International Lunch Buffet

\$158 (Adult); \$78 (Child)

THE CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm

Express Set Lunch

4 Courses: \$110

NEW

Social Dinner Menu in the Restaurant

Every night from 6.30pm to 9.30pm (except Sunday) throughout the month of October

This month, we're introducing big platters for sharing, and what better place for such a social occasion than the Restaurant's own private room.

Starters are served on big platters with an assortment of appetizers.

The Main Courses include dishes fit for a feast: Sliced Chateaubriand Roasted with Rosemary and Thyme, Sustainable Atlantic Halibut, Whole Roasted Suckling Pig and Slow Roasted Leg of Lamb.

For accompaniments, we have Roasted Potatoes with Fried Onions cooked in Duck Fat, Toasted Persian Rice,

Pommes Allumettes, and Mixed Green Salad with Fresh Coriander.

Desserts include a choice of Pistachio Baked Alaska or Crepes Suzette prepared at your table.

And there is more...our unbeatable Drinks Package includes 2 free bottles of Veuve Clicquot Champagne on arrival and 3 hours of free-flowing selected wine, beer and soft drinks.

Minimum attendance is 12 people. Price is set at \$500 per person.



In the Happy Valley Suites
Saturday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and
Public Holiday 1st and 2nd
LUNCH ONLY

From 11.30am to 2.30pm
Throughout the month of October
\$148 per Adult, \$78 per Child under 12 years of age

With *over 30 kinds* of dim sum dishes, salads, rice, noodles as well as desserts, we have extended the brunch hours from 11.30am to 2.30pm to allow you plenty of time to sample all the dishes!

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

CHAIRMAN'S BAR

SPANISH TAPAS

Monday to Friday from 6pm to 10pm

There is no better place at the Club than the Chairman's Bar where you can enjoy a weekly Spanish Tapas spread, with a glass of wine or Sherry to wind down the day. Appetizer-sized portions are made for sharing.

CHAIRMAN'S BAR

FRESH OYSTERS

every day from noon to 10.30pm

- 6 oysters and 2 glasses of Sparkling for \$160
- or 12 oysters and 2 glasses of Sparkling for \$265

CHAIRMAN'S BAR

WINE CAROUSEL

every day from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

From 6.30pm till 10.30pm daily, you can enjoy 2 hours of free-flowing wines specially selected to match the season at a set price of **\$178 per person**. Alternatively you can select any two glasses of wine for only **\$88**.

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

COFFEE SHOP

ALL ABOUT HAIRY CRABS

For Lunch and Dinner
Throughout the month of October
(subject to availability)

Autumn is the beginning of the hairy crab season. Enjoy this seasonal treat at the Coffee Shop, and please remember to place your orders in advance as availability is limited.

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



COFFEE SHOP

DINNER BUFFET: A GOURMET JOURNEY OF OLD HONG KONG

Friday and Saturday
From 6.00pm to 9.30pm

The Coffee Shop takes you on a nostalgic journey of old Hong Kong this month.

Classic delicate dishes includes the BBQ Roasted Peking Duck, cooked in a traditional way, the meat is tender and juicy. Other highlights include Mantis Shrimp with Five Spice Salt, Jade Snails in Chinese Wine, Shatin Crispy Pigeon, Fried Clams in Black Bean Sauce and Typhoon Shelter Crab.

The buffet also includes an array of delicious classic desserts such as Chestnut Roasted with Sugar, Egg Puffs, Hong Kong Style Waffles, White Sugar Pudding, Sweet Glutinous Rice Pudding with Red Beans and Egg Tarts.

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



COFFEE SHOP

KEBABS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Monday to Sunday
Lunch and Dinner throughout the month of October

Every cuisine has its own version of meat on a stick.

Using a variety of marinades, spice pastes, rubs, and dipping sauces, we bring to you the different flavours from Japan, Turkey, India, and Mexico, to name just a few.

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



COFFEE SHOP

SEMI DINNER BUFFET

Monday to Thursday
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Treat yourself to a delectable selection of appetizers, made-to-order main courses and tempting desserts at the Semi-Dinner Buffet. Price starts from \$128 per person.

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



SPORTSMAN'S BAR



WEEKEND ROAST

Available from Noon to 2.30pm

\$98 per Adult

\$68 per Child (3- 11)

Treat yourself to a traditional Weekend Roast for lunch this month.

Remember to place your orders early as there is a limited supply!

GERMAN SAUSAGES

Also on offer is our daily German Sausages. A perfect dish with your favourite beer!

On the Sport Front

In Soccer, the Barclays Premier League is in full swing, join us to watch your favourite teams 'live' on screen. You can also try a new cider from our special Cider menu.

In Rugby, the final Bledisloe Cup match will take place in Brisbane on Saturday 18th October.

In Auto Racing, Formula One Grand Prix will be held in Japan from 3rd to 5th October, Russia from 10th to 12th October, and the USA from 31st October to 2nd November.

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

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

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

DISCOVER THE WINES OF BORDEAUX'S BAD BOY UNDER THE STARS

In 1989 Jean-Luc Thunevin and his wife Murielle Andraud bought a former garage to be used as a winery, the first vintage was released in 1991. In 1995, his wine was given a better rating by Robert Parker than Château Pétrus. The value wines from Thunevin deserve your attention.

**"Robert Parker calls Jean Luc Thunevin
"Bad Boy of St. Emilion".**

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Friday 17th October

Venue: Outside at the Sportsman's Bar Deck

HK\$435 per Member

HK\$480 per Member's Guest

Wine Tasting: 7pm - 7.45pm

- Baby Bad Boy

- Bad Boy

- Château Bel Air Ouy

- Clos Badon Thunevin

- Virginie De Valandraud Blanc

- Virginie De Valandraud

Casual Dinner: 8pm - 10pm

Aperitif: Bad Girl Sparkling Wine

3 Courses Meal

(Served family style on large plates to be passed around at your table)

Cold cut Platter

Coq au Vin with buttered noodles and sautéed kale

Tart Tatin

Free Flow: Baby Bad Boy

RSVP: 36 seats available only

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.com or fax 2576 7598

*Cancellations or amendments must be faxed or emailed to the restaurant and must be made before **Monday 6th October 2014** otherwise, full payment will be debited to the member's account, unless there are exceptional circumstances.



BBQ Pool Party



 **LIVE MUSIC**



RESERVATIONS

Please contact Catering Office on 2830 9513 or Email: catering@hkfc.com



BOOK EARLY AS SEATS ARE LIMITED

BBQ All you can eat buffet

APPETIZERS

Smoked salmon with capers | Pulled pork taco salad
Seared sesame tuna on a bed of apple, cucumber honey & chilli
Pearl couscous & roasted vegetable salad
Sweet chili salmon with black bean salad

Orzo pasta salad with avocado, coriander & lime
Cheese, sweet corn, pumpkin & green peas
Cucumber-pepper slaw | Assorted green leaves
Coconut chicken salad with spring greens



SOUP

Mulligatawny soup and yoghurt flatbread

HOT DISHES

Penne pasta with creamy mushroom, leek & pea
Roast duck with sage & orange butter and bacon, avocado & sautéed spinach
BBQ Vegetables with grilled feta
Rosemary chicken parcels with fruity salsa
Sweet corn & beef burritos

ON THE SPIT

New Zealand whole lamb marinated in lemon, rosemary & garlic



LAMB

SAUCE CORNER

Sage & apple sauce, black pepper sauce, lemon butter sauce, strawberry & kiwi salsa, pineapple salsa, béarnaise, tomato Ketchup, pickles relish, chocolate mustard, mint jelly and English mustard

on the GRILL

- * KING PRAWNS WITH CARAMELIZED MISO PASTE
- * LEMON & HERB MARINATED CHICKEN BREAST
- * DRY RUDD BARBECUE BEEF SPARE RIBS
- * BBQ BUTTER FRIED PORK LOIN WITH NECTARINE SALSA
- * BABY SNAPPER FISH WITH TZATZIKI SAUCE
- * ASSORTED SAUSAGES (WEISSWURST, NURNBERG, ROSTBRATWURST)
- * SOY MARINATED FLANK OF BEEF
- * GRILLED SWEET POTATOES

DESSERTS

Flourless chocolate cake
Manuka honey cheese cake
NZ pear almond tart

Kiwi fruit pavlova
Orange Jeff caramel custard
Seasonal fruit platter

Mini passion fruit custard tartlets
Assorted cheese platter with dry fruits & crackers
Assorted Portion Ice Cream (Nestle)

WHEN | FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER

WHERE | HKFC BY THE POOL

TIME | 6.30PM to 10.00PM

(food will be served from 6.45pm to 8.45pm)

PRICE | \$600 per person

Inclusive of BBQ & Wines

This is an ADULT ONLY event.

