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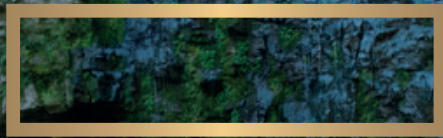
# CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES at the Club



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# The Thoughts of the Chairman



*John J Shanahan,  
Chairman*

Dear Members,

**W**e rapidly approach the Christmas holiday season, which seems to have come around again at lightning speed from last year. Although our festivities will be limited this year due to the delays to the 2/fl renovation project, we will still be holding the Christmas Fete on the Infield, with a pirate theme this year. Management will keep you informed of the other activities we will be holding during the festive season. And please don't forget the New Year's Day Youth Rugby Tournament in the Infield, organised by the Hong Kong Rugby Union, which we have hosted for some four decades.

I was very pleased in November to make ex-England and Newcastle United Football player, Alan Shearer, an Honorary Member of the Club. Alan was visiting the Club as a speaker at the Soccer Section's, Wallsend Boys Club charity dinner on the 9th November. Even though now retired as a professional player, he still holds the record as highest goal scorer in the English

Premier League, with 260 goals, including 11 hat tricks. He also played for England on 63 occasions.

I attended the annual Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph in Central on the 12th November and laid a wreath on behalf of the Club. In my capacity as Club Chairman, I was invited to the opening of this year's Operation Santa Claus by the organisers, the South China Morning Post and Radio Television Hong Kong. Each year, the Club supports various fund-raising activities for the charities funded by Operation Santa Claus, not least of which is the Wing Ding Squash Tournament, which will be held at the Club on the 2nd December.

In closing, may I, on behalf of the entire General Committee and myself, wish you all a healthy, happy and joyous Christmas holiday and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

***John J Shanahan,  
Chairman***



*Alan Shearer along with GC Members after being presented with his Honorary Membership of the Club.*



**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.

Beverages are available from 6pm, and Dinner Buffet is available from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

**Booking:**

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# From the Desk of Mark Pawley



*Mark Pawley,  
General Manager*

Whilst festive events at the Club will be limited this year by dint of the closure of the 2/FI facilities by now you should have all received, by e-notice, the “Xmas Highlights” schedule where it is intended that we hold Xmas Eve, Xmas Day and Boxing Day events in the Sports Hall. And, given that we only have the Sports Hall available for these festive events please do book early to avoid any disappointment. I should also note to you that included in this magazine is a schedule of Xmas and New Year’s Opening Arrangements for F&B Outlets.

On a brighter note and, by way of a reminder, please don’t forget that our ever popular Xmas Fete at the Main Pitch is to be held on Saturday 9th December and this is quickly followed by the Xmas Carols performance by the Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir on Monday 11th December. For those that haven’t been before, after the carols we will provide mulled wine, mince pies and soft drinks for all those that have attended.

At time of writing the Xmas Goodies Kiosk has just opened with the sound of festive music ringing in my ears!! In line with this don’t forget you can order our

Xmas Hampers details of how to order are on page 11 of the magazine where you can also find details of how to order your Xmas takeaway Turkey and others festive treats such as Glazed Bone Ham and Mince Pies!! When ordering your takeaway Xmas meal why not select a few wines for home delivery? Again, go to page 11 of the magazine for further details on how to order.

Congratulations are in order to Crystal (who helps to design the magazine, amongst other things), Wah from Housekeeping and Esther from F&B who were all worthy winners of the Quarter 3 Staff Star Award. All these are pictured below with their certificates Star Award winners from the rest of the year.

Last, and by no means least, just to let you know that we will be posting out the 2018 Club Calendar to you in the middle of December and, on behalf of the Management team and all the wonderful Staff of the Club, may I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

**Mark Pawley,  
General Manager**

## 2017 Q3 Staff Star Award



*Cheung Man Kwan, Crystal – GM Office*



*Tse Kau Wah – Housekeeping*



*Wong Man Ngar, Esther - F&B (Bars)*

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

Fare:

**HKD18,323<sup>up</sup>**

\*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

## Ocean Medallion



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## 7days Norwegian Fjords & Summer Solstice Sapphire Princess

**London (Southampton), England** | Stavanger, Norway | Olden, Norway | Hellesylt, Norway | Geiranger, Norway | Bergen, Norway | **London (Southampton), England**

2018 departure date: 16 Jun | 21^ Jul | 11^ Aug

Fare:

**HKD10,640<sup>up</sup>**

^Summer Solstice will not take place



## 7days Mediterranean & Adriatic

Crown Princess

**Athens (Piraeus), Greece** | Santorini, Greece | Kotor, Montenegro | Sicily (Messina), Italy | Naples, Italy (for Capri & Pompeii) | **Barcelona, Spain**

2018 departure date: 26 May | 16 Jun | 7, 28 Jul | 18 Aug | 8 Sep

Fare:

**HKD11,848<sup>up</sup>**

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2018 departure date: 10Jan | 11Feb

Fare: ~~HKD14,033<sup>up</sup>~~ **14%off**

▶ Roundtrip Sydney itineraries\* on different ships are also available

**HKD12,005<sup>up</sup>**

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# 2017 CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

## SUNDAY 24th December

### ❄️ SPORTS HALL

Christmas Eve International Brunch Buffet  
(Egg Station is included)

11.00am to 3.00pm (*Last order 2.30pm*)  
378 per person  
Half Price for Children (*age 3 – 12*)

Christmas Eve International Dinner Buffet

6.30pm to 10.00pm (*Last order 9.30pm*)  
398 per person  
Half Price for Children (*age 3 – 12*)

## MONDAY 25th December

### ❄️ SPORTS HALL

Christmas Day International Brunch Buffet  
(Egg Station is included)

11.00am to 3.00pm (*Last order 2.30pm*)  
378 per person  
Half Price for Children (*age 3 – 12*)

Christmas Day International Dinner Buffet

6.30pm to 10.00pm (*Last order 9.30pm*)  
398 per person  
Half Price for Children (*age 3 – 12*)

## TUESDAY 26th December

### ❄️ SPORTS HALL

Boxing Day International Brunch Buffet  
(Egg Station is included)

11.00am to 3.00pm (*Last order 2.30pm*)  
328 per person  
Half Price for Children (*age 3 – 12*)

Boxing Day International Dinner Buffet

6.30pm to 10.00pm (*Last order 9.30pm*)  
348 per person  
Half Price for Children (*age 3 – 12*)

- Beverage package is available

- Santa is expected to make an appearance during Dinner on Sunday 24th December and during Lunch and Dinner on Monday 25th December

# CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S OPENING ARRANGEMENTS FOR F&B OUTLETS

The F&B outlets opening/closing times will be amended slightly over the Christmas and New Year period. As such, the opening hours will be changed as per the schedule below:

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S OPENING HOURS

	<i>Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>Boxing Day 26<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>30<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>New Year's Eve 31<sup>st</sup> Dec</i>	<i>New Year's Day 1<sup>st</sup> Jan</i>
<b>Sports Hall</b>	X'mas Festive Brunch and Dinner	X'mas Festive Brunch and Dinner	Boxing Day Brunch and Dinner	-	-	-
<b>Meeting Rooms 1-3</b>	10am-7pm Turkey Takeaway	10am-7pm Turkey Takeaway	-	Noon - 10pm Semi-Buffer Lunch / Tea / Semi-Buffer Dinner	Noon-5pm Semi-Buffer Lunch / Tea	-
<b>Family Lounge Bar</b>	8.30am - 10pm	8.30am - 10pm	8.30am - 10pm	8.30am - 10pm	8.30am - 7pm	8.30am - 10pm
<b>Captain's Bar</b>	8.30am - 11pm	Closed	Closed	7.30am - 11pm	7.30am - 7pm	8.30am - 11pm
<b>Cloak Room Area (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)</b>	-	-	10am - 7pm Turkey Takeaway	-	-	-
<b>Sportsman's Bar</b>	7.30am - 12 Midnight	7.30am - 12 Midnight	7.30am - 12 Midnight	7.30am - 1am	7.30am - 9pm	8am - 12 Midnight
<b>Kiosk</b>	10am - 7pm	10am - 7pm	10am - 7pm	10am - 10pm	10am - 7pm	10am - 7pm

## AT THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR

*Gearing up for Christmas, we have many festive promotions / activities at the Sportsman's Bar. Below are some highlights.*



### HOME-MADE MULLED WINE AND CHRISTMAS PIES

Perfect for those cool evenings on the patio.



### CHRISTMAS CAROLS PERFORMANCE BY THE HONG KONG WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR

**MONDAY 11th December**

Mulled wine, Mince pies and soft drinks will be made available at the finish of the Carol Singing at the South Stand to all those in attendance.



### HAM AND TURKEY PLATTER

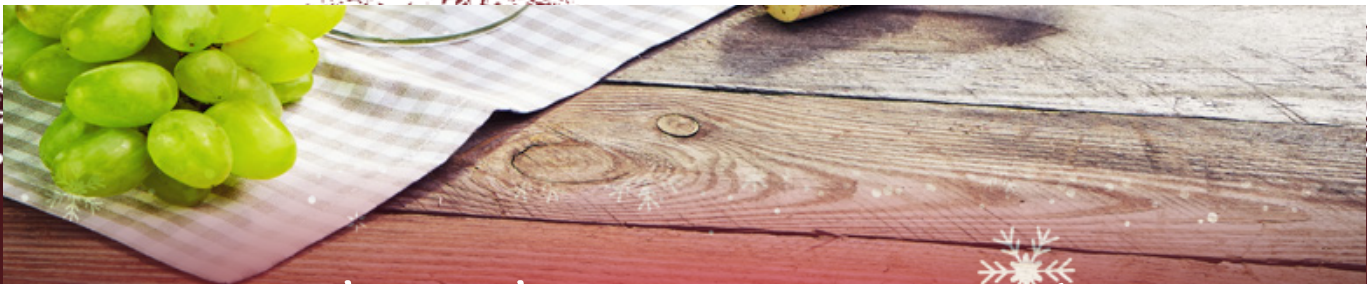
The festive Ham and Turkey Platter will be available throughout the month of December. Come alone to enjoy it.



### NEW YEAR'S DAY YOUTH RUGBY MONDAY 1st January

Crowds are always large at this 1st event of the year. With food outlets and cash bar set up on the Training Triangle, bring your guests to enjoy this fun event.

Let's kick off New Years Day with a Bang and support Hong Kong and the Overseas rugby players from mid-day onwards.



# Food and Beverage Outlets

## Operating hours during the renovation period

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

### SPORTSMAN'S BAR

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

Daily: 9am to 6pm  
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## LUNCH AT THE CLUB



### 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](mailto:bar@hkfc.com)

## Christmas Carols Performance by the

### HONG KONG WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR

Monday 11th December  
at the Sportsman's Bar  
from 7pm until 7.45pm

On Monday 11th December, our annual evening event with the Welsh Choir will take place next to the Sportsman's Bar and free seating will be available at the Southstand (facing the Main Pitch) so we can accommodate as many of you as possible.

A light early Dinner Buffet will be available at the Sportsman's Bar from 5.00pm. A la Carte in the Sportsman's Bar will be strictly limited on that day from 4.30pm to end.

