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The Thoughts of the Chairman

主席的話



Michael J. Wood
Chairman

Unfortunately the New Year has not got off to an auspicious start as we all face the challenge of the coronavirus. Nevertheless, the Club has remained open throughout and is continually revising procedures to ensure a safe and clean environment for all Members and Staff. Measures adopted include greater focus on sanitation of the physical premises, daily temperature checks for all Staff and the wearing of masks for designated Staff members, as well as temperature testing for all Members and Guests entering the Club at the Front Entrance. The Club has now also deemed it necessary to stop serving Buffets in the Outlets.

A fall out from the current situation has been the cancellation and postponement of all League sports, and we also had to postpone the Lion Dance and Staff Party that were both due to have taken place on Sunday 9th February. Sadly, two upcoming major Club sporting events that have been cancelled are the **International Rugby 10s** and the **International Soccer 7s**. This is all understandable in light of the current situation.

The launch of Phase 1 of the updated website took place in February. This shows the old content in the information (static) areas and fresh content in the News/Homepage section. Over the next few weeks the new information copy will be uploaded, and we hope to have both English and Chinese versions working soon after. The digital and communications team are moving on to work on the next stages of the website upgrade and we will keep you informed on their development and time frames.

On a sombre note, I regret to advise you that **Louise Agnew**, the wife of our former **President Dermot Agnew**, passed away on the 2nd February after a long struggle with cancer. Louise was a lovely lady who was kind and thoughtful with all people, and she will be missed. Our sympathy is with Dermot and his family.

遇上武漢肺炎的考驗，新一年未能如意掀開序幕，不過球會還是會繼續開放，並且不斷提升預防措施，好讓所有會員和員工都能夠安心回到球會。措施包括加強清潔球會設施、每日為員工量體溫、要求指定員工戴口罩，以及在正門為會員和訪客量體溫，球會亦都需要暫停餐廳及食肆的自助餐供應。

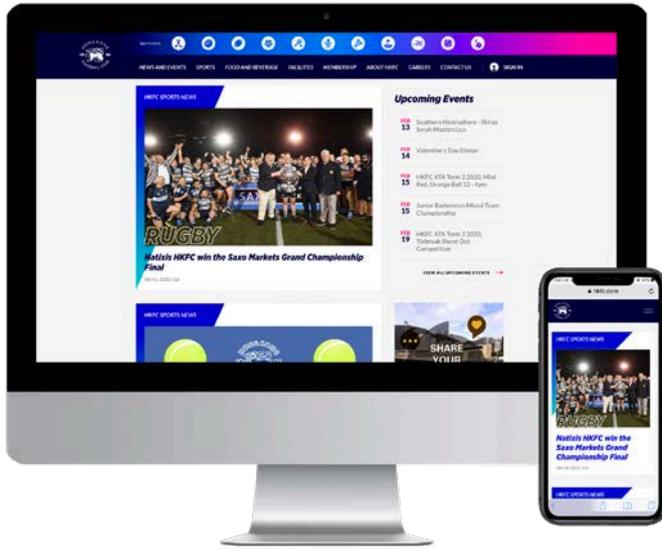
疫情持續惡化，導致所有體育聯賽都要取消或者延期。我們原定2月9日星期日的舞獅表演及員工派對亦要延後舉行，兩項快將開鑼的體育盛事更要抱憾取消，分別是**國際十人欖球賽**及**國際七人足球賽**，但安全為上，這些安排也是可以理解的。

網頁第一階段的更新已於2月推出，舊內容會放在資訊（靜態）區，新內容則會上載至首頁的最新消息，新資訊將於未來數星期上傳到網頁，希望不久之後中文及英文版網頁能夠同步運作。數碼及通訊部正着手準備下一階段的更新，有任何新進展或更新時間，會立刻通知大家。

最後有一則很遺憾的消息，前會長**Dermot Agnew**的太太**Louise Agnew**長期與癌症搏鬥，然而不幸於2月2日逝世。**Louise**生前是一位美麗友善、體貼入微的女士，我們都會懷念她。我們同時對**Dermot**和其家人深表同情。

Obituary

We were saddened to hear the news of the recent passing of longstanding Member **Roger Bebbington**. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.



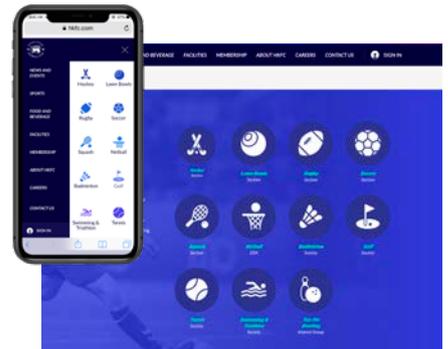
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From the Desk of Mark Pawley

總經理的話



Mark Pawley,
General Manager

As the Chairman has noted in his article, it has not been a particularly good start to the New Year as at time of writing, we are still in the grip of coronavirus. Whilst this has left us somewhat bereft of most, if not all of our banquet / meeting business, all our F&B Outlets are still fully operational albeit we are no longer providing Buffet Service.

On the function front and, very much hoping that things are going to shortly improve, we have put together a special priced **Celebration Dinner package** full details of which are on page 6. In the F&B Outlets, **the Restaurant** has a great deal on offer where we have **no corkage charges Monday to Friday for lunch or dinner**, so do please look to make a reservation and then bring your own wine with you when you come to eat. We have also **taken away the minimum charge for the Private Dining Room** so, if you are looking for a "room with a view" where you can arrange to have a private lunch or dinner for 8 persons and above then this is the place for you!

We are holding the **Hugh Hamilton Wine Dinner on Friday 27th March in the Restaurant**. Please book early to avoid disappointment as our last Wine Dinner in February was completely sold out from early on. On top of the Wine Dinner, and no corkage fees in the Restaurant, we also have an **Australian VS Italian Grape Varieties Masterclass on Thursday 19th March being held in Happy Valley Suite 1** and we are holding a **Wine Fair in the Lockhart Room on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March**.