The swimming pool closes at 9pm



NEW ZEALAND



MT. DIFFICULTY WINES

- 3 bottles of Roaring Meg Pinot Gris 2013
- 3 bottles of Mt Difficulty Bannockburn Pinot Noir Rose 2013
- 2 bottles of Roaring Meg Pinot Noir 2013
- (8 bottles of wine included per table of 12)

The maximum table capacity is 12 and we will not add to that number | If you have not organized a table of 12, we reserve the right to add people to your table or seat you where we can | Reservations are required and the Poolside will only be open after 6pm on the day of the event to Members (and their Guests) who have booked | The pool will be closed to non participants from 5pm onwards.



BBQ Pool-Side Party



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Friday 14 November

This is an **ADULT ONLY** event.
The swimming pool closes at 9pm.

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



The pool party is back and brings you gaucho lifestyle with an Argentinean barbecue!

Time 6:30 to 10:00pm
(food will be served from 6:45 to 8:45pm)

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

BOOK EARLY AS SEATS ARE LIMITED

Menu created by
chef **Matias Aldasoro**
from **La Casa del Visitante, Mendoza**

Package includes

VINOS

SERIE A - Mendoza Chardonnay Viognier 2011

SERIE A - Mendoza Malbec 2012

8 BOTTLES PER TABLE OF 12

★ ★ ★

DULCES

PLATO DE QUESOS
Assorted Cheese Platter

PANQUEQUE RELLENO DE LECHE
Dulce de leche pancakes

TARTA DE COCO Y DULCE DE LECHE
Coconut cake and dulce de leche

CRUMBLE DE BANANA Y DULCE DE LECHE
Banana and dulce de leche crumble

FRUTA FRESCA
Assorted fresh fruits

GRILL

BIFE DE CHORIZO
Sirloin steak

CHIVITO
Baby goat

COSTILLAS DE TERNERA
Veal ribs

SALMON CON ESTRAGON
Salmon with tarragon

★ ★ ★

SIDES 'N' SAUCES

BATAS CUÑA AL ROMERO
Sweet potato wedges with rosemary

VEGETALES ASADOS
Grilled vegetables

HONGOS AL AJILLO
Mushrooms in garlic sauce

CRIOLLA
Criolla Sauce

CHIMICHURRI
Chimichurri Sauce

Entrantes

ESCALIBADA CON TOMILLO
Grilled vegetables with thyme

PULPO A LA GALLEGA
Galician style octopus

ENSALADA DE RUCULA
TOMATE SECO Y JAMON CRUDO
Arugula, sundried tomatoes and cured ham salad

ENSALADA DE PAPA, HUEVO CEBOLLA MORADA
Potatoes, eggs and red onion salad

HINOJO, MANZANA VERDE Y NUECES
Fennel, green apple and assorted nuts

TOMATES FRESCOS
CON MOZZARELLA DE BUFALA Y ALBAHACA
Fresh tomatoes with buffalo mozzarella and basil

EMPANADAS DE CARNE
Meat empanadas

★ ★ ★

Pan y Sopa

GAZPACHO
Andalucian cold tomato soup

PAN CON AJO
Garlic bread and bread rolls

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



NOVEMBER PREVIEW

Dom Pérignon



You are cordially invited to an exclusive
Dom Pérignon Dinner
at the Restaurant
Friday 21st November 2014
7pm to 11pm



MENU

Dom Pérignon Vintage 2004
Hand Crafted Ravioli of Lobster and Blue Crab,
Truffle Butter Sauce

Dom Pérignon Oenothèque 1996
Butter-Poached Turbot Fillet with Crayfish Sauce.
Braised Salsify

Dom Pérignon Vintage Rosé 2003
Venison Haunch Steak with Spelt Grain, Confit leeks
Eggplant Caponata, Foie Gras Emulsion

Dom Pérignon Vintage 2004
Ginger Bread Crème Brulée with Vanilla Bean
Ice Cream

Coffee or Tea
Petit Fours

\$1,280 per Member
\$1,380 per non Member

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or
email: restaurant@hkfc.com or fax 2576 7598

*Cancellations or amendments must be faxed or emailed to
the Restaurant and must be made before **Friday 7th November**
2014 otherwise, full payment will be debited to the member's
account, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The Restaurant's A la carte menu will be unavailable that evening.

2014 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

WEDNESDAY 31st DECEMBER
SPORTS HALL

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Stephen Tew,
Soccer Section Captain

Captain's Report

Hello,

The season is well underway with two club derbies already played and our teams all having a strong start to the season.

Key dates for your diary for the next couple of months:

- **14th November:**
Annual Cricket Match vs HKCC
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- **21st November:**
Interport Games vs SCC at the Club

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Match Report Wanderers vs Colts

All successful football teams resemble one another, each unsuccessful team is unsuccessful in its own way. And so the successful Wanderers kicked off the 2014/15 season, in conditions similar to those expected at the Qatar World Cup.

Pre match chat revolved around the oppressive heat, **Danny's** inability to slice bread without dismembering his finger, and what was shinier - **Evo's** new boots or his head?

The first half was tough; stifling conditions and being outnumbered in the middle of the park made it hard to control the game.

Surprisingly against younger and smaller opposition Wanderers ended the first half bloodied and bruised. First up was **Mike 'snoz' Thurbon** who copped a nasty knock to the head which resulted in a broken nose and copious amounts of claret. In the great tradition of bloodied British defenders he soldiered on heroically to complete the game. Slightly less heroically **Shonners** twisted and turned with such guile and agility his knees couldn't keep up with the rest of his body and he collapsed in an almighty heap. Either that or he was hot and wanted a rest. Either way

he was unceremoniously rolled off the pitch and left to fend for himself.

After all that the score was 0-0 at half time. The second half was meant to be the time the older Wanderers struggled, but no one had priced in the tactical masterstroke that was to unfold. In normal circumstances any comparison between **Jose Mourinho** and **Billy / Craney** is a stretch. Jose is a suave well-dressed European man who speaks 5 languages. Billy sometimes struggles with coherent English, and Craney has been seen wearing tracksuit bottoms in public. The cunning and well-timed change in formation they implemented was however, straight out of Jose's play book. Observing we were already tight at the back and needed to control the middle of the park, they switched to a 3-5-2 which proved pivotal in getting the upper hand.

The second half began positively with Wanderers keeping the ball better, and playing more football in the final third. Some tenacious tackling from **Jazza** and **Danny 'Mr' Sheen** in the middle of the park set a good tempo, and a sense of belief started to set in. **Tez** went on a trademark mazy run into the

corner, before cutting the ball back to **Jazza**, who whipped in a pin point cross. Right on cue **Steve** the (self-declared) ghost **Everest** slipped unnoticed into the box, like Jimmy Saville into a funeral parlour, and thumped home a convincing header to make the score 1-0.

The remainder of the game was a tough tactical battle as legs tired, but Wanderers defended impeccably and wound down the clock intelligently. The sense of pride at a job well done was palpable at the final whistle. This was a hard fought 3 points in the first match of the season, but more than that it provides a marker for what can be achieved when everyone works hard for the team and pulls together.

Post showers a still sweating Wanderers absconded to the Sportsman's terrace for well-earned cold beers. Fines Master **Billy** diligently carried out his duty, and drinking did ensue. Past reputations were confirmed with **Wildy** downing his Guinness in approximately 3 seconds, **Liam Sam Kelly** very nearly spewing into his flambo, and yours truly downing his Guinness at a pace comparable to evaporation. ■





Nick Studholme-Wilson,
Hockey Section Chairman

Chairman's Message

Dear Hockey Section,

I don't think I have ever seen the Section so prepared for the start of the season. Both trials and training have been well attended and for the first time in a number of years people are fighting for their place. As a result the Section is buzzing with energy and expectation, which I am sure, will be converted into success over the coming months.

One of our key focuses has been to keep pushing forward our coaching capabilities and it is with that in my mind I would like to welcome **Koen Pijpers** and **Tina Bell Kake** to the Club as

coaches for the Men's premierships sides and the Ladies As respectively. Both of whom bring a wealth of international experience and best-practices to the Club.

Since it is the start of the season I would like to remind everyone that sportsmanship is a key value of the Section. Everyone should play with passion, but they should not let that get in the way of good behaviour. I would like to thank the selection committees, the captains and the conveners for getting us to the starting line. Now it is up to you!

Nick



Yan Adams
Men's Captain

Men's Captain Yan Adams' bio:

Yan has been a member of HKFC since 2011. During that time he has been an active participant in the Section, variously coaching juniors, men's and women's teams whilst playing his own hockey with the men's A team, of which he was Vice Captain during the 2012/2013 season. Prior to moving to Hong Kong, Yan

played his hockey in Scotland, and represented the national team across all age levels, playing his club hockey with Grange HC in Edinburgh.

Men's Hockey Captain Column:

Here we go then – the start of another league season. In many ways the same as every other year, but in fact there have already been a number of “firsts”, new faces and changes within the Section this year, and so whilst familiar, this season sees many of the men's teams embarking on exciting yet fairly unknown waters.

This is as true for me as anyone, this being my first season as Men's Hockey Section Captain having taken the reins from **Martin Harris**, who has done a fine job during his 2-year tenure and earned himself a well-deserved break. My VC **Lou Man** and head hockey honcho **Simon Chapman** have been exceptional in working me into the role, so my thanks to them.