Mulled wine, Minced Pies and soft drinks will be made available at the finish of the Carol Singing at the Sportsman's Bar to all those in attendance.



## THE CHRISTMAS GOODIES KIOSK

The Kiosk will be offering a selection of festive food and beverage goodies. Stop by the kiosk for gift ideas for your family, friends and clients.

## Japanese Ramen Noodles at the Family Lounge Bar

Daily from Noon



## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Our Christmas Hampers are packed with the finest delectable items!

The Hampers are exclusively made for Members and are available in limited quantities, so place your order early to avoid disappointment.



## TURKEY AND OTHER FESTIVE TAKE AWAY

Sit back, relax and let the Club Culinary team take care of the hard work.

A variety of delicious dishes including U.S Tom Turkey and Glazed Bone Ham, can be ordered for takeaway for the perfect party at home or at the office.

Due to the renovation ongoing our festive take away will be available in limited quantity, so place your order early to avoid disappointment.



## WINE HOME DELIVERY

Dec 2017

Explore our selections today and buy from our range of quality wines. Order now for the best deals and offers.



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**Friday, 15th December, 2017**

**7.30pm Cocktail**

**8.00pm Dinner**

Hong Kong Football Club invites you to discover the unique traits of the first established House of Champagne.

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**MENU**

**Canapés**

*Ruinart Blanc de Blancs en Magnum*

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**Spanish Red Prawn Carpaccio**

Citrus Supreme/Black Caviar/Lemon Aioli

*Ruinart Blanc de Blancs*

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**Seared Scallop**

Pea Purée / Crispy Prosciutto / Sweet Corn Salsa

*Ruinart Rosé*

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**Poached Cod Fish Fillet in Lobster Broth**

Braised Fennel / Seasonal Vegetables / New Potato

*Dom Ruinart 2006*

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**Mango and Passion Fruit Mousse Cake**

*Dom Ruinart Rosé 2004*

Coffee or Tea / Petits Fours

**698 per Member / 748 per Member's guest**

Limited Seats Available

Function Rooms 1st Floor

Hong Kong Football Club

Please contact us at 2837 2629 or  
Email: [foodandbeverage@hkfc.com](mailto:foodandbeverage@hkfc.com) for reservations and enquiries.

- \* Cancellations or amendments must be emailed to us and must be made before 5th December 2017. Otherwise, full payment will be debited to the Member's account, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- \* A la Carte options will not be available that evening.





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*Afternoon Tea Set*  
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Daily from 3pm to 6pm

**84 per person**  
(minimum of two orders per table)  
(Tea Set is subject to the venue availability)

Afternoon snacks will also be available in the Function Rooms:

- Duck Liver Terrine 85
- Assorted Cold Cut Platter 75
- Seasonal Cheese Platter 78

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- Grapefruit

**45 /Glass**

Available in the Captain's Bar, Family Lounge Bar and Sportsman's Bar

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# THE PIRATES OF HKFC

## Christmas Fete

Bring the family along to participate in the Christmas Festivities where you can enjoy seasonal arts and crafts, games and activities. Don't miss the delicious snack buffet, fantastic music and entertainment!

9th December 2017 (Saturday)  
2 - 6pm  
Venue: Main Pitch

Member:

Adult \$300, Junior \$160


Guest of Member:

Adult \$400, Junior \$210

Children under 6 years old **Free** of Charge

To register for Christmas Fete, please fill in a **BOOKING FORM** available at Reception, 1/F Sports Desk or from the HKFC website and hand it to Reception or email to [frontdesk@hkfc.com](mailto:frontdesk@hkfc.com)

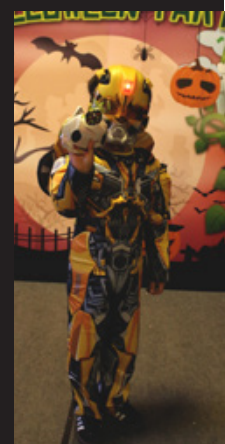
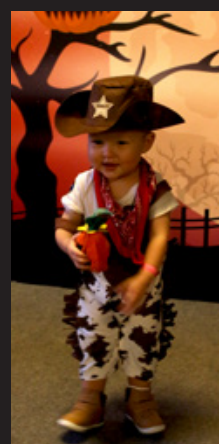
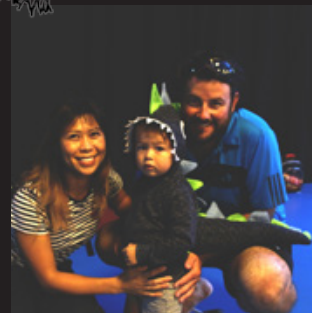
Wristband, which allows entry to the Fete, can be collected at Reception from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017** to **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017**. Please submit all Booking Forms no later than **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**.

 Please note that high heels may not be worn on the main pitch.

# Photos from the Halloween Party

Sunday 29th October

Families and friends enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon at the Club, complete with face painting, bouncy castle, games and a haunted house!



## 2017 11th HKFC International Squash 3s



The Club hosted the 11th International Squash 3's event concurrently with the PSA 25s in September. This is a hugely successful event comprising of a series of matches over three days between teams of 3 players (hence the name) with a maximum of 4 in a squad. This is one of the toughest events as teams have to play two and sometimes three matches in one day. There are Mens, Ladies, and Masters Categories attracting some very high level players from around the region including Singapore, China and Japan.

After a tough three days of squash, the team of Dragon Balls which included HKFC players **Rudi Willemse** and **Eric Ho** beat last year's winners **Perrier Sergio** and **Tacchini KCC** in the final. For the ladies the KCC team beat the HKCC ladies A team. For the Masters the HKFC team "on a roll" beat the



HKCC Masters to take the cup. Player of the tournament was **John Lau** of the American Club.

With 39 teams in total this was a large event with all the organisers doing an excellent job to ensure it ran so smoothly. Prizes and an awards dinner were enjoyed by all after all the hard work on the squash court was

completed. Thanks to **Steve Cubbins** from Squashsite who took some excellent photos.

The tournament just gets better year after year so everyone is already looking forward to next year's installment.

	TEAM	Player 1	Player 2	Player 3	Player 4
Mens Cup Winner	Dragon Balls	Elvinn Keo	Rudi Willamse	Eric Ho	Nathan Chan
Mens Cup Runner-up	Perrier Sergio Tacchini KCC	Yeung Ho Wai	Lay Yat Long	Hugo Ho	Kenny Chu
Mens Plate Winner	HKCC Men	Yuen Tsun Hei	Matthew Ma	Alan Ma	Bosco Chan
Mens Plate Runner-up	The Nick Squad	Gabriel Melo	Paul Poonsiri	Aadit Zaveri	
Ladies Cup Winner	Perrier Sergio Tacchini KCC	Ho Ka Wing	Sara Cheng	Ho Ka Po	Li Sum Yin
Ladies Cup Runner-up	HKCC Ladies A	Kirstie Wong	Jessica Wong	Monique Hui	Ellie Sackett
Ladies Plate Winner	HKCC Ladies B	Adele Fung	Harriet Ho	Alex Toth	Anne Cheng
Ladies Plate Runner-up	Aoi	Chiharu Inoue	Rieko Oshima	Noriko Akamatsu	
Masters Cup Winner	On A Roll	Gillem Tulloch	David Robinson	James Barrington	Dallas Reid
Masters Cup Runner-up	HKCC Masters	Rod Andrews	Thierry Mocquiaux	Frank Achouch	Michiel Van Voorst
Masters Plate Winner	Squash 'Em	Lawson Yuen	Simon Ho	Hiro Narisawa	Steve Cubbins
Masters Plate Runner-up	Quick Sword	TK Yeung	Joesph Kwok	William Fan	Philip Ting
Masters Bowl Winner	HKFC Masters	Bjorn Fjeldahl	Edward Griffiths	George Chan	Steve Gollop
Masters Bowl Runner-up	American Club	John Lau	Lance Allen	Albert Cho	Francis Longuepee
Player of the Tournament	<b>Winner: John Lau</b>				

# HKFC vs HKCC Annual Match



After last year's disappointment of being beaten by HKCC, HKFC were out to get revenge in the 2017 edition of the annual tournament. Due to the current renovations at the Club the game was switched to HKCC so they had home advantage for the second year in a row.



It was a great afternoon of squash culminating in the late afternoon with a number of our younger new members playing some real quality squash to bring the overall match back to Football Club's favour after HKCC took a lead of 7-3 early on. HKFC stormed back to win 17-11 in the senior event. The final match had standing room only to see **Eric Ho** overcome Chad 2-1.

HKCC hosted a dinner afterwards where we had a large number stay to enjoy their hospitality and see the prize draw and the trophy taken back to its rightful place "down the hill" on Sports Rd.

Many thanks to **Nick Organ** for organising the event.

RANK	HKCC	Score	VS	HKFC	Score	FC / CC
1	Chad Sunde	1	VS	Eric Ho	2	FC
2	Marco	0	VS	Arthur Wong	2	FC
3	Bosco	1	VS	Tim Fan	2	FC
4	Neil	0	VS	Hawyood Lau	2	FC
5	Rod Andrews	1	VS	Malcolm Kerr	2	FC
6	Hugh Dyus	0	VS	Phil Head	2	FC
7	Thiery	0	VS	Wilson Chan	2	FC
8	Liam Stevenson	1	VS	Gillem Tulloch	2	FC
9	Michael Chin	0	VS	Anson Wong	2	FC
10	Brian Lau	0	VS	Jason Brown	2	FC
11	Tim Bouscier	0	VS	Julian Tanner	2	FC
12	Matheiu Gonasch	0	VS	Simon Ho	2	FC
13	Phil Nielsen	0	VS	Gary Lam	2	FC
14	Charmaine	2	VS	Dallas Reid	1	CC
15	Jessica	0	VS	Yurisa Yeung	2	FC
16	Kirstie	2	VS	Eli Bitan	0	CC
17	Stephane Mac	2	VS	William Fan	0	CC
18	Alex O'Dell	2	VS	Dave Cross	0	CC
19	Vish B	2	VS	Edward Griffiths	1	CC
20	Patrick Wang	1	VS	Ashwin Pad.	2	FC
21	Sunesh	2	VS	Himmy Yeung	0	CC
22	Rajeev Chib	2	VS	Nick Organ	1	CC
23	Chris Evans	2	VS	Fred Teng	0	CC
24	Darryl Mckeon	2	VS	Dave Murray	1	CC
25	Steve Ellis	0	VS	Charles Lii	2	FC
26	Simon Cooke	2	VS	Emma Duncombe	1	CC
27	Elly	1	VS	Simon Ng	2	FC
28	Bob Morland Smith	2	VS	Paul Simons	0	CC
						17-11



## HKFC Return to Division 1

The HKFC Squash Section have a division one team for the first time in many years. With some high quality new recruits including world ranked number 22 **Max Lee** now representing the Club there is the

opportunity to watch some top quality squash on a regular occasion. Matches are on a Thursday night so keep an eye out for the home fixtures with the next games at the Club on 14th December and 25th January. Here are some photos from the match vs YP1 where Max Lee, **Raymond Chi** and **Arthur Wong** represented the Club, with Arthur playing world number 9 ladies player **Annie Au**.