All in all it seems it is a bit of a month for wine lovers!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

Mark Pawley,
General Manager

正如主席先前所說，到目前為止，我們仍然身處武漢肺炎的困境當中，所以新一年未能有一個好開始。球會大部份宴會 / 會議的生意亦因而略為淡靜，但即使如此，所有餐廳及食肆都會照常運作，而自助餐供應將會暫停至另行通知。

宴會服務方面，我們衷心希望情況會在短期內好轉，因此推出了**喜慶晚宴套餐**，詳情請見雜誌的第6頁。在眾多餐廳及食肆當中，**Restaurant** 正提供超值優惠，**星期一至日，午及晚餐將不會收取開瓶費**，請預先訂座以享用此優惠。另外，**逢星期日至四Private Dining Room的最低消費可獲豁免**，如果你在找一個可以容納8人或以上及有景觀的房間，這就是你的不二之選！

我們將於**3月27日星期五在Restaurant舉行Hugh Hamilton品酒晚宴**，2月份的品酒晚宴在公布後不久就全數爆滿，所以這次要抓紧良機，盡早預訂。除了品酒晚宴及Restaurant的超值優惠，我們還有**3月19日星期四在Happy Valley Suite 1舉辦的澳洲及意大利葡萄品種的品酒班**，以及**3月21日（星期六）及22日（星期日）在Lockhart Room舉行的美酒展**。

這怎樣看也有點像是為愛酒之人而設的一個月。很期待在球會見到大家！

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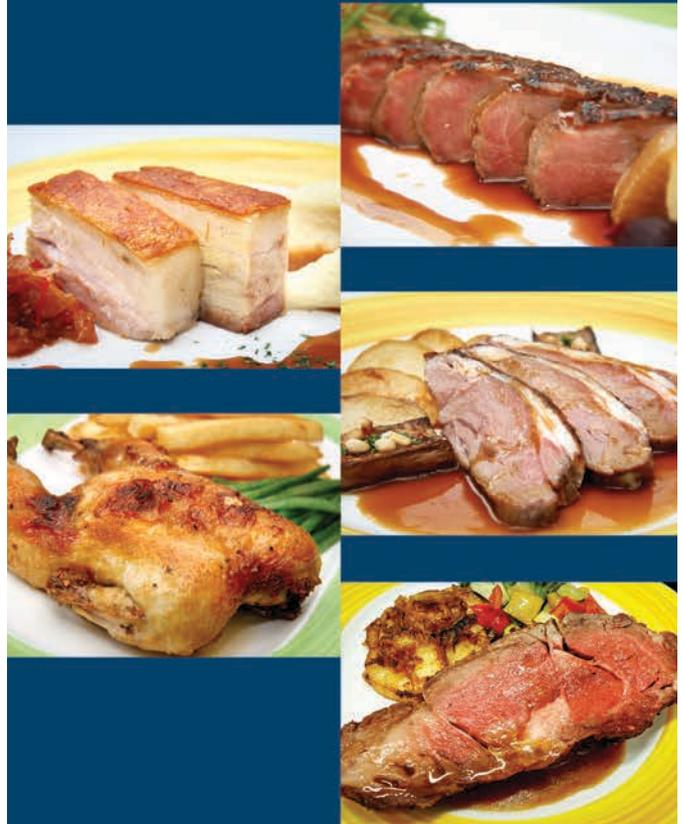


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Happy Valley Suite 1
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From
3rd Tuesday



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During Dinner

21st - 22nd Sat and Sun



Wine Fair
In the Lockhart Room
1.30pm to 6:30pm

From
7th Saturday



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At Sportsman's Bar

27th Friday



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In the Restaurant
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Juniors mid week ladder update

The Juniors have been busy on the courts, please see their latest JSP ladder ranking. A big thank you to all the coaches and volunteers that make this Junior programme a winning success.



Mid Week Junior Ladder

Position	Name
1	Noe Vartanian
2	Henry Fordham
3	Krish Agarwal
4	Oliver Li
5	Harrison Niehorster
6	Tom Fraser
7	Justin Lee
8	Ethan Lam
9	Samuel Zheng
10	Jack Ragless
11	Jarius Lin
12	Raghav Bahvnagar
13	Travis Yu
14	Tristan Wang
15	Silas Tam
16	Hardik Gupta
17	Max Li
18	Kevin Zou
19	Zac Ward Bonval
20	Lauren Kan
21	Owen Guo
22	Sophie Lo
23	Kathy Kim
24	Luca Ward Bonval
25	Nicholas Cho
26	Keith Chan
27	Ander Tsou
28	Hayden Chin
29	Myles Tang
30	Pablo Rocha
31	Jake Long
32	Alexandre Podevin
33	Maddie Osmond
34	Max Osmond
35	Leopold Macresy
36	William Pun
37	Maya Kumar
38	Elvis Yu
39	Anya Kumar
40	Emily Long



HKFC Junior Squash Programme

Position	Name
1	Ocean Feng
2	Lucas Tulloch
3	Mehak Sheethal
4	Nathan Ko
5	Henry Fordham
6	Palash Sheethal
7	Oliver Li
8	Alexander Chew
9	Shaun Kirpalani
10	Marc Rooney
11	Leonardo Lee
12	Garrett Lee
13	Joseph Ang
14	Melanie Sin
15	Jarius Lin
16	Charlene Chan
17	Ashleigh Tsang
18	Silas Tam
19	James Sum
20	Nicholas Keeley
21	Alastair Lam
22	Aiden Cheung
23	Mia Robinson
24	Ella Busteed
25	Jake Frith
26	Zach Bonval
27	Travis Yu
28	Luca Bonval
29	Asia Thompson





Sebastian Page,
Soccer Section Captain

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all keeping well during these tough times in Hong Kong. With the hold on all HKFA competitions, it is yet to be seen when the seasons for the First Team, Ladies and Lucky Mile will be completed. The teams are continuing to train to be ready for when the second half of their season get underway.

The Yau Yee League is continuing with their fixtures, and at the time of writing, a fascinating battle for the title between Wanderers and Albion is shaping up. The two teams face each other on the 16th February, so I will include a report on that potential title decider in next month's edition.

Have a look at the photo to see which former first team players all took to the field together again recently in the annual Dynamics vs Toy Trade game!

See you all down at the Club.

■ Sebastian Page



From left to right: Chan Tak Ming, Simon Page, Mick Lonergan, Andy Hunter and Chris Jobson

Blast From The Past!

Here are five teammates that played together in the HKFC 1st Team some 28 years ago (and all played together again recently in the annual game between Dynamics and The Toy Trade).

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Rugby Report

On the day that **Harry** and **Meghan** gave up their royal titles, 18th January 2020, several more important titles were picked up. Club beat Valley to win the Premiership title and Scorps picked up the Championship title.

Close to retaining titles were Drags who beat Valley to put themselves 14 points ahead in the race for the Premiership A Title, Bulls who are one point away from the National League Title, and Select similarly, sit top in the race for the Championship A title.

They say there are three things in life that are certain; tax (unless you live in the Middle East), death, and Club enjoying beating their rivals to win the league.

In their final game in the Women's Premiership Top 4 before the Grand Championship Semi-Final, Ice went down to a last minute try to Gai Wu losing 10-7; and Fire winning one, losing one in their two games in January currently sit 4th in the Women's National League 1.