I'm very much looking forward to seeing how all our teams progress during the season, and am confident that each can do well in their respective leagues:

As well as the arrival of **Koen Pijpers** as coach, **Kieran Smith** of the As and **Stuart Walker** of the Bs welcomed a number of new players who will add strength in depth to their Premier Division squads, giving them every opportunity to achieve the 1st and top 6 finish, respectively, that they are targeting. The Bs in particular were the outstanding men's team of last season, coming a best-ever 7th in a very competitive league, and have progressed incredibly since their promotion to Hong Kong's top tier a few seasons ago. But I know they can do better.

In the First Division the C team, led by new captain **Matt Truman**, are also looking to the top spot. Given their 4th place finish in the last campaign, it's great to see such ambition in the team, and with the addition of both older hands with prem experience and younger up-and-comers, they should be one of the most interesting prospects for the Club moving forward.

The reasons for **Piers Brunner's** step away from the working world have been widely rumoured, but it has now been confirmed



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that this was so he could focus all efforts on captaining the HKFC D team. Following their relegation to the Second Division last season, a strong finishing place is the least that should be expected. Amongst the teams challenging them for this will be our E team, who have an increasingly stacked leader in **James O'Shea**, another going into his first season as captain. He will be hoping to improve on a campaign which did, indeed, leave plenty of room for improvement!

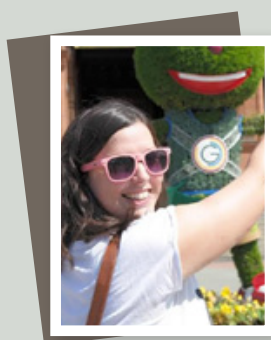
Down a division and perhaps up in average age, we have our third Club battle within the Section: **John Banks'** F team vs **James Dore's** G team. Which will come out on top remains to be seen, but I'm sure the rivalry will never be anything more than friendly and in good spirits...

Last but by no means least, down in the Fifth Division, the H team completes the Section. Captain **Wing Wong**, a fairly new Club man, has already promised to have the guys down for 7am fitness sessions should early results not go their way and is eyeing a return to the Fourth Division as his season goal.

And, so that's the HKFC Men's Hockey Section for 2014/2015. An outstanding group of men, some say the most talented and handsome in Hong Kong.

Here's to some good, fun hockey, success and plenty of socials! ■

Yan Adams



Rhona Barr, Ladies Captain

Ladies Hockey Captain's Column:

It is my pleasure to be writing my first article as Ladies Captain; I have some big boots to fill! By now the new season will be underway, with all teams having a few games under their belts. It was fantastic to see so many players committed to

preseason training and trials. You all definitely made the selector's job difficult!

I'd like to welcome all our new players and coaches, especially **Tina Bell-Kake**, who we are lucky enough to have join us from our rivals Valley to coach the A team. We are all extremely grateful to our coaches who give up their free time for us. It is also great to see the number of youth players who are making their way into the senior section; we are always looking to develop young talent, and take advantage of their speedy young legs on the pitch!

As I look to the season ahead, I'm looking forward to seeing our teams continue where they left off at the end of the last season. The A's and C's have their titles to defend in the Premier and 1st division respectively. There was a fascinating battle in the 2nd division between the E's and the F's, with positions changing regularly. It will be interesting to see how that develops this season as well as watching the B's, D's and G's strengthen their positions in their respective leagues, hopefully causing a few upsets along the way. I wish you all the best of luck for the season; to many victories on the pitch and fun times with team mates and friends alike on and off the pitch.

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Youth Squad

Hockey Section Club Day

What a fantastic start to the season! Not only did we get to begin the day with a full turn out of our Mini Hockey Section, we got to watch a highly entertaining game played by our rising stars in our Youth Squad. We were also very pleased to welcome representatives of our Section Committee, plus our two key sponsors, **Clifford Chance** and **Holman Fenwick Willan** for our official Club Day Opening Ceremony.

Following the Youth game and the ceremony, the first HKHA Women's League home game of the season gave the C Team fans plenty to cheer about. The afternoon then saw both of our Ladies and Men's A & B teams do battle in 'friendly' pre-season exhibition matches, before the day was capped off with a fantastic Hockey Section 'Safari Party' by the pool.

The annual Club Day is now a feature on the calendar for the start of the new hockey season, and will no doubt continue to evolve into a great day out for all. This year we welcomed the newest sponsor member to our Section, **Clifford Chance**. Represented on the day by **Mr. James Webb**, and joined also by **Mr. Peter Murphy** representing ongoing sponsors Holman Fenwick Willan. Both were officially involved in declaring the season open, ably assisted in a symbolic goal shot by new Men's A Team coach, **Mr. Koen Pijpers**. Our Section Captain's **Rhona Barr** and **Yan Adams**, decked in new playing shirts, were on hand to represent the players, and Chairman **Nick Studholme-Wilson** delivered a final positive message for all involved.

Following the opening ceremony the Youth Squad participated in an exhibition game, coached by Men's Section Captain, **Yan Adams** and Head Coach, **Chappie**, the teams went head-to-head for coaches bragging rights. Junior Section Chairman, **Simon "Shep" Shepherdson** and Umpire's Convener **Lyle Williams** officiated and after a very entertaining match and 8 spectacular goals, it fittingly ended in a 4-4 draw. Features of the match were the hattrick of goals scored by **Conrad Syzmanski** for Yan's team, and birthday boy **Orien Daly** netting for coach Chappie's team after a barnstorming run from his own half to score.

After the Youth game the feature match of the day took place at Sports Road. Defending Division 1 Champions (Ladies C) took on perennial underdogs and general number one foes, the D-team Team (Ladies D). In what was anticipated to be a difficult game for the D's, yet also a

potentially tricky start to the season for the Champs, the game was end-to-end in the opening stages. As is often said, the team that settles into their rhythm first usually establishes the higher ground, it was in fact the C Team who managed to settle and then put some real pressure on the D Team defence. The pressure told and the C's were able to open their goal scoring account through captain **Briony Newman**. Normally the Ds would retaliate with a burst of counter attacking resolve, but on this occasion, the Cs were focused and ready, and didn't let the D's back into the game. Instead they elevated their own and ran away with the result. The additional goals were scored by Vice Captain **Emily Smith**, teenage speedster **Lucy Ross** and debutant **Katie Daly**. A consolation D-team Team goal from **Mel Harris** meant that the final score (6-1) at least gave them a first goal of the season, but this was a great start for the Cs and a game to very quickly forget for the Ds.

Both Ladies E (Dino's) and G teams represented the Club with away games to start their season, and were again well represented and in good spirits at the Safari Party, despite the earlier results. I'm sure as the weather cools the ladies will find their 'A games' and get back to playing winning hockey.

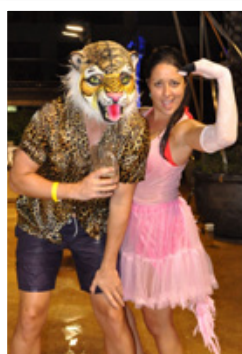
A special thanks to our Social Conveners, **Neil Norman** and **Sophie Patton** for organising a great day all round. The kids were all given goodie bags after training, the bouncy castle was up throughout the day, pitch-side tunes and commentary accompanied matches, and for those children on hand watching parents play they were kept entertained old school style by running under the water sprinklers between matches, helping themselves to the lemonade, bouncing around on the inflatable pirate ship and generally enjoying a great family day by the pitch. Gotta love long hot summer days!

The start of season party by the pool was again a huge success and was enjoyed by all. This year's 'Safari' theme was a great choice, with a range of safari tourists, guides, and wild animals fronting. Restricted by the 'no body paint' rule, some of the fellas still managed to squeeze into various animal body suits – never a great look. Watching **Tom Moore** extricate himself from the watering hole as the world's skinniest elephant was particularly entertaining. In fine tradition, both A Team coaches were 'blessed' as were all new members of the hockey herd. The DJ kept the party humming along throughout the night, and the usual team fine sessions, general cross team banter, water pistols, and the amazing buffet, ensured everyone had a fantastic evening. As always, the great migration took place from Sports Road to Lockhart Road, to greener pastures and more watering holes – not sure the journey was survived by all.

In summary, thanks to all involved in making the day (and night) such a success! To the entire HKFC Hockey family, have a great season! ■



Pictures from the Safari Party



Bali Tour: Sun, Sea and Hockey!

HKFC girls, our token guy and a friend from Singapore set off on tour to Bali on the first weekend of September. We weren't sure what to expect from the Inaugural Bali hockey sixes, but we arrived to a hockey pitch, metres from a gorgeous beach, friendly, welcoming faces and fabulous weather. We started the tournament with a draw against the toughest team, ISCI from Jakarta; 1-1 with an amazing goal from near the side line from **Ida Wong**. Things were looking up, despite a few injuries in the first game, as we won our second game comfortably 2-1, with some great attacks up the wings from **Joyce Ong**, **Sinead Barclay** and **Ida Wong**. Our inexperience on grass began to show, however, as we failed to score in our last 2 games despite numerous opportunities against school girls and university students. Both games were very close but even with some excellent defensive tackling from **Christine Wood** and our friend **Ben** from Singapore, we lost both games 1-0. A few dodgy umpiring decisions and unpredictable bouncy hockey balls didn't help.