## Wear Your Squash Kit Abroad

This month's photo is of a cold and wet **Charles Ko** in New Zealand.



## Season Dinner



HKFC captains **Julian Tanner** (left) and **Emma Duncombe** enjoying the squash start of season dinner.

## Ladder Movers of the Month

### Men's

Anson Wong 116

Kenneth Lo 85

T K Yeung 38



## Message from the Soccer Captain



*Robbie Bacon,  
Soccer Section  
Captain*

Hi everyone,

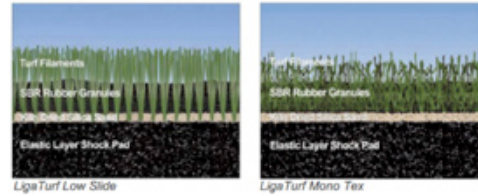
This month we have an article on the Rovers v West Island School annual fixture in which the sides played for the newly introduced Jamie Bruno Memorial Trophy in memory of a young HKFC player whose life was tragically cut short. There is also an update on the 1st Team's season so far, and the details of the annual England v Scotland Boxing Day Match part of the AIA Boxing Day Festival of Football, while I have also included a little information on the new pitch surface.

### The grass is greener -

The technology surrounding football pitches and their maintenance is a matter of immense competition and big business as the best sides strive to provide the best pitches for their players. This summer Liverpool Football Club relaid their pitch in much the same way we at the Club relaid ours. Both pitches encompassed the latest fibre technology,

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LFC's now made up of 97% organic grass and 3% artificial grass fibres while HKFC installed the fully artificial LigaTurf Artificial Turf with straight fibres utilizing smooth filaments and filled with sand and granules. The Club's new pitch has the highest grade of certificates as awarded by international sports federations FIFA and World Rugby.

Cheers

*Robbie Bacon*

### League Tables

1	Citizen (Women)	2	2	0	0	18	0	18	6
2	HKFC (Women)	2	2	0	0	12	0	12	6
3	Kiachee (Women)	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	6
4	Shatin (Women)	2	1	1	0	3	0	3	4
5	Happy Valley (Women)	2	1	0	1	6	1	5	3
6	WSE (Women)	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
7	Wong Tai Sin (Women)	2	0	1	1	1	7	-6	1
8	Wing Go (Women)	2	0	1	1	1	10	-9	1
9	Lucky Mile	6	2	3	1	10	7	3	9
10	Kn. City	7	2	2	3	8	8	0	8
11	Kwai Tsing	6	1	2	3	7	13	-6	5
12	GFC Friends	7	1	2	4	3	14	-11	5
13	Sun Source	7	1	1	5	6	15	-9	4
14	Yau Tai Mong	7	0	1	6	3	10	-7	1
15	Sai Kung	6	0	1	5	3	14	-11	1

Division One								
(Inc. 08.11.17)	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Club Wanderers	7	7	0	0	25	1	24	21
Club Albion	7	5	1	1	26	12	14	16
Club Colts	7	5	1	1	19	10	9	16
German All Stars	7	4	0	3	17	18	-1	12
KCC Dragons	7	3	1	3	17	17	0	10
Carnegies Boca Seniors	7	3	1	3	16	17	-1	10
Baker Tilly Spartans	7	2	2	3	13	15	-2	8
AFC Squadron	6	2	1	3	10	15	-5	7



*Freek Schipper  
1st Team  
Captain*

## HKFC 1st Team Report - on cloud nine

The start of the 2017/18 season saw plenty of change for the First Team. After being relegated from the Premier League at the end of the 2016/17 season, most of the squad moved on including mainstays **Gary Gheczy**, **Steve McGurgan**, **Andrew Wylde**, **Martin Rainer**, **Tom Smith**, **Matthew Hoare** and **Issey Maholo**.

Most of the management team also departed including manager **Richard Ewart**, his assistant **Neil Picknell** and fitness coach **Luke Schroder**. They were replaced with former Albion manager **Tony Hamilton-Bram** (THB)

(player/manager according to himself) and his assistant **John Casey** (JC) (someone needs to get THB his coffee). With kit man **Tom Shirley**, team doctor **Ant Bosson** and coach **Stephen Tucker** staying on, the First Team management team was complete.

The first task for THB and JC was to assemble a squad that could push for glory in the HKFA First Division. It came as no surprise that a number of Club Albion's YYL title winning players made the step up to the First Team in **Tom McGillyCuddy**, **Albin Brion**, **Antoine Sahaghian**, **Seb Fiedler** and **Rudi Hollaender**

(keeeeeepssssshhhhh). From Club Wanderers came **Freddie Toomer, Michael ‘Turbo’ Thurbon, Gianni Melwani** and **Carlo Dilibero** (another season, another comeback) with **Rory Lonergan** and **Tom Halder** signing from Club Colts. A couple of former First Team players (**Adam ‘Mousey’ Bailey** and **Micke ‘Sammy’ Shamarrange**) rejoined the Club while other recruits including **Ollie Laxton, Ghislain Bell, Diego Tapia-Fraites** and **Remi Depalmas** also came on board.

At the time of writing, the First Team have played 8 games in the HKFA First Division and taken the maximum of 24 points with a goal difference of 25 goals scored and 8 goals conceded. A great start for the Club who sit comfortably at the top of the table, 5 points clear of Mutual who are in 2nd place and 8 points clear of Citizen and Sha Tin who are joint 3rd. Special mention should go to **Michael Hampshire** who currently tops the division goalscorers list with 8 goals and youngsters **Ollie Laxton** and **Rory Lonergan** who have cemented their places in the starting 11 with strong starts to the season.

**Freek Schipper – 1st Team Captain.**

Position	Team	Game	Win	Draw	Loss	Goal Gain	Goal Loss	Goal Diff	Point
1	Hong Kong Football Club	9	9	0	0	27	8	19	27
2	Sparta Rotterdam (Mutual)	9	7	1	1	26	12	14	22
3	Sha Tin	9	6	1	2	17	11	6	19
4	Double Flower	9	6	0	3	20	8	12	18
5	Citizen	9	5	1	3	23	19	4	16
6	Glorysky Sun Hel	9	4	2	3	16	12	4	14
7	Hoi King	9	4	2	3	13	13	0	14
8	Wing Yee Property	9	4	1	4	15	13	2	13
9	South China	10	4	1	5	15	18	-3	13
10	Eastern District	9	3	3	3	15	14	1	12
11	Wong Tai Sin	9	3	2	4	21	21	0	11
12	Tung Sing	9	3	1	5	14	18	-4	10
13	Wan Tai Metro Gallery	9	2	3	4	9	14	-5	9
14	Resources Capital Football Club	7	1	1	5	10	17	-7	4
15	Kaun Tong	10	0	2	8	5	21	-16	2
16	Wan Chai	9	0	1	8	4	31	-27	1

For reference only

## Rovers v WIS – The Jamie Bruno Memorial Trophy

■ by **Phil Cook and Mike Ashton**



**Jamie Bruno - HKFC Soccer Section Footballer**

Rovers players are not young men, we play for the love of the game, for the spirit of comradeship and to be part of the beautiful game despite the beauty years having passed most of us by.

However, sometimes the love of the game takes a backseat to more serious matters. The game vs West Island School may be an annual fixture, but this version was played in a very different spirit, offered as a memorial game in light of the tragic passing of **Jamie Bruno**, son of **Rovers stalwart Tony**. Jamie attended and played for WIS, as well as having been part of the

youth soccer programme at the Club since he was seven, and so it was a fitting way to pay respect and remember a young life lost.

In addition to the usual cast of characters on both sides, young players from HKFC and WIS who had played with Jamie over the years turned out for both teams – many of them currently representing HKFC at U18 level in the HK National League. It is fair to say that these lads are quite quick... and none let their old teammate down.

The result – 5-3 to Rovers – is incidental. The game was played in the manner it should, competitively, passionately and with no little skill at times. There were incidents, arguments and as always lots of opinions, there were goals (some rather fine ones), there were the usual array of utter cock-ups all over the pitch, with **Peter Aherne** reminding us why he played for the first team so many years ago (and not now) but it was a game played in the right manner for the right reasons.

In addition to four of the U18 players, Rovers had a squad of 19, a great turnout to match the occasion. Rovers prevailed with the three aging Peters – Aherne, Cairns and Hurst – making a vintage contribution, with





coach **Phil Cook** the lynchpin of the defence well supported by **Nigel Merritt** and Tony. The back line had to withstand lightning-fast opposition, but a few of the younger Rovers stars were there to backtrack and assist in propping up the veterans.

Tony made a welcome return to the Rovers, which we hope will be the first of many games this season (Tony the shirt is always waiting) and even showed some silky skills from days gone by, although it is fair to say enthusiasm got the better of him when he made a 20-yard dribble into the rarefied atmosphere of the opposition half and had to come off!

**Gavin McDermott** opened the scoring within a minute, with goals from **Nam Nguyen** and **Wayne Bannon** coming in the second half, followed by well-taken shots just outside the penalty area by **Johnny Garrick** and Hurst in the second half. **Blake Harding** scored a hat trick for WIS, with his final strike a wonderful side volley from close range.

Jamie was remembered at the start with a minute's silence and at the end with a few beers, when Gav collected a memorial trophy on behalf of Rovers, presented by **Ann**, Jamie's mother, who gave a touching and proud speech about Jamie. The fixture will become an annual event.

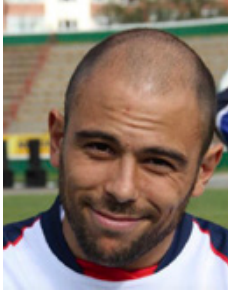
Ann and Tony are building a programme with KELY Support Group linked to their charitable foundation in Jamie's name. If you would like to make a donation to help this worthy cause please visit their justgiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jamie-bruno>

## AIA BOXING DAY FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2017



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| 10:30 | 82nd England vs Scotland Boxing Day Cup    |
| 12:30 | U10 Junior Challenge Cup                   |
| 13:30 | U12 Boys   Hong Kong Island vs Peninsular  |
| 13:30 | U12 Girls   Hong Kong Island vs Peninsular |
| 14:30 | U14 Boys   HKJFL Select vs South China     |
| 16:00 | U16 Boys   HKJFL Select vs South China     |





# Tales from the Bush

■ by Jimmy Richards, Rugby Section Captain

Hello, Howsit, Hoesit, Sawubona, Molo, Dumela and Avuxeni. Another month has flown by and the weekends have been action packed and filled with sensational results and social excursions. The annual Captains Dinner was celebrated like it should be – foot flat and bread rolls flying and it was great to see a diverse group of lads and ladies from different teams and eras socialising together. The Walton Brunch, an event which is so close to the hearts of so many was enjoyed by a large contingent of friends and family who despite the T8 came out to celebrate and remember those that were lost. And of course the rugby, which over the past few weeks has been great to watch. Club are currently sitting in third place on the log,

just 2 points behind the leaders, while Ice have played 6 and won 3 leaving them fourth in the table. The Drags, Select, Bulls and Sequins are all unbeaten so far while the Expendables and Scorps have lost just one game this year. Fire have won 3 out of 5 games to date and are sitting in fourth place.