Early January was a time to give back for the Club team. On the back of some impressive support from the junior teams at the Club, the 1st team returned the favour. Members of the recently crowned Premiership winning team, popped down to all corners of Happy Valley to help coach HKFC mini-rugby squads as they prepared for the remaining part of their season. It was great to see the Club team giving back after the mini's have provided so much matchday support throughout the season.

The 2019/20 season has proved to be a challenging one for all teams. A reformatting of the Premiership due to Rapid Rugby has reduced the top-grade to 10 games; The recent social unrest has caused several matches to be postponed; opposition teams unable to field 15 players causing forfeits and now, the new Wuhan Flu (Coronavirus) meaning all games below the top grade are postponed – at the time of writing, it still remains to be seen what will happen to these games.



HKFC 1st team lifting the League Trophy

Phoebe Leung
PHOTOGRAPHY



HKFC Ice after their Semi-Final loss to Valley

The Coronavirus was unable to cancel all games though as Club team took on Sandy Bay in a repeat of last years Semi-final, and Ice came up against a formidable outfit in the form of League Champions, Valley.

To finish the month off, Club continued their good run of form, and advanced to their first Grand Final for several years

beating a stubborn Sandy Bay team 21-6. Ice, however, lost out to a strong Valley team and go out in the Semi-final stage for the second year running.

Hoping for more Club dominance next week as the first team take on old foes, Valley, for a chance to win an unprecedented Treble.

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■ Niall

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Chairman's Message

WuFlu

At the time of writing this short report, WuFlu has taken grip and caused more disruption to Mini Rugby than the "troubles", with cancellation of training and threatened postponements to the Valley (8th Feb), Sandy Bay (8th March), and Macau Bats (14th March) Festivals, and even ours (23rd March).

Festivals

During January we had the Tai Po Festival (19th Jan) hosted at King's Park.

Coaches' reports follow.

KLC and RHT

Both Kim Lam Cup and Richard Hawkes Trophy matches have continued, and U12G and U12 reports follow.

So there is little to report or update you upon. Keep well.

Best,

■ **Denis Brock, Chairman, HKFC Mini-Rugby**



U12 Girls FC1

A solid performance by our U12 FC1 girls in the fourth round of the Kim Lam Tournament at Happy Valley Sports Ground on 19th January 2020. FC1 had a solid schedule against the top-tier teams in Hong Kong: Valley Fort, DB Pirates, HKU and Sai Kung. Starting with a tough match against a renewed Valley, Club struck first with a quick pass from our scrum-half, **Brigid Warde** out to the winger, **Alyssa Schoonmaker** for a try. Solid defence by our forwards, led by hooker **Saidhb Martin** and supported by prop **Lucy Guest**, held Valley to the draw until Valley squeaked past, a break-away run late in the match, and we ended up conceding the match 1-2 in a heartbreaker. Next, FC1 went up against the DBP BABAs team, with some big Pirate forwards. However strong tackling by **Lauren Lau** and **Mia Wong** neutralized their big runners. Great ball work by our #8 **Vincy Chan** with a bruising run up the middle, cemented the win 3-0. The next match was against Sandy Bay, the previous tournament champs. Despite strong defence put up by inside centre, **Kelli Kong** and outside centre, **Sophia Li**, the Sandy Bay offence was too big and strong, and our FC1 girls ended up losing 0-3. The final match was against Sai Kung Stingrays, a new entrant into the Div1. We set the tone early with a smashing run up

the right wing by Vincy Chan. This was then followed with a beautifully executed series of passes from the back of the scrum to **Hannah Gibbs** to Lucy Guest to **Alyssa Mok** for a try on the left wing. Tempers on the Sai Kung side were running high, as our FC1 girls continued to dominate the match, winning 4-0 at the final hooter. FC1 finished the day with a 2-2-0 record coming 3rd in the Div1 Pool. A far better performance than the record shows, with a great progression of skills over the previous rounds of the KLT. Great jobs girls!

■ **Allen Schoonmaker**

U12 Boys FC1

In the first game against Pirates it was a case of blowing the cobwebs away and getting back to basics. Both teams played well, and space was hard to find with solid tackling from both teams, resulting in a 0-0 draw. Game two against Valley, who had beaten us last time out, was a hard fought contest both teams moving strong defences. A tremendous try saving tackle by **Liam Gordon** kept Valley at bay and FC 1 squeezed a win, one try to nil, with **Kota Wong** scoring. SKS1 were next and after the confidence boost of the previous win the boys were starting to click and won 2-0. **Ruggero Mencarini** making his debut for FC

1 at prop scoring one of the tries. In the final game, FC 1 won 4-0 against HKU. One try in particular stood out as **Hugo Teng** caught a high ball, ran 20m and took a strong tackle. From the ensuing ruck, **Alex Dodds** set off on a run and then superbly passed the ball as he was being tackled to **Ollie Phillips** who ran in for an excellent team try. After a great day of rugby, FC 1 finished top of the group. Coaches were very pleased with how the team played throughout the day and how they are developing with each tournament. Everyone is looking forward to the next round.

■ **Richard Phillips**

U12 Boys FC2

The Div2 teams are starting to find the measure of themselves – the games are closer the scores are lower and the skills so much better – but the frustration is higher. A great start to the tournament with a hard fought 0-0 draw vs SKS2, then a 4-2 win over HATS. These were both tough hard games that could have gone either way and our lack of depth in players – a squad of 13 and 7 first choices away – meant we were quickly tiring and swapping players around in unfamiliar positions. Going down 0-1 vs HKU2 wasn't bad at all, but we were very disappointed to go down 0-1 vs USRC. Onwards and upwards. On the plus side – the boys played their hearts out in the last 2mins of the last game to keep a would-be-rampant USRC from doubling their lead – they fought resolutely as a team. More to come from this passionate and talented squad – their ambitions remain unfettered!

■ **Nick Langford**

U12 Boys FC3

FC3 got off to a slow start but showed some great spirit and team work gradually improving each game. First up was against a strong Valley team who had some excellent runners and they counter rucked really well, beating us 3-0. Our second match was a lot better with more aggression and better rucking and tackling and we scored twice however, we were caught out on the quick penalties which they ran in for a



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couple of easy tries, lost 2-4. Our third match was against Flying Kukris and the boys had a lot more aggression and rucked really well and managed to close them down on the defence. Final score 3-0 win! With boosted confidence and a pep talk from coach **Tony, Ed and Harvey**, our last match was against Pirates and the boys fought hard and managed to win 4-2. The boys showed great heart, courage and played well as a team.

■ **Jonathon Quach**

U11

Valiant effort by our 4 HKFC U11 squads at King's Park! Results included 3W from FC1 against Sandy Bay, Valley Fort and South Lantau Buffalos. FC2 was hit with injuries as two key props and a second-row missed time with strong efforts against Pirates, Tigers and Stingrays. FC3 and FC4 wrapped up the afternoon with both sides garnering 2W for and 1L against vanquishing the Stingrays (SKS3), Tigers (USRC2), Monkeys and Valley Fort (VF2). Overall results 7W-5L with 40 tries for and 29 against.