This took us through to the quarter finals of the cup. Despite short corners aplenty and numerous attacks, again, we could not hit the back of the goal. The crowd loved the visiting team from Hong Kong and cheered us on but it wasn't meant to be. The advantages of having a goalie in a 6 aside tournament was evident in the number of saves the opposition goalie made and in the amazing drag goal from the opposition that only a goalkeeper could save. Our tournament had come to an end. Our popularity became evident after the game when there were copious amounts of requests for photos with the girls from Hong Kong, and a few of our mascot, **Gus Emmerson**, who did actually play hockey with an Alumni team. The organisers, however, took pity on us and organised a friendly for us to play to end the tournament, playing with and against the university students. A lovely way to end a fabulous, fun tournament.



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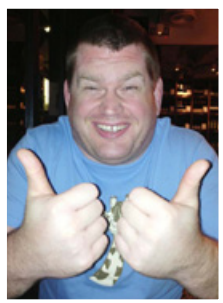
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From the Horse's Mouth

Stephen 'Horse' Nolan, Rugby Section Captain

It's been a busy month with preseason well underway and all eyes on the start of the 2014/15 season.

We have just had a great weekend hosting Singapore Cricket Club, with 3 senior games being played on Saturday, 13th September. A mix of Contempts and Expendables lost out 22-12 to the SCC Growlers for the Mars Bar Cup. Dragons saw off the challenge of the SCC Tankards 64-0 to win the Bauhinia Cup and Club were victorious against the SCC First XV 36-3 to win the Inter-Port Challenge Cup.

On Sunday the SCC joined us at the Walton Brunch. Over 300 people attended the event this year, in a fitting celebration in memory of the teammates we lost in Bali in 2002. During the celebration we took time to remember that terrible day and raise our glasses to absent friends. To live in the hearts of those you leave behind is not to die.

At the time of writing, both the Hong Kong men's and women's Sevens squads are preparing for the 2014 Asian Games held this year in Incheon, South Korea, from 19th September to 4th October. The men's squad is captained by **Jamie Hood** and **Royce Chan** is leading the women; what an achievement for both of these HKFC players. **Michael Coverdale** and **Mark Wright** have also been selected for the men's squad. Good luck to everyone involved.

The Hong Kong National Under 19s squad has also been named; the team will play in the Junior World Trophy (JWT) Qualifications which will take place in Sri Lanka from 20th to 27th September. Well done to **Hugo Chui**, **Jordan Cooper**, **Richard Lewis**, **Callum McFeat-Smith**, **Raef Morrison**, **Cameron Smith**, **Max Woolf** and **Matthew Worley** who have all made the squad. Our young stars will go into the competition as favourites but will face tough opposition from Sri Lanka, Korea and Chinese Taipei as all teams fight for the top spot and a place at the JWT in Portugal next April. Well done to **Kevin West** and all the coaches involved in the youth section in guiding the development of these players.

Is mise, le meas, **Horse**

Hong Kong Football Club has long been in the vanguard when it comes to raising rugby standards in the region and the 2014/15 season is promising more of the same. As the quality of rugby in our part of the world continues to rise, club officials and players have been working hard to make sure the HKFC Rugby Section continues to grow and maintain its reputation in both Asia and the wider rugby world.

Throughout the summer, Director of Rugby, **Kevin West**, has been overseeing a tough pre-season training regime, pushing players hard so that they can hit the new campaign in good shape.

"Training has been going fantastically well," he says. "We started really early with a heavy emphasis on fitness. We've had fantastic numbers all the way through. There have been a lot of new bodies and the commitment has been excellent. As a Section we are really lucky, it is often just word of mouth. There are friends of friends who have just come to Hong Kong and come down to have a look at what we are doing on the pitch and what's happening off the pitch. And they have often decide to stay."

Strength in continuity will be the key for the Club side this season, according to West, who does not plan on making huge changes from the tactics and strategy employed last season.

"There's going to be little tweaks in playing style, but it's still going to be a similar style of play. We are trying to make sure we utilise everyone on the pitch and that's the game that we want to work towards, so we can challenge the opposition in all areas. It was a little bit up and down last season. We were in a situation where we were going through a transition in terms of players and how we were playing. But I think that gives us a really good platform going into this season."





SCC XV and Nataxis Club after the game

Despite the rigorous preparation, West is under no illusion about how tough the season is going to be with all the Club's main rivals also raising their game.

"We've got teams from our league last year that have recruited close on 12 players," says West. "That's going to make it really difficult. Clearly, Valley, being the Grand Champions last year, are going to be a force. But Cricket Club were strong and have recruited heavily. They are likely to be the top sides we are competing with."

Another significant development for the HKFC Rugby Section over the summer was the recent announcement that Nataxis, the corporate, investment management and financial services arm of Groupe BPCE, will be its new title sponsor for the next three seasons, from 2014/15 to 2016/17.

The partnership includes all teams representing HKFC Rugby in the Hong Kong Rugby Football Union (HKRFU) leagues, including Club, Dragons, Scorpions, Select, Sequins, Bulls, Expendables, (as well as the Contemptibles and Vandals), plus the ladies' teams, Ice and Fire and the youth and mini sections.

"To people who are thinking of coming down, we would say please do," adds West. "The Rugby Section is very welcoming. There are teams for players of every ability and we always have people showing up who have never played before or haven't played for a number of years." ■

By Robert Hartley

Nataxis Club ease past SCC in Memorial Game

Nataxis Club regained the Inter-Port Challenge Cup in style on Saturday with a convincing 36-3 win over the Singapore Cricket Club.

Club ran in five tries in humid conditions in a testing pre-season encounter and managed to prevent the opposition from crossing the whitewash – a testament to the hard work put into defensive organisation over the summer.

Club Captain **Stephen Nolan** said: "It is always a good pre-season test for Club against the SCC. We were happy with a lot of our work in the game but there are areas we will need to improve on before the start of the league. It's an important day for both teams and the game was played in great spirit fitting for the event."

A fast start from the visitors saw Club fighting hard to keep them out in the early exchanges of the game, but the home side soon got their patterns going and started to pile on the pressure. SCC held out until a smart break from **Matt Lamont** saw the flanker sprint in from close to halfway and finish under the posts.

The second try of the first half came after SCC struggled to cope with some strong running from **Jimmy Richards**, who spotted a gap and broke into the opposition half, with Dan Falvey eventually latching on to the end of the move for the try. The third try before the break came from **Niall Rowark**, who finished in the corner after some clever play from Club.

Jimmy Richards continued to look dangerous in the second half and played the provider role once again to pop a short ball to **Charlie Higson-Smith**, who scored to put the game out of reach for SCC.

Higson-Smith grabbed his second and Club's final try of the day after a pass behind a dummy runner created space for the score. **Gavin Hadley** slotted over one penalty and four conversions throughout the game.

The Inter-Port Challenge Cup is a Bali memorial trophy featuring the names of the players that both clubs lost in the tragedy. ■



The 16th Wing Ding Fancy Dress Charity Squash Tournament at the Club



Wing Ding is coming – the 16th Wing Ding Fancy Dress Charity Squash Tournament hits the HKFC on Saturday 22nd November – and now is the perfect time to start getting your team motivated!

In Hong Kong, there are over 430,000 individuals registered as disabled, 85 percent of whom are physically challenged. The late **Yuen Kam-Wing** was one such person for those of us who had the privilege of knowing him. Let's take a trip down memory lane. Many of us in the squash community who came to Hong Kong in the early 90s' arrived with hopes and dreams of success. Those who couldn't afford the plushier clubs made do with the public courts at the Hong Kong Squash Centre in Cotton Tree Drive where sweaty bouts of combat on the squash courts were followed by ice cold beers served by a beaming Wing. These are the sweet memories that stick in my mind.

Almost 20 years later, which included

a handover, financial crises, bird flu, SARS and innumerable beers and matches won and lost, it is time to give back. Wing's memory lives on, thanks to the dedicated efforts of certain individuals but it is proper that Hong Kong's squash community takes this opportunity to celebrate and recognize what Wing Ding is about. We are all better off now thanks to burgeoning careers as bankers, consultants, airline pilots etc. and we should show our appreciation by not just turning up in force on November 22nd to play squash, but also digging into our pockets to contribute to the many charitable causes that Wing Ding can support through Operation Santa Claus. There are numerous less fortunate people in Hong Kong served by organizations that are outside of the government's system

and whose staff operate on shoestring resources. Dollars spent here go a long way to helping those in need.

Since 2003, the Wing Ding has gathered an astounding HK\$ 8,210,197.13 for charity -- with HK\$ 8,176,197.13 of that amount going to Operation Santa Claus, the local holiday appeal overseen by the South China Morning Post and RTHK.

Last year's gathering garnered a whopping HK\$ 2,121,124.31 for underprivileged Hongkongers. Organizers, though, are counting on fellow Wing Dingers to contribute even more money this year.