## The Captains Dinner

The Captains dinner this year was held at the Park Lane Hotel where 220 players, sponsors, Alikadoos and other esteemed guests descended in style on what was to be a great night. The evening got off to a strong start with the implementation of Kings and Queens who would rule at each table. Power and ambition

got to many and before we knew it Kings were challenging other tables for supremacy – mainly led by King Dupers. The evening continued in this festive vain littered with intermittent speeches, shouts of buffalo and an impromptu bag pipe display from our very own **Rupert “Joffrey” Gerald**. The evening continued to escalate culminating in a raucous sing song led by **Tommy Isaacs** and enjoyed by all before the lights were switched on and we were politely shuffled out into the night. It was great to see the whole Section celebrating and socialising as one with the first team, the ladies and all the rest mixing and enjoying the evening – although I don’t think anyone enjoyed the evening as much as **Gus “the Goose” Spence**. Huge thanks to **Rhys Penderghast** and **Gareth Wilde** for their massive efforts in organise and ensuring this event was a tremendous success.

## The Walton Brunch

This year was the 15th year of commemoration of the Bali bombing and on Thursday 12th October a Club memorial was held in the Club tunnel. **John Molloy** led the service and delivered a beautiful and heartwarming sermon about the importance of remembering those we lost and the strength of humanity in the



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face of adversity. His words echoed through the Club halls all the way into the Sporties were many settled for the evening to tell stories of old friends.

This memorial was followed by a game of rugby on the Saturday which was enjoyed between a wide range of players across Hong Kong and the Globe. The game was contested

between Ye Olde Mighty Select (who came in from around the world to remember their team mates who lost their lives) a handful of current Select and Contemptibles players, a healthy smattering of Pot Bellied Pigs and a few other special guests. **Polly Brooks** wore her late husband, **Dan Miller's** #15 Select jersey on her back and started the game with a kick off which crossed the ten metre line with ease. **Jasmine Oporto** wore **Peter Record's** #6 Select jersey and joined two un-contested scrums much to the delight of the Pot Bellied Pigs who not only saw a good opportunity for some cheeky banter but also a much needed breather. A massive thanks needs to go out to **Glen Schloss** and **Robbie McRobbie** for their efforts in organising this game, to the Pot-Bellied Pigs for being such good opposition, to Toby the ref and to those that travelled from afar to be there.

The next day the Walton Brunch was scheduled

to run at the Club but due to some terrible weather the T8 sign went up prohibiting the Club as being a venue. Enter **Rhys Penderghast** who, within the space of two hours, not only managed to organise a new venue, arrange us a special deal on food and booze but he also managed to get around 150 people down to Mr. Wolf. A special thanks to Rhys Penderghast for all his efforts here as well as the very kind **Mr. Wayne Parfitt** for allowing us to use his restaurant for the day. I am not sure if it was the electricity in the air from the T8 or the fact that so many great people were in one room but the party that ensued for the next six hours was one of the loudest and most raucous I have had the pleasure of being at. Some very poignant and special speeches were made by Polly Brooks, **Anson Bailey** and **Jason Toms** and the lives of those lost were celebrated to the fullest.

### Final thoughts

As we come to the end of the first half of the season and the Xmas break is looming I hope we can continue the positive momentum we have built so far this season and continue to not only produce some great results but continue to support the teams every Saturday. To all those old boys and past players it is so very much appreciated by the current players when you come down to watch and I thank you for your continued support going forward. Good luck to all those teams playing over the next few weeks and a Merry Xmas to all.

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## Ice

Ice kicked off the month of October with an extremely tight game against Causeway Bay Phoenix. After a slow start to the first half the score line was looking a tad miserable with some sad faces all round. However, in typical Ice form and after an emotive “do-or-die” pep talk at half time (thanks Bobby!) Ice put in a solid fight until the final whistle, narrowly missing the win with a final score of 19–15. However, this did nothing to dampen team spirits as the girls donned their finest nerd golfing attire and hit the streets for a spot of Pub Golf – nine (watering) holes were completed, and although the results are slightly hazy, a solid mention goes to both **Jamie “Baby J” Bourke** for the impressive amount of burpees performed outside various 7/11s and **Rosie “Rosebud” Fong** for chinning a strong nine coconut waters and lemon teas. However the Yellow Jersey by far goes to **Kate Palis** for her endurance in the face of alcoholic adversity (this is how you win games Katel).



*Martina Colombo*

The following weeks saw Ice take home the win twice in succession with a convincing win over Tai Po Dragons (29-5), followed by a terrifyingly close triumph over Kowloon 38-31 at the women’s Super-Saturday the week after – a special mention goes out to Ice Captain **Bobby Wilson** and outside centre **Rachel Crothers** for their first try-scoring hat tricks of the season plus **Martha Webber** for a repeat stand out performance (so much aggression for such a small person – keep it up Sassy M!).

The last match of the month saw Ice face Valley Black Ladies at home – as most biased spectators say, the score line didn’t reflect the game, but in this instance it genuinely didn’t. While we won’t pretend that 71-0 isn’t a fist-in-mouth inducing story of doom, it sounds far worse than the game actually was, and the girls demonstrated amazing heart and spirit until the end.

With a hectic month of socials, section events and rugby playing under our belts the women are looking forward to a slightly quieter month of training and games...before we start to get festive with the arrival of the Silly Season and its accompanying Christmas hype and hangovers!

## Fire

Fire kicked off the new season with a number of new recruits, ranging from total beginners to experienced players from other clubs.



October started with a tough match against Police on home turf. As all teams know there’s added pressure when playing on your home pitch however the fire team relished this challenge. The first half started off strong with Fire holding off some of Police’s attempts to score. At half time Fire were feeling a little flat, however reminded by our captain **Hen**, (Thanks Hen!) we started the second half as if the scoreboard was flashing 0-0. It was a bitter first loss (34-0, however there was no time to be despondent (you win some, you lose some) as the Captains Dinner and wine were calling us all.

The week following, Fire put what they had learnt in training into practice and it surely paid off. Showing strong team spirit and a winning mentality we saw Gai Wu off with a 39-0 win!! Next, Fire took on Kowloon at KGV following a hard fought game between Ice and Kowloon where Ice emerged victorious. We started the first half and were leading going into half time. However, unfortunately during the second half Kowloon managed to get a few tries resulting in the match ending 19-34 to Kowloon.

The last match of the month saw Fire take on the University Ladies at Sandy Bay, by far one of the nicest pitches in HK thanks to the amazing view (who doesn’t want to play rugby while the sun is setting over the sea). Fire started the game just like any other, fighting hard! Half time came, and Fire were leading the scoreboard, a little reminder at half time that it’s still any woman’s game and Fire went back out as if the game had just started. During the second half the ladies showed just as much fight, teamwork and pressure as they did in the first, and gave everything they had out there and left nothing in the tank. The sky was a beautiful shade of red as the final whistle went finishing with an 86-5 win for Fire. This match saw Fire’s very own Princess Di and Kiki getting their first hat tricks of the season (first of many ladies we hope). The bus trip back to the Club to support Ice was full of celebrations and after the Ice game both teams went for chicken hot pot together - safe to say it was not a quiet and sophisticated evening.

Many Fire girls have been mentioned in the ‘Team of The Week’, which is a great initiative and so a BIG shout out and well done to those ladies that have made these teams!

Fire currently stands in 4th place of their league (National League 2), and will continue to fight hard both physically and mentally to narrow the points gap between them and the top three teams. As Christmas is

fast approaching the Fire girls are looking forward to some well-deserved socials and club events.

### HKFC U14 girl's roundup

HKFC U14 girls' squad returned to KGV for a Sunday morning double header. Our B team were out first against Sai Kung Stingrays and this was always going to be a big ask. Despite a heavy defeat the team showed big improvements across the board dominating the scrums, working hard on turnovers and especially in the tackle. Indeed our try came from a turnover - **Tom Cheung** ran in to score under the posts following it with a deadly accurate drop kick conversion....just like a premier league player! Honourable mentions to **Ambi Matharu**, **Ashley Wong** and **Polly Lui** (again!) for scintillating runs. The team spirit was fantastic and it is only a matter of time before the huge efforts being put in will turn into scoring tries! Our A team took the field against USRC Tigers/Gai Wu. A much better game this week the players were more disciplined around holding positions. The rucking improved greatly with more solid commitment from the forwards particularly our front rowers Olivia, Claudia and Darling...indeed Olivia got on the score sheet with a scything run scattering the defence like nine pins! She was joined by Lisa running in off the wing, Jillian who has been learning the role of scrum half, Sophie L who captained and led with her usual 100% nothing left in the tank at the end style, Emma, Sayaka and of course **Sarah Mac**. We were sure Thalia was going to score one on her birthday but USRC/Gai Wu put in an amazing tackle to bring her down short of the line. Some of the players were out of their usual positions as we took the opportunity to experiment a bit - there's more of that to come! HKFC won 56 to nil. Well done everybody and as usual thank you to all the coaches for their hard work and the support of parents on the day!

On the following Sunday, the HKFC's U14 girls A squad hit the grass pitch of THT with a radically different team in terms of positions than we have been used to. This is more than tweaking - **Sophie Langford** who has been #8 forever played what we think was her first game camped out at #12. **Eunice Lai** continued at #10 the aim being to create some space in open play. With Sarah Mac missing this weekend the speed outside came from **Emma Standing**, **Kayla Graham**, **Lisa Saffon**, **Sayaka Takigawa** and **Sarah Roberts**. At scrum half we alternated between **Jillian Lui** and **Riina Sasaki** - both of them playing this role for pretty much the first time too. In the forwards we had our ultra-experienced front row of **Olivia Hanna**, **Claudia Harrison** (who ably carried out the role of pack leader too) and **Darling Mohammad**; **Eulalie Rouial**, **India Knowing**, **Zahra Chan** and **Kiely Brown** were our rotating 4s and 5s, **Charlie Peters** back from her travels and **Thalia Serjeant** with Sophie Whitton completed our back row forwards. **Madison Baker** was staked out at FB. What a game. Though the players were experimenting with positions they quickly settled down with a flurry of tries. The 92-5 score line speaks of almost total domination but Flying Kukris/Discovery Bay could threaten if allowed space and possession and demonstrated this with a super try under the posts late in the game. Deserving mention is the exceptionally low penalty count - no more than a handful against HKFC (!) and only one that I could recall vs the opposition. HKFC worked hard on the basics and the rugby looked better for more of the time than it had in our previous outings this season - the highlight for me being some wonderful work from Emma Standing, scything through the defence drawing in the tackles only to off load just before contact resulting in a well-deserved try - beautifully worked and exactly what we want to see! Well done Club!

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# Samurai Sportswear appointed Official Apparel of 2018 GFI HKFC 10s



Samurai Sportswear has been appointed Official Apparel of the 2018 GFI HKFC 10s and is offering specially priced match kit and leisurewear for all participating teams (details at bottom).

In addition, a Samurai stand will sell official merchandise – including rugby shirts, vests, hoodies and caps – during the 33rd GFI HKFC 10s, which will be held from 4-5th April in the event's traditional slot on the Wednesday and Thursday before the Hong Kong Sevens.