Strong running up forward by **Cas, Kai, Maxi** and **Matthew** for FC1. **Silas** brought gritty tackling to FC2 with **Lughaidh** as field general at scrum-half. **Felix** rampaged through the opposition with **Jason** slashing and dashing through the defence for FC3. The FC3 boys brought their best effort of the year and saw the results of their training come to fruition on the pitch. **Tane** brought great energy up front for FC3 and in support of FC4 where **Nicolas** brought the muscle and **Oscar** brought the hustle! FC4 impressed in their last game with a win against VF2 scoring four and holding the opposition to only one try.

All the boys showed great heart, commitment and comradely showcasing HKFC team spirit throughout the day! Big thanks to all the coaches, who brought the best out of the boys who brought top-notch, clean rugby to the festival!

■ **Peter Jastreboff and Robin Zavou**



U10 Girls FC1

FC1 had another great tournament at Kings Park, where they were undefeated with 4 wins out of 4, beating HKU1 (4-2), USRC1 (8-5), VF1 (4-2) and SCAA (8-2). After the Christmas break, we started a little slowly and were a little individual, but as the tournament progressed, our offloading came back and we started playing some lovely rugby. **Romane** (8) and **Ella** (5) were our top try scorers and it was great to see everyone going over the try line throughout the afternoon – a real mark of the team spirit and selfless play that the girls exhibit. **Emily, Bella and Mia** made some fantastic tackles; **Lexie and Iris** made some strong runs and **Ari** and **Ellie** pressed up well in defence – although in reality all of the girls contributed well to all areas of the game! It is a joy to coach and watch this group and we are already looking forward to the next festival!

■ **Barney Durrant**

U10 Girls FC2

After honing their defence on the soft sand of Discovery Bay on Saturday the Tai Po Festival Park was another successful day out for FC2s. The team inflicted heavy defeats on Flying Kukris, Sandy Bay and Tigers. DB Pirates first team provided some sterner opposition and the team found themselves down by 5 tries after the first half of play. A stirring comeback ensued with 3 tries from **Jem Wall** and the game ended up drawn showing that this team has some real character. Our runners and scorers of the day were **Jem, Constance, Emi** and **Karen** while **Sydney, Megan** and **Kez** were rock solid in defence. All of the team contributed and showed great resolve given that there were no subs. This special group of young girls are a privilege to coach.

■ **Robert Wall**

U10 Girls FC3

FC3 completed a fine day with a number of the girls in this squad still very new to rugby, though

there is no lack of effort or commitment, and the girls continue to enjoy themselves greatly. Our first and third games were both against Sandy Bay 3, with the girls notching two fine victories: **Karin Wong** guest-starred from FC2 to fill a gap, stealing the show with some cracking tries. Following **Karin's** promotion to FC 2, **Amy, Ellen** and **Philo** stepped up and raised their games, with some strong runs also from **Katherine** and **Yenni**. The Sandy Bay games sandwiched a good contest against a strong(!) Valley side where the girls were defeated but unbowed. A victory in the final game against the Stingrays third side capped a good day's efforts. The girls are progressing nicely.

■ **Mark Develter**

U10s FC3

As the first tournament after the Christmas and New Year break, the boys were energized and extremely keen to hit the pitch. In fact, all 14 boys(!) ran onto the pitch confusing the referee and definitely intimidating the other team. After reigning in all the excitement, FC3 faced a physically bigger, stronger and well-coordinated Sandy Bay team. After many big tackles, **Isaac Seah** managed to push through solid defence for FC3's only try (1-4). Battered, with their jerseys and faces blackened by the pitch, the boys were fired-up to redeem themselves for their next match, against Shatin Sha Pei (SSP). The match was closely contested, filled with solid tackling by SSP to steal the ball twice at the FC3 try line. FC3 improved on their shortfalls from the previous match by supporting each other and passing to all players to create the opportunity and gaps that allowed four players, **Chun Hin Cheung, Isaac Seah, Efe Demiral** and **Karl Yeung** to score tries to win the match (4-3).

The last two matches were lost against two very strong and agile teams, Valley Fort (1-4) and Flying Kukris (1-5) and presented a great opportunity to raise the skill set of the boys as a team. FC3's level of aggression and teamwork in the rucks and coordination with the passing was a spectacle to watch from the sidelines. The perseverance or possibly the high-candy diet of a few boys were impressive, as they insisted to continue to play after being knocked hard in the head and chests and taken off.

Special mentions go to 3 boys that stepped-up match after match to play outside their comfort zone – **Matthew Phillipson, Alvin Ngai** and **Nathan Kay**.

■ **Philbert Chin**

U9 Panthers

A terrific tournament for the U9 Panthers kicked off with a rout against the Macau Bats. The tone for the day was set with over ten tries scored and a clean sheet. The Panthers have really come on since the last tournament, with marked improvement across a range of skills, and particularly at the breakdown both in offense and defence.

New players from Japan, twins **Genraku** and **Taraku Kinoshita** tormented the Bats with scything runs, countless steals and some dominant tackling which they reproduced throughout the afternoon. The Panthers faced the South Lantau Buffaloes next, and again there was an avalanche of tries and a clean sheet. Straight running from **Karl Tsui**, **Myron Au**, **Archie England** and **Gus Grewcock**, some excellent defence again and good passing proved a great foundation.

The Club's third game was a matchup with the Tigers. **Iola Cairns**, **Naomi Chan**, **Ayden Au** and **Austen Chen** (who had been saving himself for this tasty encounter) all ripped in to the Tigers right from the off. A great line of defence and teamwork resulted in the third clean sheet of the day, and again the try count went into double figures. Our final fixture was against the South China Athletics Association and the Panthers rounded out a great tournament with another dominant victory. Great teamwork, lots of smiles and good skills on display all day for an excellent Tai Po rugby tournament.

■ **Mark England**

U8 Avengers

The U8 Avengers started the first festival in 2020 in the familiar territory of King's Park. The Avengers fielded two balanced teams in FC2 and FC4.

FC2 kicked off against traditional rivals HKU Sandy Bay, with quick distribution from **Martin Disser** and **Declan Tsui** to the wide channels leading to tries for speedsters **Ayman Pinchon** and **Isaac Yue** resulting in a resounding victory.