Our record speaks for itself but we can speak with a louder voice by digging deeper and encouraging our family,

Message from the Squash Chairman



Adam Wilson,
Squash Section Chairman

The Squash Section has a new Men's Captain after incumbent **Elliot Froidevaux** had to step down due to increased work commitments. Elliot has been instrumental in the structure of what is a superbly organised men's division for the past two years and I am sad to see him vacating his role.

That said I hope that when Elliot's work life returns to some normality he will be

able to sit in office again, in some capacity.

David Cross, as Men's Captain, will now step into the role until the end of the season. David is very capable of taking over as Men's Captain until the end of the season and he has the committee's full support.

Squash Section Chairman Adam Wilson

friends and colleagues to support the event through donations.

"Through the memory of Wing and in his honour, we can help to make some seemingly impossible dreams come true at Christmas time," said Wing Ding coordinator **Tim Everest**. "It is my hope and one that I hope you can share with me, to give something back to those less fortunate folk at the other end of the social scale."

How can you contribute? Firstly, spread the word. Cash or prize donations are welcomed but don't just stop at yourself - speak to your friends and work colleagues. Next, even better, get your organization to sponsor any creative efforts you can come up with and contributions can be tax-deductible. I am off now to dust off my racquet and call on my bank manager. See you on **Saturday 22nd November**.

Those wishing to make a donation should contact **Tim Everest** on +(852) 9104 6383 or by e-mail at tim@hk.polargrp.com. Thank you very much in advance for your valuable support and we look forward to seeing you in November. ■

Message from the Outgoing Men's Captain

The 2014-2015 Hong Kong Squash season is about to begin (first matches start on 13th October), and our HKFC Men's teams are ready to do battle!

Our teams are very well represented in the Hong Kong Squash league, with 15 Men's teams in the Main Divisions, and another 6 in the Masters Divisions.

I am very pleased to see a growing number of junior members joining us this season! And what talent and promise! Most notably **Ashwin Khosa** in our HKFC5 (Division 5), **Maxwell Kerr** and **James Horsey** in HKFC10 (Division 10), and **Matthew Chan** starting off in HKFC14A (Division 14). And watch out for the Charging Celt - big **Edward Griffiths** in Division 11.

We also welcome back some returning members - **Peter Hill** (World Masters Squash 50+ 2nd runner-up) in HKFC2A (Division 2), **Peter Shum** in HKFC6B, **Harold Low** and **Jason Brown** in HKFC6A, **Stephen Glover** in HKFCM3A, and **Paul Casey** in HKFCM3B to name a few!

I wish to thank the Conveners for taking on the challenge of captaining their respective teams this season! Without them, this would not be possible, and so I take this opportunity to remind members to make themselves available to play as often as possible - and to please let your Convener know well ahead of time if you are unable to play.

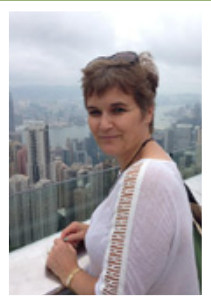
So I wish you all a great season of competitive squash!

Play Hard, Play Safe, and Have Fun!

Elliot Froidevaux, Men's Captain



Elliot Froidevaux, Men's Captain



Rachel Sutcliffe,
Ladies Captain

Message from the Ladies' Captain

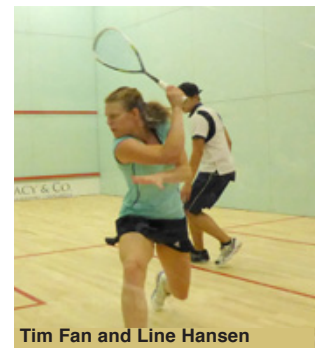
I would like to welcome our new Section members, as well as all existing players to the new squash season at HKFC - hope it's a fun, enjoyable and successful season for you all. We have 6 teams this year playing in the Hong Kong Squash Leagues, as well as lots of tournaments, tours and other competitive opportunities. Please get involved in as many as you can. Also, this season, let's all try and play some Squash Ladder games.

See you all on court! If anyone has any queries please contact me or your team convenor.

Rachel Sutcliffe, Ladies Captain



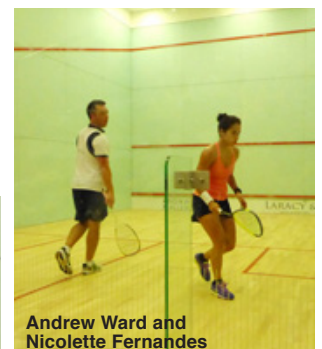
Phil Head and Jenny Duncalf



Tim Fan and Line Hansen



Malcolm Kerr and Emma Beddoes



Andrew Ward and
Nicolette Fernandes



Chad Sunde and Rachel Grinham

HKFC vs Professional Ladies

For the last week of August, all of the world's top professional squash players visited Hong Kong to play in the Hong Kong Squash Open. Thanks to the Squash Section's close links with the professional game, and thanks to **Latasha Khan** (Chairwoman of the WSA, the Women's Squash Association), we managed to entice five high-ranking professional ladies players to the Club to play a match against some of our best male players.

The HKFC men's team were feeling confident – after all, several years ago a similar type of match had taken place with HKFC Men triumphing 5-0. However, this time it was all about getting revenge, and the Professional Ladies sent a very strong team to the Club on Saturday 30th August, to entertain a vociferous and watchful crowd.

The HKFC Men's team comprised our Club champion (**Chad Sunde**) and our Club

Masters champion (**Phil Head**), together with squash coach **Tim Fan**, former Club champion **Malcolm Kerr**, and our rising star **Andrew Ward**. Section members turned up in their droves to support the boys (and the girls) encouraged by a free bar (which always helps any event).

First up was **Phil Head**, who found himself on court with **Jenny Duncalf**. Jenny has a list of honours as long as her legs – British National Champion on two occasions, European champion on two occasions, a member of England's World Cup winning side in 2006, and Commonwealth Games Silver Medallist in the individual event of 2010 and also the Women's Doubles as recently as a couple of months ago. In fact, she's so highly valued that she had to play first of all so that she could commentate on the Hong Kong Open for a worldwide television



audience. In a fantastic best-of-three match (due to Jenny's time constraints), Phil triumphed 2-1, winning 9-11, 11-8, 11-6.

Next up was **Tim Fan**, competing against **Line Hansen** from Denmark, the world number 24, with over a decade of experience on the Women's Professional Tour. Tim is lightning fast and has incredibly gifted squash shots – so it was a shock and a surprise to many to see him getting a lesson in how to control the T. Despite a spirited effort, a tired Tim came off court after registering a 1-3 loss.

Meanwhile, on another court, former Club champion **Malcolm Kerr** found himself up against England's **Emma Beddoes**. If ever there was a match to win, surely our Club Braveheart could triumph against the evil of England? I'm afraid not. Emma is a seriously handy professional with nine WSA titles to her name, and ranked number 20 in the world. It was nice for Members to see Malcolm doing so much hard work and serious running – as he crashed 0-3 to defeat. I think there were plenty of women in the crowd shouting for Emma (and probably a lot of men too).

With the HKFC Men getting a lesson or two, the match result now hung on **Andrew Ward's** contest with **Nicolette Fernandes**. Hard-hitting Nicolette, from Guyana, is currently the world number 19 and a Gold Medallist in the South American games of 2010. Nicolette refused to take any prisoners though and entertained the crowd with a 3-1 victory and match score-line of 11-4, 8-11, 14-12, 11-8.

Last up, to save our blushes, was **Chad Sunde**, our Club champion who found himself up against the silky skills of **Rachel Grinham** – former World number one and four-time winner of the British Open, amongst a whole host of other awards. In yet another excellent performance of controlled squash, early volleying and great sportsmanship, Chad prevailed 3-1 in an enjoyable finale to the day's squash.

Our thanks go to **Latasha Khan** of the WSA who helped organise the event and to the ladies for accepting the Club's challenge, for putting us in our place and for entertaining the Section members and many others in an afternoon of great fun, many laughs and excellent squash. The ladies were good enough to join us all and help the losing players and spectators drown their sorrows at the bar, before being hosted for a pleasant evening dinner down in the Sportsman's.

The next day the ladies were moving on to a tournament in Shanghai, leaving most of the men to lick their wounds. Perhaps next year, we can host the event again and try and get some revenge? Eh, Malcolm? ■



Summer Championships

Summer squash provided those of us who narrowly missed out on entry to the Commonwealth Games and the HK Open with an opportunity to keep our eye in and fitness up during the off season.

8 teams and over 80 players battled out to be league winners, and with several closely fought matches, the Mid-Levellers captained by **Nick Organ** scraped the title by just a one point margin. With 6 wins out of 7, their only defeat came against **Martin Wright's** 2nd place Wan Chai Wonders.

With the league finished the top 4 teams entered the cup draw, while the bottom 4 fought to salvage their summer in the plate draw.