The new agreement extends Samurai's association with the Hong Kong Football Club as the UK-founded clothing manufacturer has supplied the team kits for the HKFC Rugby Section since 2016.

**Terry Sands**, who founded Samurai Sportswear in 1996, was delighted his company was supporting the GFI HKFC 10s as his Samurai International touring team has reached the Cup final three times in 11 appearances.

"As a long-time supporter of the GFI HKFC 10s, when the opportunity arose to tender for the Official Apparel contract, it was an obvious fit for both me personally and for Samurai Sportswear," said Sands, a former Team Manager of England Sevens and England Saxons.

"Given that Samurai Sportswear is the current kit supplier to the HKFC Rugby Section, a relationship we have been very proud of, we were very pleased and honoured to also be awarded the GFI HKFC 10s contract. We look forward to working with the Club and the 10s committee in helping to grow the event to the next level."

Samurai has created specially priced packages for competing teams including Iconix match jerseys (18 for HK\$5,000), Enduro match jerseys (18 for HK\$4,000), Ecomax match shorts (18 for HK\$2,500) and Eco-Pro training vests (18 for HK\$2,800). The latter three items are also available in a cheaper cut-and-sew version.



Leisurewear bundles include Premier T-shirts (20 for HK\$2,000), Elite hoodies (20 for HK\$3,300), Premier polos (20 for HK\$2,400) and Athleisure shorts (20 for HK\$1,700).

For more details, contact **Terence Sibanda** on +852 5489-4844 or [tsibanda@samurai-sports.com](mailto:tsibanda@samurai-sports.com).

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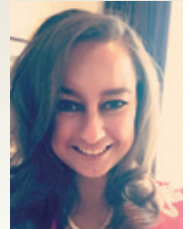
## Men's Captain's report – The season so far

The As have had a decent start to the season, despite losing their first big game to rivals SSSC on the opening day. The Bs have had a few tough fixtures on the bounce but recorded an emphatic 7-1 win vs Pak A in what will surely be a season highlight. The Cs have been competitive in a tough Division One, having edged out the Ds with a 3-2 win in the big derby fixture earlier in the season. The Ds themselves are just behind the Cs and will be looking to capitalise on their recent good form. The Es form has been mixed but they still find themselves within reach of the title. They were disappointed to lose to a strong Dutch A, but also beat rivals Punjab A 6-0. The Fs form hasn't been as good as they'd have hoped but they will be looking to perform a reverse of last season and record multiple wins on the bounce after the break. They can take confidence from a good 2-0 win against Scorpion A early in the season. The Gs recorded an astonishing 17-0 win against 144U B in October and will hope to keep pressure on the Division Four leaders. A couple of disappointing results aside, they are performing like real contenders. Last but not least, the Hs have improved on last season beating Valley F 1-0 on the opening day. Goal scoring has been the issue but with a strong spine and a solid defence they will hope to start racking up the wins post-Christmas.

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

## A message from the Ladies' Captains

The first few months of hockey have seen our Ladies' teams make positive starts to the season, and approach the business end with lots to play for on all fronts. Our As continue their residency at the top of the premiership, whilst our Bs are right behind them in the hunt to secure another 1-2 finish in the league standings. Our Cs and Ds have both been on fine form, very much among the contenders in a tight top half of Division One. Our Es and Dinos (in a big anniversary season which has included becoming Spartans!) sit mid-table in Division Two, and a couple of good results will have them right back in the mix for some silverware. After their promotion to Division Three, our Gs have been playing some quality hockey, sitting mid-table and hungry for more. Last but certainly not least, our Cubs have been smashing it in Division Five with an 100% unbeaten record and lots of talent on display. This has not gone unnoticed, with many Cub squad members making guest star appearances in our ladies teams. Keep up the good work!



Huge thanks to our superstar captains and coaches who have been working tirelessly week in week out to make this season a success – we couldn't do it without you and we are forever grateful.

Enjoy the well-earned Christmas break!

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



Men's C Team

A solid, yet unspectacular start to the season has the Men's C team nestled in third place on the Division One ladder. Whilst unbeaten, a lack of goals has seen dropped points with two 0-0 draws against beatable opposition and work to do to catch the leaders. Fortunately, we are yet to play the table-toppers so our chance to move up the ladder will come.

So, a satisfactory record thus far. However, this pales in comparison to the WORLD RECORD\* recently accomplished by two veterans of the team. During a recent league weekend and in the middle of a goalkeeping crisis within the men's section, we lost 'Clean sheet Pagey' our regular keeper to the B's. As there were no other specialists available and with our defence looking relatively dependable, a decision was made to look within the squad to fill the void. In our hour of need, up stepped **Charlie Poulton** and **James Buchanan** on the basis of 'guarding the sticks' for half a game each. What resulted was nothing short of, well, record-breaking. Not only did both players perform admirably in goal, Charlie keeping a clean sheet and James letting in a tough one in a 6-1 victory, but during their half on the pitch, both players managed to get themselves on the scoresheet. Two players from the same team and in the same game, both keeping goal and scoring goals – the challenge has been set for all other section teams to match it. With this type of commitment to the cause and flexibility amongst the group, the signs are looking good for the remainder of the season. Watch this space!

\*This record has not been verified due to a lack of inclination by the captain or anyone involved in writing this article to do so, but it has to be true doesn't it? Guinness will be approached.



## Men's D Team

Interview with **Gwen Laot**, D team captain

### How long have you been playing hockey for?

I started playing hockey at school at the age of seven, just to experiment to see if I was engaged with the sport. The next year I joined HKFC at the age of eight and I've now been playing for the Club for eight years.

### Who is your hockey hero?

I haven't watch much professional hockey so I don't really have a hockey hero. The first ever player I met was **Jamie Dwyer**, but he is not my hockey hero. I'll be honest the one person I looked up to was former Men's Hockey Section Captain **Yan Adams**.

### What is your favourite pre-game meal?

I don't really have a favourite pre-game meal because I just eat whatever we have at home but my ideal one would be a cup of chocolate milk with a large croissant!

### What have you learnt since becoming the youngest men's captain in HKFC history?

Last year I hadn't really had much opportunity to captain the team because I broke my collarbone. But I would say, although there are more experienced players on our side, the more senior players in my team have always respected me and have given me advice and tips to help me become a better player and a better captain.

### Best moment as Captain?

A captain always loves a derby day and in this case it was playing against the C's last year where I scored and put us 2-0 up against them. Unfortunately, this lead didn't last long as we ended up losing the game 5-2.

### Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

This isn't an easy question to answer but I would want to come back to HK after university, get a job and come back to play hockey for the Club in the Premier Division for the A's.

## Ladies' C Team

The Ladies' Cs started the season with a mix of old and new players, a strong forward line, and very few in defence. We had to quickly establish a versatile team, with people willing to play in many different positions. Plucked out of the Welsh valleys and thrown straight into Hong Kong's Happy Valley was our newest recruit to the Club, **Helen John**, who has stepped up to help out in defence and midfield. We also welcome **Ellie Batterham** from the Ds, **Leena Madhvani** from the Bs and our trio of speedy new forwards **Chloe Sik**, **Jasmin Lau** and **Natalie Tse**.



So far, coach **Ishtiaq Ahmed's** hard work and motivational training sessions have paid off as we have had a very strong start to the season, still unbeaten to date. Fitness levels became a focus as we realised we needed to brave the summer heat and shed those holiday pounds if we wanted to be able to challenge the leaders of Division One. An impressive 9-0 against Skyers A has been the highlight so far, with **Kat Gatherer** and her strong smash earning her a well-deserved hat-trick!

Off the pitch, the Cs are also establishing a good team ethic through various social events. We bonded as pineapples at the start of season party and can often be found in the Sportsman's knocking back the rosé after matches. In addition, the Ladies' Cs organised a team trip to the cinema to see the newly released documentary "The Helper." Demonstrating that her talents do not only involve throwing herself around in goalie kit, our fabulous goalkeeper, **Annika Feign** was a key part of the production crew. The documentary was fantastic and we'd all highly recommend it.

Overall, it has been an exciting start to the season and the C team girls are looking forward to further strengthening our skills as a team in the coming months.

## Ladies' D-team Team

by **Jemma Abbs**



The D team has had a phenomenal start to the season. A few new recruits and a new coach caused no issues; right from day one it felt like they had been D-teamers for life. New team members include **Emily Norris**, **Mollie O'Neill** and **Maya Maloney**, alongside our new coach **Dev Dillon**. We have some players on hiatus due to new arrivals (shout out to new baby D-teamer **Scarlett Mellor!**) but apart from this, we have maintained a lot of consistency from last season, including captains **Katie Daly** and **Katie Potter** taking the helm for a second term. However, on the scoreboard, we have gone from never-ending draws last season, to almost consistent wins! We've learnt each other's strengths and weaknesses, and work together to improve, including paying tribute to last season's coach **Michael Gee** by "running faster". According to Maya, the D team "is really friendly and enthusiastic about hockey, and we play in great unison. Although our team is a lot of fun, we still train hard and play hard."

We have already seen a number of sensational goals so far, but goals of the month have to go to **Lauren Edgley** and **Jemma**

**Abbs.** Against Aquila A, Lauren scored two astonishing goals, but one shone above the other. A whopper of a hit from the right-hand side of the shooting 'D' straight into the left-hand corner of the goal! Another spectacular goal came from Jemma when playing against rivals Valley B; a straight shot from the top of the 'D' which flew into the very edge of the right-hand corner of the goal. The Valley B sweeper commented afterwards, "our whole team just made a path for her to the goal!" Throughout the season so far, the D's have scored a total of 10 goals in just 4 matches!

As mentioned, our new coach **Dev Dillon** has only been with the D team since the beginning of this season, however he was quick to realise that he will need to explain training drills to us at least eight times before anyone understands! He has successfully managed to give us some new cheeky tricks and tactics



that have been extremely useful in our games. Aside from the fun and jokes at training, we still work hard and train hard to make Dev proud in our matches. So far, that has been proven in all our games.

For the upcoming season, the D-team team is ripe and ready for whatever Division One throws at us, and we will be fighting for that top of the league position so watch this space!

## Wedding celebrations



Ladies from the Hockey Section join E Team co-captain **Zoe Belhomme** to celebrate her recent marriage to **Melvin Byres**.

Congratulations Zoe!



## Bali Hockey Festival and a year of family firsts

by *Mike Evans*

When your wife suggests that you join a hockey tour to Bali with your two sons, what can you do but say yes? How do you then explain to her that, unlike a Dino's tour, you actually have to play hockey too?

The Bali sixes tournament combined good hockey with a great spirit of friendship. Excellent teams joined us from Indonesia, Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong. The organisers looked after us very well, providing us with tents, water and a compulsory case of beer each day.

Our personal highlights were:

- Lots of aerial balls
- Hon Lo saving three consecutive shots on the line
- Lots of aerial balls
- Playing against former Malaysian internationals
- Did I mention? Lots of aerial balls

Both our boys, **Jamie Evans** and **David Evans**, agreed that "It was a good experience with a great mix of hockey, socialising and relaxing." The pool was popular too. Jamie said "...playing hockey with people both from the Club and outside was insightful, showing me how different people from different regions prefer to play, whether it's fast-paced passing or a mainly aerial game. Through this

experience, I've learnt a lot with lots of takeaways on how to improve my own game of hockey."