Resolute defence from **Aiden Hung**, **Armand Leconte**, **Riku Shiotani** ensured the team maintained their unbeaten run in the remaining games against Tai Hang Tung, Valley Fort and Sai Kung Stingrays

FC4 fielded a strong central spine ensured consistent line gains from 'smash it up the middle' duo of **Liam Moore** and **George Brock** in games against hosts Tai Po and Sai Kung Stingrays. The territorial advantage continued in games against Valley and Sandy Bay which resulted in an avalanche of tries through strong finishers, **Max Randall**, **Jacob Wall**, **Lachlan McGowan** and **Andre Cusack**. Again resulting in 4 straight wins for the team

A big thank you to the parents and coaches who made sure the players enjoyed another successful festival.

■ **Mark Tsui**

U7 Tigers

The Tigers were split into two teams – FC5 with coaches **Ben**, **Clark**, **Francis** and **Brendon**, and FC6 with coaches **Chris**, **Tommo** and **George**.

Both teams played four games each and showcased some champagne rugby reminiscent of the great French and All Black teams of the 1980s. Scintillating running for the gaps coupled with side stepping and swerving ensured each game was high scoring, with **Miles Law** and **Michael Law** top scoring for

FC5, while **Max Baker** and **Vinny Murphy** top scored for FC6 with 8 tries each.

Meanwhile the girls on both teams were also running in plenty of tries, but also putting in some heavy defence covering well to make sure that each game was won by a healthy margin. Well done to the **Wood** twins, **Mia Lee**, **Marina Togo**, **Molly Morson** and **Eva Murphy** for some first rate cover defence.

The handling was also outstanding with only a few passes going to ground. The only 'work on' that we need to get better at across both teams was running backwards before running forwards. This will be priority number one at our next training session!

With three sets of twins across both teams it was a real family day out and a great time had by all, planting the seed for future rugby success in the coming years.

Special Mention: Coach **Tommo** reffed his first tournament game and showed a natural ability on the whistle. We could see the beginning of a new professional career right in front of our eyes!

■ **Chris Murphy**

U6

HKFC U6 fielded 8 teams and 70 players at Tai Po Festival. Our teams showed great enthusiasm and good structure to their play. Our defence improved the most with several clean sheets for our teams. Players are getting used to spreading across the field on attack, instead of huddling around the ball. We still get a few gem moments with the young ones, as players search for their friends to pass the ball to instead of the next person in the line. Always something to work on!

Across all games we had 23 wins, 3 draws and 6 losses with three of our teams undefeated. This shows the U6 teams are doing very well against other clubs in the age group. We're already looking forward to the next one already!

■ **Dean Cooper**





NYD Youth Rugby Tournament



Our year started with the 53rd staging of the New Year's Day Youth Rugby Tournament here at the Club.

On 1st January 1967 a Hong Kong Schoolboys side challenged a team of returning boarding school pupils, captained by **Brian Forsgate**, son of **Gerry**, after whom our main stand is named.

Now this highlight of the youth rugby calendar in Hong Kong includes games at under 14, 16 and 19 age grades, for boys and girls.

The weather was perfect, the stands busy and, after a few beers perhaps, noisy, and we were treated to six games of rugby.

As is traditional, the boys' U19s Hong Kong vs Overseas Barbarians was our final game, and by my reckoning we had 12 Hong Kong Football Club boys on the pitch; pretty impressive.

In fact, all the games were entertaining, most were closely fought and the standard was high.

If you haven't been before, make a date to come down to the 54th instalment, it'll be good.

■ **Rob Carmichael, Tournament Director**

Congratulations to the boys



The U13 boys teams have won the 12-a-side league at both division 1 and division 2 levels.

Congratulations to the boys, head coach **Jamie Hood** and assistants **Spizz, Simon, Nickey** and **Paddy**. We can't wait for the 15-a-sides coming up.

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7th March

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8th March

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14th/15th March

Wales v Scotland, Saturday

Italy v England, Saturday

France v Ireland, Sunday

Please check the Sports Notice Board for Updates.

A Minute of Silence in Memory of Sanj

Sandra Pemberton Club Derby Day

18th January 2020

The 2nd annual **Sandra Pemberton Club Derby Day** took place on the 18th January this year. For those of you who didn't have the pleasure of knowing her, Sanj was a member of the Ladies A team for over 10 years, scoring goals, laughing and partying hard and remembered very fondly by so many for being an intrinsic part of the culture of the Club and particularly the Hockey Section.

Sanj tragically passed away on the 24th June 2018, but her spirit and stories still echo through the Sportsman's Bar and down Wyndham Street, so she will never be forgotten by Hong Kong. We established the Sandra Pemberton Club Derby Day last year and it's been established as an annual celebration of Sanj's life.

This year's Club Derby Day saw games between Ladies Club teams in the same division with the As vs Bs, Cs vs Ds, Es vs Dinos and the Gs and Cubs playing teams in their respective leagues. To make it all the more special, Sanj's mum **Maura** and **Auntie Ellen** travelled from the UK to HK and were on hand to award the MVP and Best and Fairest trophies, which were kindly sponsored by Liquidnet.

In true Sanj fashion, a day of hockey really would not be complete without a social, so it was fitting to host a BBQ on the back patio of the Sportsman's Bar which involved music, stories and trips down memory lane in honour of our dear friend.

Each year, in memory of Sanj, a collection of money is donated to a charity. Last year's money was raised for Plastic Free Seas which is an organisation close to **Harry Pemberton** (Sanj's son's) heart. We were absolutely delighted that Harry also attended the day and was on hand to present the cheque.

This year, the money collected will be donated to the National Bushfire Disaster Appeal. Sanj had recently moved to Australia and Harry is

currently attending school in Sydney, so it was fitting on a number of fronts to make the donation to such a worthy appeal in Sanj's memory.

A huge thank you must go to everyone involved in the organisation of the event and for being part of a very special celebration. Particular mention must go to **Mel Mak** for her coordination of the day, **Hannah Wright** for the fantastic butterfly socks and **Claire Archer** for MC ing the games on the day.

■ **Dawn Strachan**



Sanj's son Harry and mum Maura



Ladies E v Ladies F draw on Derby Day



Ladies A v Ladies B



Katy Mountain of Ladies A



Dawn and Nina head hiking



Mel and Holly pump some iron at F45



Jo and Connie enjoy some tennis



Keeping fit in the paddy fields



Phil and AJ enjoy downtime at the Sportsman's Bar



Dawn, Sammie and Annabel hiking in the sunshine



Sam celebrates indoor golfing victory!

Hockey Team Spirit

It has been a challenging few weeks for Hong Kong and understandably, the current environment has seen game and training cancellations for our Section.

However, we have very much seen the spirit of all of our teams shine through adversity, with everyone coming together to support one and other – and of course keep fit! We had some fun tasking our members to send through some photos of what they have all been doing to get out of the house, stay active and keep morale levels up.

This is where creativity comes in – and great to see such a variety of activity, team building and taking advantage of the great outdoors. Not to mention the training where it's been possible.