In the first round of the cup, **Martin Mrosek's** Kowloon Kings nearly caused the biggest upset of the summer as they held the Mid-Levellers to a dead-tie, 3-3 in matches and 11-11 in games. But on count-back the Mid-Levellers were awarded the victory. They faced **Michael Yang's** Peak Pros in the final where Mid-Levellers maintained their dominance and completed the double.

In the plate competition, the final ended in a dead-tie, with **Simon Ng's** Happy Valley Hackers taking victory on countback over **Zach Bitan's** Central Champs. The Admiralty Amateurs captained by **Mark Rittmayer** took the wooden spoon after propping up the table and losing the plate!

A big thanks to the convenors who worked around numerous vacation schedules, and the pool players who stepped in. Particular thanks to **Dave Cross**, **Damien Laracy** and **Vinod Harjani** who played more matches as pool players than the regular players!



■ Jon Pipe

Description	Winner
League Winners	The Mid-Levellers (Nick Organ)
Cup Winners	The Mid-Levellers (Nick Organ)
Plate Winners	Happy Valley Hackers (Simon Ng)
Team of the League	Martin Mrosek's Kowloon Kings (they used their team players for 33 out of 48 matches which was the highest!)
Convener of the League	Thomas Cheung (they had the least regular team so he was constantly having to source pool players!)



Exploring the cultural scene



Dinner at the Brass Monkey



Gift Exchange with the TSC

Taipei Tour 25th – 27th July 2014

A team of highly tuned professionals left the hallows of the Squash Section in late July to go forth and conquer the challengers on offer in nearby Taipei city. Just a short hop, skip and an hour and a half plane jump and we were landed in Taipei. First there was some acclimatisation to local food at the Shida Night Market and then we loosened up with some dance moves at a local club – Spark 101.

Next day was Saturday and we were hosted by the American Club. So eager were certain members of the team (aka **Andrew Wood, Mark Sutcliffe** and **Michael Yang**) that they turned up a full hour early from the planned start time. I am not sure that the advance practice was necessary (either that or communication skills need some fine tuning). At least they made it as opposed to **Mark Ritmayer** who hadn't even made the plane! The matches were fast and furious and the reinforcements conscripted in from the local national squad helped the American Club to a 6-3 result over HKFC. The wins for HKFC were provided by **Andrew Wood, Rob Jones** and **Mark**

Sutcliffe while **Michael Tsang** lost very narrowly. The hospitality was more than generous with an ongoing rolling buffet lunch which the team took full advantage of. Each opposition player was also presented with a HKFC shirt as a memento of the occasion. Subsequent to the matches, the rugby watching fraternity went on to a local establishment to watch semi-finals super 15 rugby.

Saturday night we had a team dinner at Brass Monkey followed by some cultured Jazz at one of a number of local Jazz bars in Taipei. Unfortunately the advertised starting act had not shown up however Rob Jones knew the guy on the drums in the main performance who came and gave us all a rundown of the local Jazz scene.

Sunday came and a local gem was unearthed at the Taipei Squash Center. Despite the inauspicious look from the outside (we thought the taxi had dropped us in the wrong place) we had an excellent day of battles with young local talent. A solid meal and a good night's sleep must have paid dividends

for the team. We won 20 matches to 10 in a full day's squash schedule. Notable matches of the day included the **Jones Family (Rob, Vicky and Isaiah)** all chalking up good wins for the cause. **Michael Yang** must have gone close to claiming player of the day losing only one of his five matches. **Simon Barton** also only lost one of his five matches (despite strict instructions from his physio not to play at least for another two weeks!). Special mentions also go to **Vicky Jones** for rounding out our ladies contingent and also to **Isaiah Jones** for being our focus on the future. Meanwhile the gentlemanly exploits of **Mark Sutcliffe** followed on by **Rob Jones** both succumbed to the local delight - Lilly Lee who astounded the whole HKFC team with her warm up stretching routines. Therefore a special mention must go to **Adrian Ng**, not only for organising such an excellent tour but for also defeating Lilly 2-1, the only person to beat Lilly on the day.

With an excellent tour wrapped up the party returned to the familiarity of Hong Kong to plan another tour – can't wait for next year! ■ **Simon Barton**



Far Left Group picture with the American Club

Left: Group picture at the Taipei Squash Centre (TSC)

A Week in the Life of a Squash Professional

CAMERON PILLEY

(world ranked 20)

Professional squash player Cameron Pilley from Australia and ranked number 20 in the world came to Hong Kong to compete in the Hong Kong Squash Open in August. Cameron has been a professional for more than a decade, basing himself in The Hague (Netherlands) and has won thirteen titles in his career – he is also known as the man with the hardest shot in squash, having caned a squash ball to the mighty speed of 175 miles per hour. Cameron spent a week's accommodation with Squash Section member Brian MacDougall during his trip, and was generous enough to compose a short diary of his week's stay in Hong Kong.



Cameron Pilley wins Gold at the Commonwealth Games



Cameron (in red) in action with Nicky Mueller in the HK Open

I came to Hong Kong on a high – having represented Australia in the Commonwealth Games and had an amazing two weeks in Glasgow, capped with two medals – a gold medal for winning the Men's Doubles with David Palmer, and a bronze medal in the Mixed Doubles with Kasey Brown. Practice had been going well then. I spent my time training at both the tournament venue and also the HKFC. It's been great to get some nice warm weather because the Netherlands has been terrible lately!

Brian MacDougall was an amazing host to me and my girlfriend Line (who played in the women's event). He was even kind enough to let me beat him on the odd occasion at pool. Most days consisted of a nice sleep-in, breakfast, morning training session and sometimes an afternoon session also. I also regularly used the local buses –so I feel like I know the ins and outs of the city.

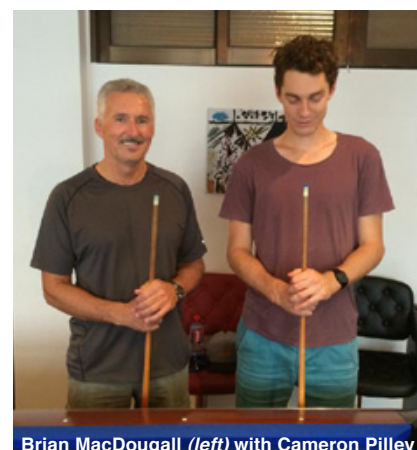
I often get asked about my match preparation in terms of my diet: on match day I will usually have either cereal, toast, eggs, fruit or a combination of them all. Lunch on a match day will be fairly basic – possibly a bowl of pasta, or a sandwich or rice with some meat for protein. Barbecued pork and rice was the choice this time.

So my preparation in the lead-up to the Hong Kong Open felt good and I always feel comfortable playing here. Being ranked number 20, I went straight into the main draw and didn't have to play until the Tuesday. However, I had a tough draw up against Nicolas Mueller of Switzerland – we had often trained together but never actually competed against each other, and we are of a similar ranking (Nicky is ranked 21). However, I suffered a disappointing loss in the first round to Nicky and wasn't the kind

of start I was looking for even though Nicky was very sharp, and I went down 8-11, 4-11, 5-11 in 43 minutes. The come-down from the high of playing the Commonwealth Games and winning a Gold medal has been a learning curve – this has hit my motivation levels more than anything and the standard of my squash has suffered.

I took a day off to recover and get my mind right. The following day I was back on the horse and practising again, getting ready for my next event in Shanghai, the China Open. The hospitality of the HKFC was great and everyone is so welcoming. It's not only a great club to train/eat/hang out at but the members just love their squash! All in all it was another fun trip to HK and I'm already looking forward to heading out this way again next year.

I'd like to extend a special thanks to Brian MacDougall who accommodated me and my girlfriend for the entire week we were there - though he better be ready for my improved pool skills next time! ■



Brian MacDougall (left) with Cameron Pilley

Message from the Lawn Bowls Chairman

This month we have a few highlights/announcements:

- **Friendly Neighborhood Game** with CCC report (*see full report below*)
- Upcoming **International Classic Singles** will be held on 8th and 9th November. For the Men's Singles, Club representatives will be **Neil Herrington, Derek Wyllie, CT Wong** and **Walter Kwok**. For the Ladies Singles, Club representatives will be **Camilla Leung, Emmie Wong, Celena Kwok, Dorothy Yu, Connie Chung** and **Shirley Ma**.
- Following the Singles, the **Classic Pairs** will be held from 10th to 16th November. Ladies Pairs representatives are **Shirley Ma** and **Wanis Sze**. Men's

Pairs representatives are **Johnny Tsang** and **Herbert Kwok**. We wish them all the best.