David added "...the teams participating in the tournament were very sociable and inclusive, and we did a number of activities with them: playing cards, telling stories and drinking (Mike - I need to have a word with the Liquorice All Sorts!). Overall, the trip to Bali was a lot of fun and definitely something to do again."

For myself, it's been a year of firsts: first match with both my boys; first tour as a family; first adult tour for the boys; and first tour for **Anna Evans** involving actual hockey, with the bonus of a trophy for her as well.

The tournament results? The Men's team peaked too early and ended up in the cup, losing in the quarter finals to the eventual winners. The Ladies however played to perfection, winning the plate, which is now one of the most spectacular trophies in the Club tunnel.

Lastly, thanks to **Ida Wong**, **Sinead Barclay** and **Stephen Porteous** for organising, to all our guest players from Jakarta (**Ronaldo**, **Erwin**, **Andrew**, **Ilham** and **Intan**) and to the rest of the team for making it so much fun.

The Bali Hockey Festival takes place at the end of September every year. We aim to be sending one male and one female team in 2018 with a firm focus on families and fun. If you would like to participate, please contact Ida Wong or Stephen Porteous.

## Women's Asian Challenge 2017 Champions



At the end of October, four of our very talented players from the Ladies As and Bs jetted off to Brunei to represent Hong Kong in the Women's Hockey Asian Challenge. Under the expert guidance of Club coach, **Arif Ali**, the Hong Kong Women's National Squad managed to not only win the whole tournament (and come home with an enormous trophy!), but they did so without ever conceding a goal. Needless to say, the Hockey Section are incredibly proud of the efforts of our fellow clubmates. **Tiffany Chan** was named top goal-scorer of the tournament, with an impressive 11 goals to her name in just 5 matches. **Melvina Cheng, Yiman Chan** and **Coby Lau** also added to the scoresheet and played some spectacular hockey. Here's what Tiffany had to say about the experience:

"Trust starts with giving. From the very start of the tournament, we kept this in our minds throughout. 18 players, 4 officials, one team, one dream. As a team, we were clear and determined about what we wanted to achieve; to win the gold, to be the champions, and to dominate in every game.

After some tough, but successful matches in the round robin stage, finals day arrived at last. We had progressed so much as a team to get to that moment. As coach Arif said, "it was the process during the tournament which was more beautiful than the outcome. The entire team had to agree to improve and progress each game, and most importantly to gain trust from each other."

The pressure was on and there was tension in the air as we stepped onto the pitch for the final against Pakistan. Our nervousness showed as we started off the game a bit slower than usual; the score line staying at 0:0 for the first three quarters. Pakistan had quick, skilful players and appeared to be the better side in the first half. Their counter attacks were causing problems for us, but we managed to minimise the damage and focus on our strengths. Coming back onto the field in the last quarter, it was show time. The goals just came naturally when we overcame our fears and played with confidence and trust. We managed to score 4 goals within ten minutes, enough to secure the gold! All the training, running, and countless gym sessions, just for this moment of victory. No words can describe how great it feels to be part of this winning team.

Standing together as a team by the HKSAR flag and singing the national anthem with the gold medal around my neck was a really emotional moment. I'm really thankful to have had the chance to represent Hong Kong, to fight for our dreams and to prove ourselves. It wasn't easy, and we really had to fight for it, but with trust and confidence in each other, we made it, hand-in-hand, step-by-step. Dreams do happen when we believe!"

## Club teams crowned National Champions in Indoor Pairs



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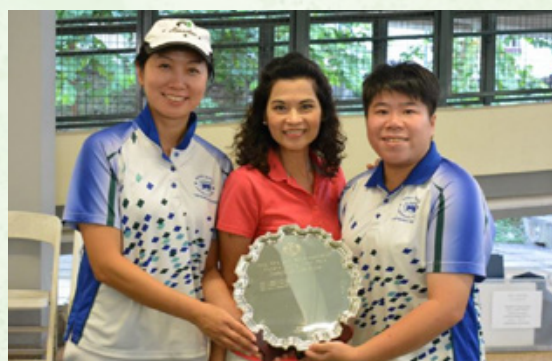
HKLBA Men's Indoor Pairs 2017 Champion

Team **Warren Cheung** and **Tony Cheung** in men's section and Team **Dorothy Yiu** and **Vivian Yip** in ladies' section were proven to be the best pairs in indoor competitions. Organised by HKLBA, this year's championships attracted 149 men's teams and 104 ladies' teams, including twenty teams wearing the Club jerseys in the competitions.

The finals of the national championships were held at Club de Recreio on Sunday 22nd October after eight rounds of knock-out competitions commenced since June this year.

Applause went to not only our champion duos but also the second runner-up in the men's section – Team **Stephen Chen** and **Terence Lee** (both HKFC players) – for their outstanding performances.

Congratulations!



HKLBA Women's indoor pairs 2017 Champion



Aisa bowl India 2017 HK squad



Tony Cheung and Kenneth Fung – bronze medal in men's Triples



Phyllis Wong leads her team to receive the women's fours silver medal



Terry Kung, CT Wong and Kenneth Fung - bronze medal in men's four



Tony Cheung creditable in defeat in men's singles.

## Five Club Bowlers Shine at Asian Lawn Bowls Championships, Delhi, India

Club bowlers **Tony Cheung**, **C T Wong**, **Terry Kung**, **Phyllis Wong**, and international debutante **Kenneth Fung** represented the Hong Kong China Squad at 12th Asian Lawn Bowls Championships held in Delhi, India, during October.

Tony won a silver medal in the men's singles and also added a bronze medal to his collection combining with Kenneth and Timmy Kwong (of KCC) in the men's triples. Kenneth put in some creditable efforts leading in the triples and fours and was rewarded with bronze medals

in both events. C T and Terry settled for a bronze medal in the men's fours, teaming up with Kenneth and Timmy.

Another of Hong Kong's silver medals went to Phyllis who was first time to be a skip at international level. Phyllis also won a bronze for Hong Kong in the women's triples.

Not to undermine the necessary support given by their fellow Section members as the Squad Officials — **Rita Shek** (coach), **Danny Ho** and **Walter Kwok**.



Japan open 2017 Kenny Tam and Shirely Ma

## Top Club Bowlers at Japan Open 2017

Once again the HKSAR Flag was flying high at the Japan International Open Bowls 2017 held in Yokohama between 14th and 16th October. Teams from Hong Kong and seven other countries/ territories competed against local players representing seven different regions/cities in Japan. The competition took the format of mixed fours with round-robin qualifying and knock-outs from semi-final onwards.

Two of the Club's top bowlers, **Kenny Tam** and **Shirley Ma**, answered their calls for duty to represent the national squad in this international competition. They captured the Third Runner-up in this bi-annual international tournament.

Well done!

## Premier Leagues 2017 Ended with Accolades As Men's A Team Fight for the Title Until the Last Game

**M**en's A Team won the First Runner-up in the Premier League 2017, scoring a total of 96 points in the season. Thanks to our bowlers' competitive spirits and perseverance, the final standing was three notches higher than what the team achieved in 2016.

Equally formidable was our Ladies' A Team which overshadowed CCC-A at the final home game 8:0. Our top Ladies' team ended the season on a high note for winning the First Runner-up position, three notches higher than what they achieved in last years Premier League.



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Netball In Action ( Sri Lanka Vs HKFC)



## HKFC Netball International Tournament 4-5th November 2017

The inaugural HKFC Netball International Tournament was a fantastic weekend of Netball, with teams from Singapore, Malaysia and Sri Lanka coming to play against the HKFC Club team and a HKCC team. The weekend saw some skillful netball, great sportsmanship and a lot of fun for all involved. The HKFC Club team came home with the win when it counted, beating HKCC in the final 36-20. Well done Club!



Big thanks to the Tournament organiser **Kalani Brown**, who worked tirelessly to ensure the tournament ran smoothly. Thanks also to our Sponsor for the weekend Australian Nutrition and Sports. Thank you to the physio team of **Kate Thorn** and **Kate Smith**, who worked all weekend long to ensure the players were in top shape to hit the courts, and thank you to St John's for providing the first aid support for the tournament. As with any tournament, thank you to the teams, coaches, umpires, scorers, timers, ball girls, and all the people who worked behind the scenes to make the event such a success!



Thanks so much to our very own Kalani Brown for all her time and effort organising and Ronnie Arnold for coaching the team to victory!

SATURDAY: 4th November 2017		
RESULTS		
GAME 1	HKFC VS MALAYSIA	88-11
GAME 2	HKCC VS SRI LANKA	45-15
GAME 3	SINGAPORE VS HKFC	14-46
GAME 4	MALAYSIA VS HKCC	10-40
GAME 5	SRI LANKA VS SINGAPORE	31-35
GAME 6	HKFC VS HKCC	26-31
GAME 7	MALAYSIA VS SRI LANKA	30-44

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SUNDAY 5th November 2017		
RESULTS		
GAME 1	HKCC VS SINGAPORE	40-22
GAME 2	HKFC VS SRI LANKA	68-10
GAME 3	MALAYSIA VS SINGAPORE	27-29
BRONZE FINAL 3RD VS 4TH		
	Sri Lanka vs Singapore	45-28
CUP FINAL 1ST VS 2ND		
	HKFC vs HKCC	36-20

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Sri Lanka Team



HKFC vs Malaysia



Malaysia vs Singapore



HKFC and Singapore



3/4th Playoffs Sri Lanka vs Singapore



Final HKFC vs HKCC



Thanks to all the ball girls : Simisola Bergkvist, Ellabelle Purcell, Eleanor Lewis, Kira Ball, Tia Porter, Sarah Martin, Juliet Rutkowski, Ruby Caputo, Jessica Martin, Alicia Koo, Rachel Sheary, Kirsten Leong, Mia Dale, Nicole Chiu, Niaomi Teng, Nori Law, Violet Middagh, Beauella and Ellabelle Purcell, Phoebe Pearce, Imogen Benote, Michaela Riedel, Imogen Bater, Violet Middagh