May this absolutely continue but most importantly we look forward to being able to get back on to the field of play regularly. Well done to all Captains, Coaches and all our members for putting their energies into keeping momentum in uncertain times. It says everything about you all, about the Section and about the Club.



Champs gets out on the slopes in Niseko



Gym time for Barkat



Flo and daughter Sophie fresh off the slopes



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Lawn Bowls Section End of Season Party

12th Jan 2020 Sunday night

Lawn bowls is a community sport for all ages. A total of 68 Section Members, bowls lovers and guests enjoyed an evening of not only sumptuous food, lucky draws, music and bingo but also heartfelt tributes to sporting excellence.

Section's award-winning players were honoured with popping champagne on the occasion of their remarkable contributions to the Club's long history of sportsmanship.

Special thanks went to **Daisy** and **John McNie**, **Howard Lok** and **Neil Roberts** for their generous contributions of gifts for the evening.





Blue side



Best team



Red side



Drawing game winners

Year of the Rat Fat Choy Cup

27th Jan 2020 Monday

Kung Hei Fat Choy, Bowlers! Apart from offering blessings, one of the most memorable events to kick off the Year of the Rat was our annual Fat Choy Cup. A total of 46 bowlers turned up for the 2-wood triples social game at the Indoor Green on 27th January. Players were divided into Blue and Red sides for three games of eight ends each. After the competition, the Blue side captured the winning red packets and the following players were also found to be our lucky winners:

Best Rink and Winner of Most Touchers:

Alan Wright, Vanessa Ng, Bernard Young and Stephen Chan

Special thanks went to **Christina Yeung** for winning the Best Outfit Award, which added a lot of colours to our fun-filled afternoon.

Highlight of the day was the drawing game and the winner was **Arthur Yiu. Koon Cheng** bagged the runner-up spot while the other eight lucky winners scooped the third to tenth positions.

HKFC Battles at National Championship Finals Day – Winter 2020 Postponed

The National Championship Finals Day scheduled for 2nd Feb was postponed due to the pandemic of Novel Coronavirus. Whilst awaiting the rescheduled date to be announced by HKLBA, let's review the line-up of our star players.

- **Warren Cheung** in Men's National Singles
- **Camilla Leung** in Women's National Singles
- **Terry Kung** and **Patrick Choi** in 2-4-2 Competitions

Chairwoman's Report

Well, it sure has been a colourful start to the second half of the season. Games have been cancelled indefinitely which is giving teams a lot of extra training time. No excuse not to be running as fast as **Usain Bolt** and jumping as high as **Stefka Kostadinova** once games resume now I guess. That being said, we did manage to get a couple of games in before Chinese New Year to enable us to dust off the cobwebs and have a good old chin wag with our team mates. Fingers crossed we get to hit the courts in our snazzy new kit soon. Some of our club girls also represented the Hong Kong National Team training tour of Malaysia just before Chinese New Year. **Hannah Johnston, Kate Smith, Helene Bibeau, Shirley Yuen, Rachel Telford, Steph Torville** and **Kathryn Hurrell** together with coach **Veronica Arnold** played several practice matches against Malaysia in preparation for the upcoming 4 Nations tournament to be held in Hong Kong. It is wonderful to see HKFC so well represented at national level again this year! With that, I'll love and leave you for another month.

■ **Olivia Burgess**



HKFC Club vs Sonics

It was an exciting game between HKFC's Club team and last year's runners up; Sonics. Unfortunately, Club had only 7 players available for the game as 3 of their players were injured and 1 player was away. Included in the 7 players were **Helene Bibeau** and **Stephanie Huxley** who participated in a long weekend of netball in Malaysia with the HK National Team. Luckily, Club received support from **Netra Hankins** from the Typhoons team, who played brilliant defence in the second half. The first quarter was tied 8-8 and it was during the 2nd and 3rd quarter that Club was able to take the lead by 10 points. After 60 minutes, the final score was 40-30. It was definitely a physical battle between the two teams who have played each other in the grand final for the past two years (1-1).

HKFC Tornadoes vs DB Buccaneers

Tornadoes dug deep and fought hard for their second game in division two but unfortunately the first loss of the season had arrived. Some great shooting occurred with **Adele** and **Sammy** and a fantastic new shooting combination consisting of **Sammy** and **Mel** which worked wonders in the second half but wow – their defence was strong! We had an excellent run from nimble **Nina** at Centre for the whole four quarters and great back up in the mid court from **Rachel, Kat, Elly** and **Rowena**. **Nori** and **Cici** had a hard fight down in defence and jumped high for those rebounds! An overall positive game as the ladies celebrated every small win!

Final score: 32-21.

HKFC Hurricanes vs Simba

The Hurricane's second game back after the Christmas break was our best performance yet. Despite losing the first quarter we found our flow in the second and continued to push ahead, ultimately winning 41-34. Although Simba are an outstandingly fit team our technical skills prevailed: our shooters (including our newest member, Sarah) were on fire. Our experienced mid-court delivered the ball into the circle with poise and there were a number of prize interceptions from our defence. Our training to date came together delivering a win we should all be proud of. Well done, team!





Annual DB Pirates Tournament

On Saturday 18th January, two teams from HKFC, U16's and U19's stepped up to compete on sand at the annual DB Pirates all girls beach tournament. What fun! With modified rules and a smaller court the girls played short games with 4-a-side. The games were fast and furious and with the added challenge of bare foot on sand it was tough going. Thankfully we were allowed to sub players after each goal was scored. The mums also had a game in a mixed mother/ daughter team and its fair to say we all ended up with sand everywhere. Great fun, lots of laughs and great results. Thanks to the DB Pirates community for another great event this year.

■ **Kirsty Hulme**



HKFC ATA Pathway ‘player feature’: Shaan Bhojwani

Shaan Bhojwani, 23, is a great product of the ATA player pathway at the Club.

Shaan who first started playing tennis when he was 12 years old, has been playing with the ATA programme for the last 10 years since the coaching team joined the Club.

Over the years, under the guidance of head coach **Toby Clark** and his coaches, Shaan has developed his game – leading him to become junior doubles champion in 2012 and 2013, and junior singles champion in 2013. During this period he played as the No.1 seed for our HKFC Junior A team, and went on to compete for Warwick University whilst studying for his undergraduate degree.

Following completion of his Masters degree at London Business school, he is now back in HK, working for his family’s import and export business, of which he is launching a new ladies Brazilian footwear brand ‘Piccadilly’. In his free time, you will find him practicing out on the courts of the Club as a strong member of the Men’s B team, with aspirations to compete for the A team and to look to excel at this years upcoming club championships.

“It is great to work with players like Shaan, helping them not only find a passion and enjoyment for the game early on, but to help guide their progress, achieve their goals and see them become valuable assets to the Club.” Toby.