- **End of Season Party** – The party will be held on the evening of Friday 7th November, at the Happy Valley Suites. All Section members and their families are welcome. For details, please refer to the sign-up form posted on the Section Notice Board.
- **Mike Worth** was elected as the new GC Representative in the Section EGM on 10th September 2014. His post will become effective after the Club's AGM on 6th Nov 2014.
- **Unisex Triples** article by **Walter Kwok** (*see full report on adjacent page*)
 - **Bernard Young, Chairman**



Ladies' Classic Pair
Wanis and Shirley



Men's Classic Pair Johnny
Tsang and Herbert Kwok

Friendly Neighborhood Game between HKFC and CCC



This year the friendly game was held on 16th August, and our neighbour, CCC, was the host. With the extremely sunny and fine weather, it was a good time to play bowls, especially as it was the first time the outdoor green at CCC has been opened after the summer closure. There were 24 bowlers from each club and they were arranged in six mixed teams. After almost three hours of play, despite big wins from two of our teams skipped by **Derek** and **Kenny**, we still lost in the other four rinks and the final score was 4 : 8. The home team had an outstanding performance and was the deserved winner. Many congratulations to the CCC players.

We thank our neighbours for their excellent refreshments and hospitality, as well as our own **Mike Worth**, for taking photos during the match.

We look forward to next year's match when we will be the host, so let us bring the trophy home! ■

Bernard Young, Chairman

(More photos from the CCC Neighborhood Game)



HKFC bowlers



CCC bowlers



CCC Captain David Tso holds up the winning trophy



Congratulations to the Unisex Triples Champions: Andrea, Shirley and Yumi and Walter

Unisex Triples Unites People

36 of us bowling fans took to the Outdoor Green for a happy gathering on a sunny Mid-Autumn Festival holiday.

It was a quiet morning at the Club as many Members were probably still recovering from the previous night's lantern celebration. But the tranquility broke at 10am when twelve cheerful triples showed up to play the second edition of the popular Club Unisex Triples.

The teams included three members in **Andrea, Rita T and May** who are playing for other clubs in the current league. This is a good sign as part of the idea is to make non-Section members who don't play for us know and feel that they are welcome.

The teams were split into two groups,

with the topper of each group competing in the final. The short game format was designed to mimic the ensuing annual Indian Recreation Club Invitation Triples where the winners of the Unisex would play.

The rink of **Donald, Rita S. and Josephine L.** topped their group unbeaten. My team with **Shirley and Andrea** got through with 4 wins and a shot's difference of 2, ahead of **Johnny's** team with **Frankie and Yumi**, who would share the joint 3rd placing with **Wanis, Grace and Philip** after coming second in their respective groups.

The final match (also our sixth match of the day) kicked off at around 3 pm. We started well with a 5-nil break in the first 2 ends, but somehow dropped

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Unisex Triples group photo



Unisex Triples, Runner-up



Unisex Triples, 2nd Runners-up



Unisex Triples, 2nd Runners-up



the next 4 ends to make it 5-all with one up-and-down to go. We managed to take the last two ends against Donald's strong rally to seal the match on 7:5 and earned ourselves a small cash prize and a photo opportunity.

I have to give an honourable mention to the team of Anne, Irene and Nicole. Though Anne proclaimed they were the best losers as they managed to lose all 5 matches by a small margin, everybody was a winner after a good day of bowling with fellow members and a nice meal at the Sportsman's Bar.

Thanks to the Committee for supporting this belief of mine to make the Section a better place and I hope it will continue to flourish.

Walter Kwok,
Champion Team Skip



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e. Full leg + Bikini Line + Upper Lip	50 mins	\$590
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Karin Looram,
Netball DSA Chairwoman

Chairwoman's Report

A big welcome back to everyone after the summer break. After trials and a month of training the season is just about underway. Thanks to all the players who made the effort to get out to HKIS for the trails.

This season is very special for the DSA as for the first time we have 4 junior players who will be competing in the senior league. Good luck to **Audrey Chew, Nicola-Anna Rutkowski, Aliya Tupper** and **Lauren Laroche**. I know these young ladies will benefit greatly from playing in the senior league and we look forward to seeing them on court.

The DSA is entering 6 teams again this season:

- HKFC Club
- HKFC Typhoons
- HKFC Whirlwinds
- HKFC Monsoons

HKFC Tornados
HKFC Cyclones

Juniors will also kick off in October and the coaching team is looking forward to another successful junior season.

It's been a busy time for the DSA with International and local representation.

As I write this, we have several players representing Hong Kong at the Asian Champs in Singapore. Hong Kong has achieved some great results so far in the tournament by beating India 84-17, Japan 66-24 and Vietnam 80-17.

The HK team is hoping to qualify for the next World Netball Championships in Sydney 2015.

Check out the pictures of our talented players at the Championships as well as a write up that appeared in the South China Morning Post on 5th September, 2014.



Jess McCauley in action

As well as this, the juniors have also been busy qualifying for the Academy squads. These squads are development squads made up of players hoping to qualify to play for Hong Kong in the future and while many of them are very young, they are all focused on netball!

Congratulations to the following HKFC junior players who have qualified for the **Island 16's Academy Squad**:

Imogen Shute, Aliya Tupper, Anson Chan, Anais Bouteyre

Congratulations to the following HKFC junior players who have qualified for the **Kowloon 16's Academy Squad**:

Georgia Cairns, Ella Cairns and Lauren Laroche ■



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Badminton News



Inter-Club Badminton Doubles League 2014

The Inter-Club Badminton Doubles League (which may be the first of its kind amongst sports clubs in Hong Kong), has been up and running since July 2014. So far three matches have been played, which included HKFC against Ladies Recreation Club (3:2), Hong Kong International Terminals against HKFC (4:1), and Kowloon Cricket Club against LRC (4:1).

As usual, social games were played after the competition with plenty of food and beverage flowing around. The event was well received and all the participating clubs expressed their thanks for the great day. The league continues through until December. The aim of the league is to promote badminton within and between the sports clubs, at the same time to provide opportunities for both senior players and competitive players to mix and play.

The Badminton Society will continue to support this meaningful event. With experience gained after concluding the event this season, more clubs will be recruited next year and we hope to see growth in the coming years.

Ten Pin Bowling

Message from the BIG Internal Convener



Bill Nader, BIG Internal Convener

July was a fun time for the Club's bowling community. Our Bowling Interest Group (BIG) hosted the Club's Lawn Bowls fraternity in an intra-Club 10-pin friendly match on 10th July and we were pleasantly delighted with the full house turnout. This was not about winning and losing, but rather about how to play the game. BIG was able to give some good advice to its lawn bowls counterparts, many of whom showed outstanding potential. It was a great night of social fun and entertainment with plenty of laughs and also a lot of strikes.



Mixed doubles match

The following week on 17th July, the Lawn Bowls Section returned the favour and hosted BIG for an educational evening. It was very interesting to learn the correct approach to lawn bowls and



Group photo of BIG with Lawn Bowls Section

also the scoring system. One thing was a certainty, in that each group performs better in their own discipline. We thank everyone involved in Lawn Bowls for their cooperation in this new initiative and the spirit of brotherhood within our Club. We now plan to make these intra-Club friendly competitions an annual event.

This is one of the great things about bowling. It is an individual game where you are constantly challenging yourself to be more consistent with an aim to improve your average. It is also a team game where you are a member of a group striving to win matches through league competition. It is also a social game where you can make friends through mutual interest in a fun activity.

BIG comes together every Thursday night for practice between the hours of 7 to 10 pm and we are delighted that new bowlers have joined our group over the past few weeks. At the same time, we all wish our top young gun, **Nicholas Leung**, best wishes as he leaves us temporarily to enter University in the UK. If he scores as well at University as he did on the lanes the other night, Nick is going to be in pretty good shape. He bowled back-to-back 200 games and just missed out on a 600 triple.

This is generally a slow time of the year for BIG. Things really begin to pick up in the coming months as the new league takes shape and the Football Club team takes its best shot at the Hong Kong title. Maybe this will be our season. Win or lose, the criteria remains the same. It goes something like this:

- a. Improve your average
- b. Always practice good bowling etiquette
- c. Convert your spare opportunities
- d. Perfect your footwork and arm swing
- e. Practice will not make perfect, but it helps
- f. Buy a round of drinks when you bowl a 300

I will not provide any tips here other than the most important one. If you are on the fence about whether to join this group, come join us on a Thursday night and enjoy an introductory experience. You will never improve your average if you do not play the game. ■



KCC Tennis Tournament

Saturday 23rd August 2014

The annual KCC tennis tournament took place on Saturday 23rd August. HKFC came second with 42 points in total. We lost by only 1 point to the hosting club, KCC, who got 43 points, with CWB and HKCC at third and fourth place respectively.

The tournament was played on grass courts at KCC, which was the first time many of our team members had played on before. KCC, the host club was definitely more used to playing on that surface. We now understand why Federer has to serve and volley! It was a fantastic day with beautiful weather and dinner afterwards was terrific.

Players that day were:

Ladies: Celina Leung, Katherine Heyler, Jolby Li, Ong Yoke Ming, Mary Soo, Helen Ormerod, Flora Ni, Angie Heyler and Therese Beresford

Men: Gilles Bonnier, Angus Chan, Barry Ho, Justin Ho, Raj Kanthan and Richard Zhao

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US Open Tennis Social

Saturday 6th September 2014

On Saturday 6th September, HKFC tennis enthusiasts hit the courts for the annual US Open Social run by Australasia Tennis Aces (ATA). A fun doubles format was played which allowed players (many of whom play on the HKFC leagues) to get some great match practices ahead of the upcoming season.