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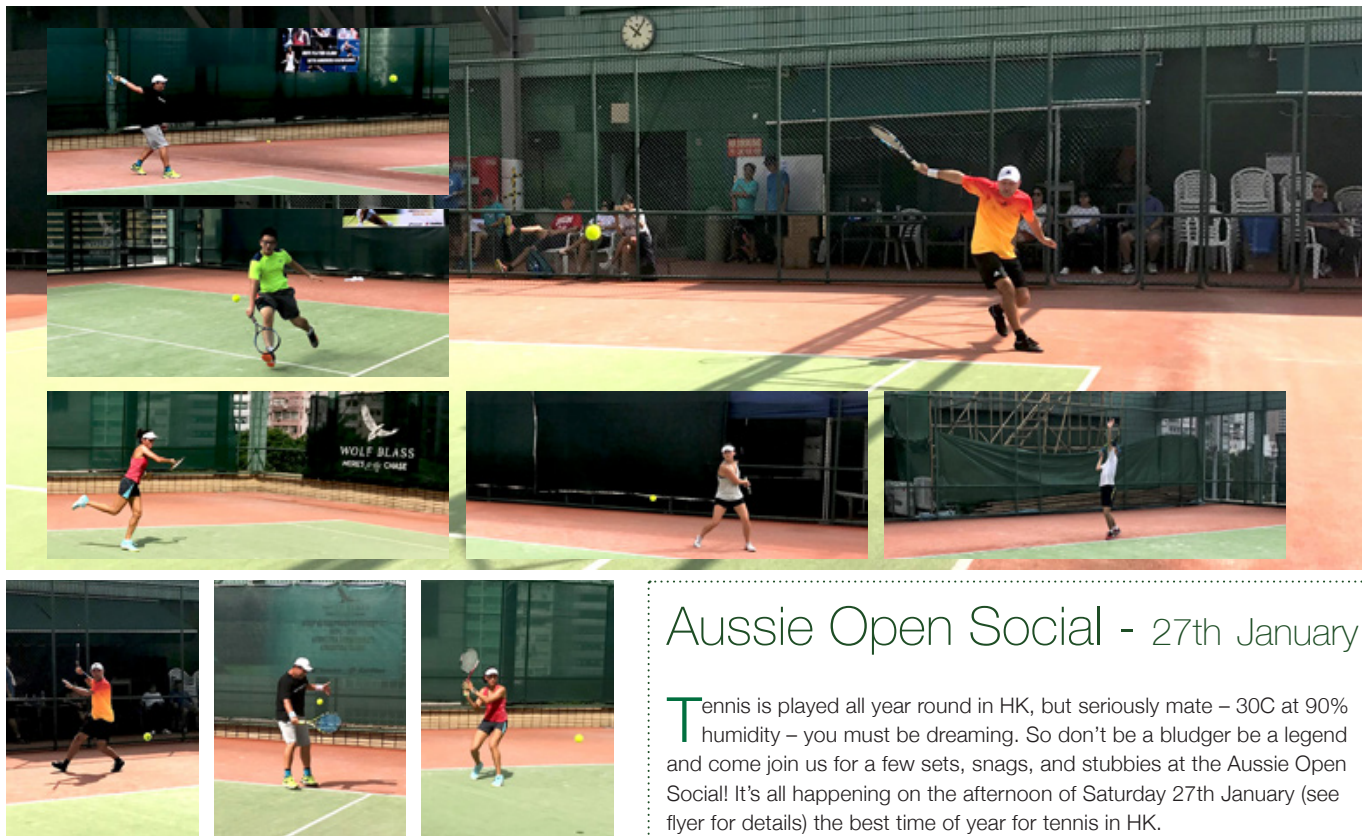


## Tennis Society Gala

On the sparkling evening of 7th October about 80-odd (some more than others) people rocked up for the Tennis Society Gala. Attendees were promised a night of revelry from 8-to-late and thats exactly what **Natalia Lech** and **Karen Thorne** delivered. MC **Toby Clark** kept the evening humming along while presenting a cavalcade of lucky draw prizes. He was ably assisted by quiz master **Nathan Booth** – in spite of Nathan needing to brush up on his recent Wimbledon history - Murray vs Raonic anybody.

The Society shut down the Excelsior with an impromptu performance by **Tim Plunkett** and **Matt Johnson** reliving the iconic scene from Dirty Dancing, or perhaps it was Swan Lake? Always remember: “Nobody puts Baby in a corner”





## Aussie Open Social - 27th January

Tennis is played all year round in HK, but seriously mate – 30C at 90% humidity – you must be dreaming. So don't be a bludger be a legend and come join us for a few sets, snags, and stubbies at the Aussie Open Social! It's all happening on the afternoon of Saturday 27th January (see flyer for details) the best time of year for tennis in HK.

## Club Championships Finals Day

Anyone visiting the courts on the Saturday 7th October couldn't help but get caught up in the buzz of excitement that came with the finals of the Club Championships. Five matches were played that day with the Ladies Open Doubles having been decided earlier, and the Men's Open Doubles delayed due to player's travel/work commitments.

Anywhere one cared to look from court 4 to 6 saw amazing tennis. The Men's Closed Singles and Ladies Open Singles were nerve tingling battles of will, and the Men's Open Singles featured awesome power hitting, and sublime touch. The Mixed Doubles and Men's Closed Doubles saw some exciting exchanges at the net with the Men's Closed being decided in a match tie-break.

Results as listed: Ladies Open Singles: **Tanya Clark** d. **Justine Tam** (7-5 6-4), Men's Open Singles: **Allen Belodrajdic** d. **Andrew Town** (6-3 6-0), Men's Closed Singles: **Kellan Ching** d. **Mason Lee** (7-5 6-3), Mixed Doubles: **Karen Hui/Heny Lai** d. **Tanya Clark/Tim Plunkett** (6-3 6-3), Men's Closed Doubles: **Eric Desgouttes/ Jean Louis Desgouttes** d. **Mason Lee/Jeremy Thorne** (6-2 5-7 10-6), Ladies Open Doubles: **Tanya Clark/Tina Pavri** d. **Ashley Man/Vivian Choi** (decided by round robin), Men's Open Doubles: **Simon Cheung/Andrew Town vs Henry Lai/Dusan Zivkovic** (TBD).




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## HKFC v HK Country Club

Friday 6th October 2017, Kau Sai Chau East Course

With HKFC's part-time skipper **Terry Wright** on another extended vacation in NZ and Japan, we were once again casting around for a stand-in captain. **Dallas Reid** was summarily passed over in light of his abject loss at Macau a few months ago. And so with alternatives being limited to the likes of **Jonny Brock**, it fell once more to yours truly to lead the team out.

Country Club had given us a sob story about struggling to raise a team and had asked that this year we waive the usual maximum handicap criteria. So it was clear from the get go that we would be conceding a plethora of shots. We have had a number of very sociable matches with these guys however so we were happy to cut them some slack if that was what was needed to get a full team out.

Looking to establish an early lead, HKFC's first pair out was the heavyweight combo of **JP Cuvelier** and **Tom McColl**. They had a good

tussle with stalwarts of the Country Club team, **Simon Cheung** and **Toby Doeringer**, but JP's putter caught fire on the back nine which secured a comfortable 4 and 3 win.

Our second pairing featured long-time tennis partners, **Gilles Bonnier** and I, trying to transfer the magic to the golf course. We were up against a Franco-Japanese pair of ladies. Conceding a shot a hole and 150 yards on most tees, we were going to have to play out of our skins to survive this one. And we didn't! Still, someone has to offer up some consolatory crumbs or the opposition might not come back next year, and at least we could claim to have been chivalrous.

Next up we had the experienced pairing of **Nick Allen** and **Alistair 'What's the Hurry' Murray**. Numbers must've been tight for Ali to have been picked again after missing his tee time when last selected! But given the chance, he was out to cement his place in the team

and these 2 notched up a good win to put our noses back in front.

The penultimate pairing of hockey players, **Jonny Brock** and **Gordon Marsden**, started shakily with Jonny using half his handicap on the 1st hole. But the big match nerves soon settled and by all accounts he didn't do much wrong thereafter and so the match victory was secured.

Although technically, the margin of victory in the last flight, where **Brian MacDougall** once again inspired his playing mate, on this occasion **Andrew Wood**, to greatness, was such that these guys may actually have secured the victory before their teammates in front of them. Well played you two but you could learn a thing or two from your captain about not rubbing your opponents' noses in it!

And so the trophy was retained, with a 3rd win from three recorded. After a reviving beer in the clubhouse both teams headed into Sai Kung for a well-supported (and well-libated) dinner!

■ **Duncan Spooner**

## Reunification Cup 2017

The Club Golf Team arrived at Lotus Hill with every reason to be confident. A strong win in 2016 with seven of these golfers back again to defend the trophy. The recent dry weather saw the course in good condition. The usual banter was shared with our now familiar and hopefully nervous opponents on the way to the course. The Club team renew they needed to play good golf to win this tournament as it's a stableford competition and 25 of our 30 opponents have handicaps higher than every one of the our golfers.

Day 1 always sees the lowest handicaps out first so **Jonny Brock** led the charge against the lowest handicappers our opponents had to offer. A very solid 34 points from Jonny the best in his group and a good start for the team. **Phil Head** managed to improve on Jonny

with 35 points and also top his four ball keeping the Club ahead of the field. **Dallas Reid** next up with 33 points and **Terry Wright** with 40 points equalled the best the opponents in their group could offer and still kept the momentum building with these very solid scores. **Lee Wainwright** followed with a great score of 38 points a full 8 points better than the next best opponent in his foursome. The early Club confidence clearly proving justified at this stage. With half the field safely in **Duncan Spooner** was next in with a reasonable 30 point haul but significantly the first HKFC golfer today to have his score bettered by an opponent with **Philip Lee** from Hong Kong Country Club the first to achieve that feat with 40 points. **Anatole Le** restored the balance with his own excellent 40 points topping a high scoring group. The last three groups struggled in over the last few holes with the sun gone and light disappearing fast. The lights that line these last few holes failed to work but that did not prevent **JP Cuvelier** and **Andrew Wood** bringing in 34 points each and 27 from **Eric Desgouttes**.



Terry Wright receives the Reunification Cup for the winning HKFC team



Anatole Le – “Best Gross Score” with his opponents – never too young for golf!

Saturday's team score is calculated by throwing away the highest score and lowest score and adding together the remaining 8. This left HKFC with counting scores ranging between 30 and 40 for a team total of 278. A little down on last year but still stronger than the best the opponents could manage – 237 by the HK Country Club. Chinese Recreation Club close behind with 232 and the American Club with 229. The very useful 41 point lead proving the simple theory if each golfer bests his foursome the team will come out on top and this was achieved by 8 out of 10 of our golfers.

Clearly a lead like this deserves to be toasted and celebrated with gusto and this occurred well into the night and then on into the morning. The good food and company was combined with the necessary commitment to rehydration after a thirsty round of golf. Everyone found a small amount of sleep at some point in the night but unfortunately sleep wasn't to be the problem it was the waking up that proved to be difficult !!!! Apparently water is much safer to rehydrate with! More to come on that ....

Needless to say Sunday's golfers were a slightly subdued bunch and arrived at the first tee generally without a lot of spring in their stride or time to spare. This was a problem shared to a small extent by the 4 teams but fair to say dominated by the Club like the scores were on Saturday. The best Sunday HKFC score was a strong 38 by Jonny backed up by a pair of 37s from Anatole and Eric with all the other scores being solid with

only 3 scores below 30 points. This surely would be too strong for the 3 opponents after Saturday but drama now ensued.

A rule violation no less and an official enquiry ! The rules state that “golfers more than 5 minutes late for their tee times will be disqualified”. Despite the whole field of 40 golfers managing to play 18 holes and finish the round they did not all go out in the order designated on the start sheet and several had not in fact been there within 5 minutes of their tee time. Opinions varied as to the severity of the infractions and indeed any punishment for these crimes. Vigorous captain's debate ensued with the resulting less than unanimous decision being that the offending players would be disqualified and their scores would not count.