ATA have an extensive player development programme and linked competition pathway. Starting with players as young as 3, working through red (3-8 yrs), orange (8-9 yrs) and green ball (9+ yrs) stages into our junior league teams, through to adult leagues.

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Tip of the month

Early Preparation

Early preparation is the key to keeping your contact in front of your body. You should make sure you are turning your hips and shoulders before the oncoming ball bounces on your side of the court. It doesn't have to be taken back to fast, just so you have enough time to adjust to the ball you are about to hit.

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7TH	MINI GREEN BALL COMPETITION 12 - 2 PM
13TH	LADIES MORNING SOCIAL MATCHPLAY
21ST - 22ND	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
28TH - 29TH	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

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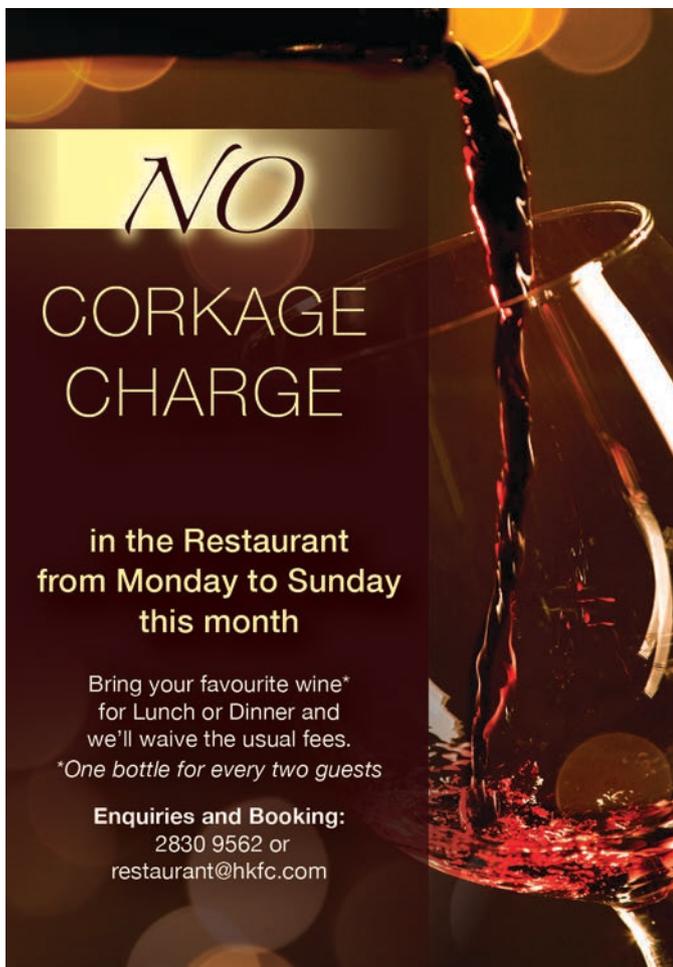
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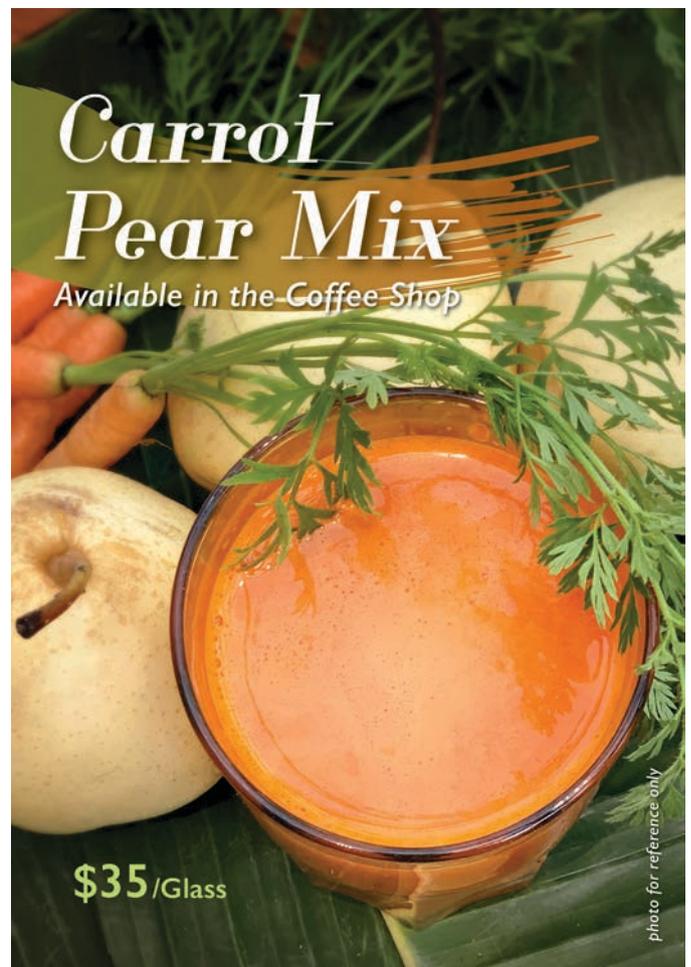