Players competed against others of similar calibre, with social matches in between where stronger players were added to the mix. American food was served generously along with ice cold beer during rest breaks, and matches from the real US Open were streamed on TV while the game of 'Tennis Beer Pong' was played, a fun adaption to the classic American drinking game 'Beer Pong'.

Great prizes were provided by ATA, courtesy of their sponsor Babolat. In addition, ATA also arranged for Demo Babolat racquets for players to try in the afternoon, which is a rare occurrence in Hong Kong. Great fun was had by all who attended the event.



Dates for Diary:

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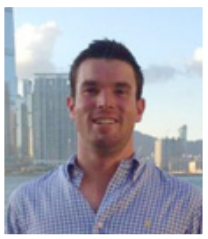
**ANNUAL TENNIS
SOCIETY BALL
Saturday 1st November**

Reminder:

Just a friendly reminder to all Tennis Society members, please keep the Society informed of any changes to your contact details so we can keep our database update and ensure you receive timely information on upcoming events.

Swimming and Triathlon News

Message from Swimming Captain

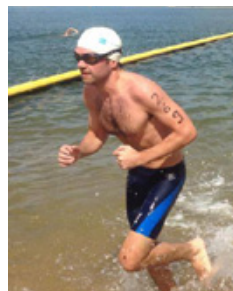


Sean Whipkey,
Swimming Captain

Congratulations to all of the swimmers and triathletes on their competition success during the peak of the season. At the time of writing, Football Club is currently crushing the **Revolution Asia** summer swim series. After the first race, HKFC is handily in first place with 532 points, well ahead of our competitors. We saw countless podium finishes from our junior and senior athletes, which contributed to our success. We have two more races to go in the series and I have

no doubt that we will continue to crush it. The training is getting tougher as we prepare for some upcoming big events, including the **Hong Kong Triathlon** and **The Clean Half Open Water** swim; but our hard work is showing! Please continue to proudly represent the blue across Hong Kong. On a lighter note, it's been great catching up with all of the new members at our recent events outside of competition. I encourage everyone to continue to attend our socials. Keep up the hard work... Keep crushing it. ■

Highlights from *Revolution Asia*



London Triathlon

3rd August 2014

From Michael Sadler: I caught up with **Guy Horne** (founder of the Swimming and Triathlon Society) at the London Triathlon on 3rd August 2014 as he flew in from Switzerland for the event. We were both very happy to achieve personal best times, Guy finishing in 2 hours 32 minutes and I in 2 hours 38 minutes. I thought his Usain Bolt celebration at the finish was a bit over the top though! We look forward to seeing Guy compete in the Hong Kong Triathlon in October. ■



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Appointment of Event Organizer

As we mentioned before, **Margaret Tsai**, has decided to step down, after doing an excellent job for the Golf Society as Event Organizer over the past year or so, for which we thank her.

The Committee has been seeking a suitable successor both within and outside the Club. We are now delighted to announce the appointment of Mr **Phil Head**, who has taken up this role with effect from 16 September 2014 and who can be contacted on 91664931 and at philhead@netvigator.com.

President's Team vs Chairman's Team Challenge

Kau Sai Chau East Course – Sunday 24th August

The Two Sides

Andy Ho - President's Team	Ian Petersen - Chairman's Team
Andy Ho, Dallas Reid	Ian Petersen, Sebastian Stiles
Andrew Wood, Jim Suttie	JP Cuvelier, Paul Walters
Desmond Ko, Elsa Lee	Colin Lunn, Margaret Tsai
Johnny Lam, Prakash Nagrani	Timothy Stiles, Hugo Stiles

It was sunny and hot but the low humidity and breeze eased the summer heat, making the day amenable for golf. The format of the contest was a four ball better ball match. Players' course handicaps were reduced by 25%. The player with the lowest handicap in the flight had his handicap reduced to zero and gave strokes to other players accordingly.

Leading from the front, the pair of President's Team - **Andy** and **Dallas** overcame **Ian** and

Sebastian 4 & 3. The contest in the second group – **Woody** and **Jim** against **JP** and **Paul**, went neck to neck – all square up to the penultimate hole. **JP** and **Paul** on the Chairman's Team prevailed and won. The Chairman's side in the last two groups: **Colin** and **Margaret** and **Tim** and **Hugo** got their jobs done: 5&4 and 7&6. So the trophy went to the Chairman's Team this year. ■

Fredric Teng Golf Day

Clear Water Bay Golf and Country Club – 4th September



The Happy Group

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of **Fredric Teng**, an outing to Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club on Thursday 4th September 2014 was made possible.

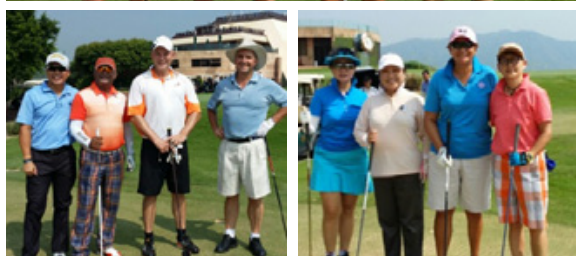
Six flights (24 spots) were reserved. More than half of the spots were snapped up within



President Andy Ho trying to snatch Trophy from Ian Petersen Chairman

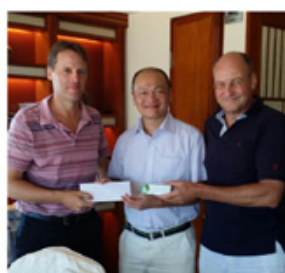
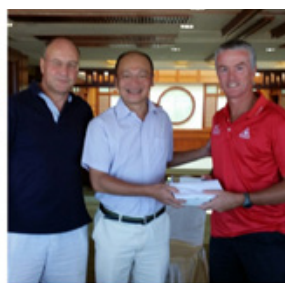


Winning Pairs



hours of the announcement of the event and a full house, plus a waiting list, was recorded after only three days!

Despite playing under the scorching sun with little breeze, Members thoroughly enjoyed the course and competition was ferocious. **Terry Wright**, playing off a course handicap of 9, was crowned Stableford champion with 38 points. **Paul Walters, Norman Wong** and **Andy Ho**, all tied at 36 points, battled for first and second runner up positions. On count back, **Paul** and **Norman** prevailed. Both **Terry** and **Jonny Brock** shot a respectable gross score of 76. As **Terry** had claimed the grand prize, the award of Best Gross Score went to **Jonny**. **Fred, Jonny, Nigel Steffensen, Guy Devenish** and **Duncan Spooner** took nearest pin prizes. **Clara Chiu** and **Paul** won longest drive awards. ■



Fredric Teng, Sponsor and Ian Petersen, GS Chairman presenting prizes to Winners

Hong Kong Football Club Golf Society v. Discovery Bay Residents Golf Society

Macau Golf and Country Club – 4th September



HKFC GS Squad

HKFC is blessed with some good golfers and a large squad of players. As a result, we are normally conceding a raft of shots to our opponents. It made a change therefore to be on the receiving end for once – although this did of course imply that our opponents might be quite handy!

This was the second playing of this fixture, HKFC having won the inaugural 'away' match last year in DB. This year we were hosts at Macau Golf and Country Club.

The match was led off by the team captains' pairings. It was a battle royal, with both sides getting to 2 up before being clawed back. In the end, the match was halved which was probably a fair result. The second flight played very well to win 4&3. One of their opponents shot +1 gross / -4 nett, had 3 birdies and failed to win a single hole, let alone the match. Well played **Cuvelier** and **Wright!** The 3rd flight included our young star, **Sebastian Stiles**, counterbalancing the experience of **Fred Teng**. The young / old strategy paid dividends to secure another victory. And

so we stood at 2½ - ½. **Wood** and **Magdoom** faced a tough challenge against a pair of low-handicap ladies and it proved too much on the day, the match being closed out with a spectacular chip-in on 17.

And then word reached the clubhouse that the senior 1a(i)ns – **Petersen** and **Valentine** – had been vanquished 4&3. So, it would all come down to the penultimate four ball. We had a strong pairing in that flight – the redoubtable **Dallas Reid** and the dangerously high-handicapper **Owen Davis** – so all was not lost yet. Unfortunately, they couldn't pull off a victory, or even a match-saving half, losing 1 down on the 18th green.

And so the trophy, one of our nicer ones too (!), was wrestled from our grasp. Understandably disappointed, we were nonetheless appreciative of a strong opponent and a worthy winner. We look forward to doing battle again next year and to hopefully regaining the silverware. ■

Spanish Wine Dinner Saturday 6th September

Fifty members and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening - good wine, hand carved Iberico ham and fine food. Thanks to Ms. Alexandra Schmedes of Bodegas Ercavio Winery, Bon Bon Paradise and The Gourmet Wine Club. ■



Tentative Upcoming Events

Matches

■ **1st - 2nd November**
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Outings and Tours

■ **6th October**
Kau Sai Chau East

■ **23rd October**
Kau Sai Chau South

■ **7th November**
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■ **18th November**
Kau Sai Chau North

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