How would this change the result? Fortunately for the golf contest not at all, with players from 3 teams being disqualified and even with sore heads and little sleep the Club golf team recorded a Sunday score of 249 equal to the American Club and slightly better the CRC and HK Country Club. This ensured the strong Saturday score carried the team to victory and the Reunification Cup for the 3rd year in a row. A lot of fun and some great golf played in good company. Also of note was Anatole Le winning the prize for best gross score across the 4 teams over the two days after 2 strong rounds of golf.

A valuable lesson learned you ask ????? Only time will tell so better set your alarm clocks and tune in next year !

■ Terry Wright – Golf Captain

## Chairman vs President Challenge

26th October 2017

This year's challenge was held on Kau Sai Chau's North course which is debatably the hardest of the three public's golf course's in HK.

The weather however was perfect for golf although possibly warmer than average for late October.

The format this year was two ball better ball with 75% of players handicaps. Dallas and Ian who are this year's respective Chairman and President, decided on the teams which on paper were very evenly matched. With 14 players signed up, this correlated to two teams of 7 players, three 4 balls and a two ball.

Dallas and I started the event with the only singles matchplay match of the event. Dallas eased to a 3 hole lead after 6 holes, but I managed to scrape back to 1 down after 9 and just nudged into a 1up lead after 11 holes. After 15 holes we were all square. An unforced error on the short par 3 16th took me to 1 down, and an missed birdie putt kept that score going into the 18th hole. Unfortunately I could only manage a half on the 18th to succumb to Dallas and the Chairmans team 1 down. Great match Dallas.

The second grouping to tee off were Matt Burke and JP Cuvelier representing the President team playing against Terry Wright and Malou Waldie. Terry being the strongest player was giving shots to the rest of



group but this wasn't to deter him and Malou from taking a very convincing win 5 and 4, with the help of some fantastic chip-in's from Malou, to put the Chairman's team 2 up in the match.

Ian Petersen and Jenny Chapman needed to play some magical golf to keep the Presidents teams hopes alive, but alas their opponents had other ideas, with **James Suttie** and **James Riordan** taking a convincing win 6 and 4, which gave the Chairmans team an unassailable lead.

Thankfully the last grouping of **Don Roberts** and **Allan Hay** playing against **Jukka Hakli** and

**Lawrence Chong** were able to bring home 1 point to the Presidents team with a solid 5 - 3 win over Jukka and Lawrence. Final score:- 3-1 to the Chairman's team.

**The nearest the pins and longest drives winners were as follows.**

- NP # 3 Dallas Reid
- NP # 7 JP Cuvelier
- NP #11 Don Roberts
- NP # 14 Phil Head
- LD M # 17 Matt Burke
- LD W # 17 Jenny Chapman

**Congratulation to the Chairman's Team for a fine victory.**

- Dallas Reid
- Terry Wright
- Malou Waldie
- James Suttie
- James Riordan
- Jukka Hakli
- Lawrence Chong

See you all at the next event.

■ **Phil Head**

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# KSC South

Friday 10th November 2017



**Y**ou have to love golfing in Hong Kong in November, glorious sunny weather, 28 degrees, zero humidity and beautiful blue skies...

The scene is set for our last golf event of 2017 on Kau Sai Chau.

Three groups of 4 set off, first with myself, **Jonny Brock, Dallas Reid** and **James Riordan** setting a blistering pace with birdies on nearly every other hole producing a very interesting sideline match play event, but even with some very lucky bounces from me and Jonny, the opposition of Dallas and James were 1 up after 9. The back 9 didn't seem to go our way unfortunately and we managed to succumb to a 3 - 2 defeat. There were some great acrobatics from James the Giant Peach as he River Danced all over our putting lines,

and a feat of anti-gravity as one of my downhill putts suddenly shot uphill to produce a surprise birdie.

The main event of Individual Stableford points was now being calculated in the restaurant as the second group of players slowly made their way in. **Rosemary** and **Kenneth Hu** came in with a 39 and 35 stableford points respectively, while **Owen Davis** and **Allan Hay** came in with a 30 and 42 points, with Allan's 42 points looking to be in contention for the title.

But it was not to be, as **Lily Chan** carded a record 50 stableford points which took the rest of her group consisting **David Lyndsey** who scored 23 points, **Steve Lee** 23 points and **Alan Homeming** 31 points, totally by surprise, not to mention the entire golfing society.

Nearest Pins and Longest drives as follows.

- NP 2 Dallas Reid
- NP 5 Dallas Reid
- NP 11 Owen Davis
- NP 16 The Green
- LDM 14 Jonny Brock
- LDW 14 Lily Chan

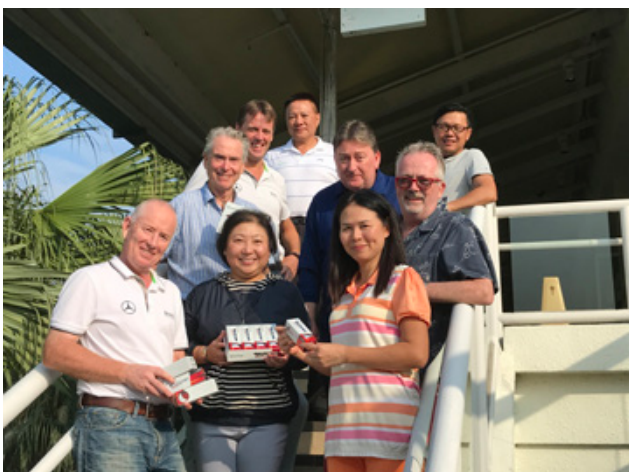
So well done Lily for shooting a gross score of 79, 7 pars and a birdie, a lifetime best score.

As per Golf Society custom the winner was obliged to buy the beers on the bus on the way back – thank you Lily.

See you at the Xmas events.

Happy golfing

■ **Phil Head**



## HKFC Rules at the Clean Half 15k Marathon Swim



### Clean Half 15k Open Water Swim - Team results

Team	Place	Category
<b>Syd Kitchen and the Utensils</b>		
Matt Belecanech	1st	M125-200
Vasco van der Flier	1st	M125-200
Tom Alley	1st	M125-200
Craig Nortje	1st	M125-200
Marcus Chu	1st	M125-200
<b>Wonder Women of the Waves</b>		
Farah Master	2nd	W125-200
Amanda Andriano	2nd	W125-200
Nicole Millson	2nd	W125-200
Sandy Chan	2nd	W125-200
Emily Hampson	2nd	W125-200

Team	Place	Category
<b>Old Farts</b>		
Robert Stevenson	1st	M275+
Adrian McCarroll	1st	M275+
Douglas Morton	1st	M275+
Dominic Tsui	1st	M275+
Peter Inglis	1st	M275+
<b>Anna's Amazonian Mermaids</b>		
Anna Olsen	3rd	W125-200
Alex McCarroll	3rd	W125-200
Debbie Hanley	3rd	W125-200
Olivia Wong	3rd	W125-200
Alex Simmonds	3rd	W125-200

### Clean Half 15k Open Water Swim - Yak results

Team	Place	Category
<b>Alright Vegemite</b>		
Iain Veitch	2nd	Male
Simon Brewster	2nd	Male
<b>The Brothers</b>		
Simon Weller	3rd	Male
Mark Weller	3rd	Male
<b>The Gigolos</b>		
Rupert Puels	4th	Male
Lachlan Wolfers	4th	Male
<b>The Odd Couple</b>		
Patrick Ip	1st	Mixed
Jessica McCarroll	1st	Mixed

## Clean Half Solo

### Clean Half 15k Open Water Swim - Solo results

Legend	Place	Category
Matthieu Maury	3rd	Male

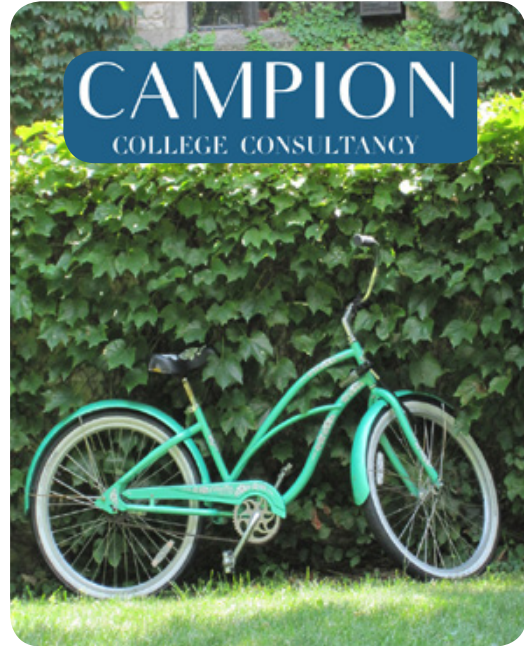
## Young Members Shine at the ASTC Triathlon in Sunny Bay

### ASTC Asian Cup Discovery/Fun Triathlon 21 October 2017

Name	Place	Age Group
Charlie Hall	4th	Female Youth
Doddy Tullis	4th	Boys 2003
Sam Nicolle	12th	Boys 2005
Jake Tullis	17th	Male Youth Open
Keith Nicolle	6th	M50-59
Sam Tullis	5th	M50-59

### ASTC Asian Cup Sprint Triathlon 22 October 2017

Name	Place	Age Group
Alex McCarroll	2nd	W20-24
Iain Veitch	1st	M35-39
Vasco van der Flier	4th	M35-39
Adrian McCarroll	6th	M50-54
Keith Nicolle	10th	M50-54
Jessica McCarroll	2nd	W50-54
Michael Sadler	18th	M50-54



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## BIG December Report

**B**IG had the second match of the 2017-2018 HKICTB League on 26th October against Hong Kong Club. It was an away game. We had pairings of **Charles Li** with **Adrian Li**; **Henry Luy** with **Leo Yao**; and **Emy Clarke** with **Raymond Chan**. BIG scored 18 out of 22 against HKC with 4 for scratch league and scoring 13 against 9 for HKC. Adrian Li scored a game of 221 with **Patrick Shepherd** of HKC scoring 195 and our own Emy Clarke scoring a game of 184. BIG Team scored a total of 2,767 against HKC's 2,357 for the Scratch League and 3,553 against 3,518 with a slight margin. Well done team!

Our BIG keen bowler **Ian Burns** finally had a long over due shoulder operation on 7th November 2017. We hope to see him back in action, hopefully early next year.

Finally, we had a home game for our third match against the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on the evening of 9th November. Emy Clarke paired with **Marian Au**, our Team Captain; **Leo Yau** with **Norman Wong** and Adrian Li with **Louise Li**. Big lost the first game but won the Team score with 827 v against 807. The Team began to pick up finally scoring 16 out of 22 in total in the Scratch League but losing 9 to 13 in the Handicap League. BIG got a total score of 2,560 and our visitors scored 2,393 for the Scratch League and 3,385 against 3,437 for the Handicap League. Thank you Team for the great effort!



BIG have a regular practice night every Thursday unless we have a home game. Please feel free to contact: our Convener Raymond Chan: rar7113@yahoo.com or our Treasurer Emy Clarke: emy.clarke899@gmail.com for bowling practice and competition!

■ **Henry Luy**  
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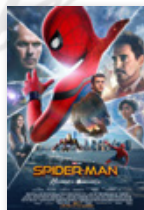


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