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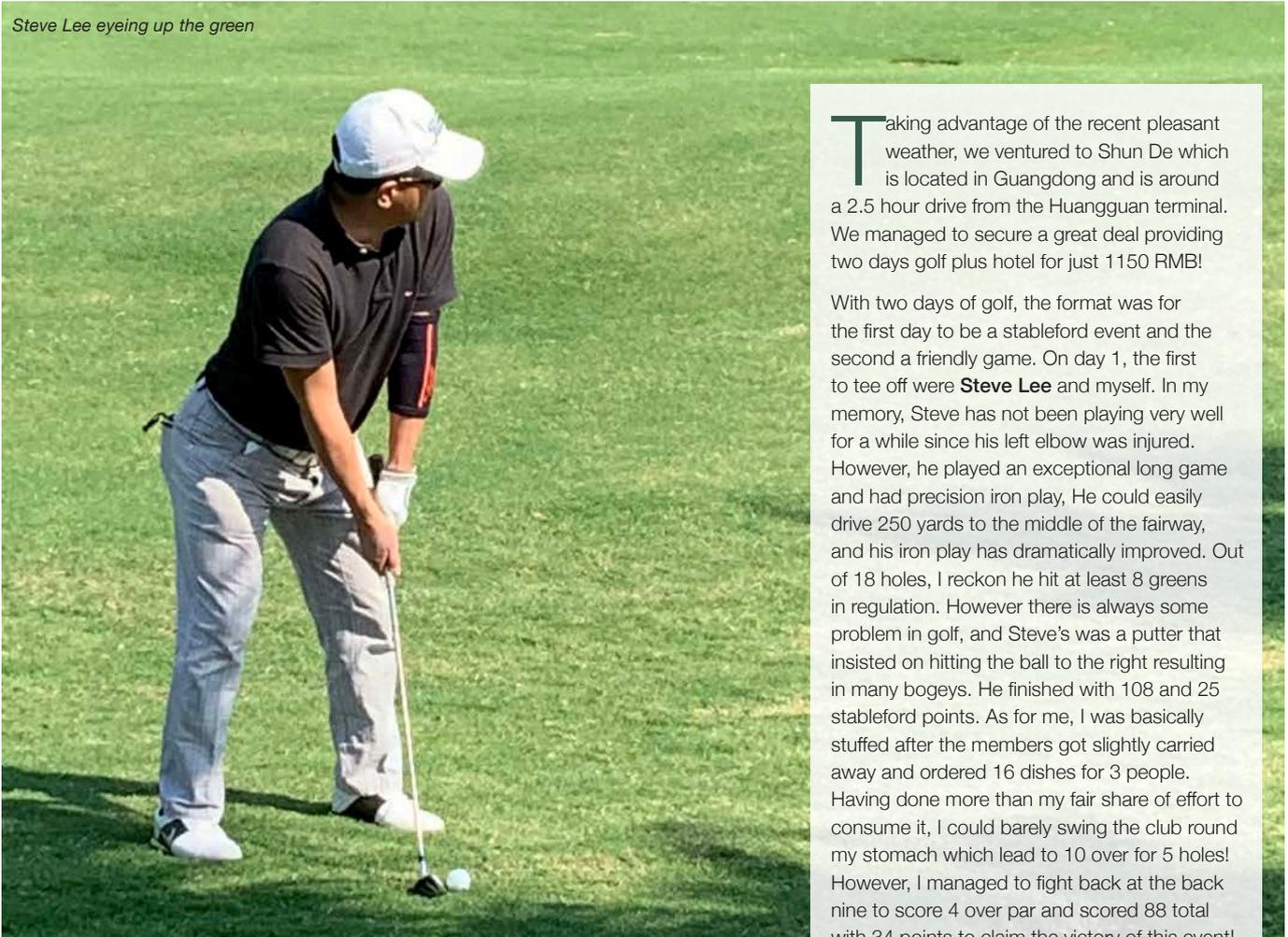
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Steve Lee eyeing up the green



Juanan Country Garden GC

8th and 9th Jan 2020

From left to right, Steve Lee, Jeremy Chin, Raymond Wong, Ted Li, Angela Koo and Dominic Ng



Taking advantage of the recent pleasant weather, we ventured to Shun De which is located in Guangdong and is around a 2.5 hour drive from the Huangguan terminal. We managed to secure a great deal providing two days golf plus hotel for just 1150 RMB!

With two days of golf, the format was for the first day to be a stableford event and the second a friendly game. On day 1, the first to tee off were **Steve Lee** and myself. In my memory, Steve has not been playing very well for a while since his left elbow was injured. However, he played an exceptional long game and had precision iron play, He could easily drive 250 yards to the middle of the fairway, and his iron play has dramatically improved. Out of 18 holes, I reckon he hit at least 8 greens in regulation. However there is always some problem in golf, and Steve's was a putter that insisted on hitting the ball to the right resulting in many bogeys. He finished with 108 and 25 stableford points. As for me, I was basically stuffed after the members got slightly carried away and ordered 16 dishes for 3 people. Having done more than my fair share of effort to consume it, I could barely swing the club round my stomach which lead to 10 over for 5 holes! However, I managed to fight back at the back nine to score 4 over par and scored 88 total with 34 points to claim the victory of this event!

After the round, we gathered around at 6pm and went to a famous restaurant which serves Shun De food with special food pairing. If you do go there, do order the fish soup and steam pork! These are two signature dishes that I believe only the chefs in Shun De know how to make. After the meal, we headed back to the club house.

The next day, we just played casually and came back to Hong Kong around 4.30 pm. From everyone faces, I know everyone enjoyed the trip and we hope to see more of you at the next event.

Overall scores of the event

- 1. Ted Li – 34 stableford points
- 2. Steve Lee – 25 stableford points

Happy Golfing!

■ **Ted Li, Golf Event Organiser**

Match vs FCC Golf Society,

17th January 2020 Kau Sai Chau (North Course)

The Golf Society's first match of the 2020 season and my official debut as Captain was against the FCC, a very eclectic opposition. Historically, we have done well in this fixture with a draw, followed by 5 subsequent wins. To try to even things up, we decided to stick with last year's format of 90% of our handicaps, which is generous to the higher handicapping team in the 4-ball better ball format we play. An unenviable task of trying to maintain our unbeaten record of six years, so what could go wrong?

On arrival at Kau Sai Chau, we found the course overcast, mild at 18C with a fresh breeze. No sign of the recent sunshine, with many choosing to don a jacket and long pants.

Some downed the value-for-money breakfast and most had a decent loosener with a bucket of balls, before proceeding to the 1st tee to do battle. We were led off by **Alastair Murray** ("Never Hurry A Murray" just making his tee-time!) and **John Banks**, who found the going hard. One of their opponents was smashing his drives 300 yards! Next up were **Dallas Reid** and **Elsa Lee**, who know each other's games inside out and came through strongly. Match tied after 2 flights. **Jonny Brock** and **Chris Frost's** match became easier before it started, as they were informed one of their opponents' car was hit by a scooter the night before, so unfortunately they had to pull out. HKFC now 2-1 to the good. **Justin Faulkner** and **Jenny Chapman** steamrolled their way through to the biggest win of the day with aplomb, enough now to ensure we couldn't be defeated. **Andrew Wood** and **Darren McEntee** (nice to see Darren back in the fold after a 4 year absence) combined seamlessly for the deciding win. Last, but by no means least, **Jukka Hakli** and **Bill King** shrugged off going down in their tussle by 3 holes early on, only to switch on the burners through the halfway mark and seal the victory on the 15th hole, by yet another impressive score line.

Russ Julseth, the genial non-playing Convenor of FCC had said to me before any ball was struck that he thought he had 3 strong pairs and had dropped himself to accommodate his best players. So, as it turned out that we won the last 5 matches, and final score 5-1 in favour to the HKFC, it was not really close - with his prediction perhaps not taking into account the quality of our own pairings!

The match was followed by a pleasant lunch at the Kau Sai Chau restaurant washed down by the odd ale, and numerous tales of new golf clubs acquired recently working wonders under the pressure of competition.

Thanks to Dallas for arranging a substitute trophy (where in the world did the original silverware go??) and to Russ for doing the hosting and arranging, in what is always a great way to start the New Year. Also, a mention to all the players for kindly taking the time to compete in this very social fixture, and to Kau Sai Chau for a North Course which was in very good condition with firm lush greens and to their ever helpful staff.

Match results:

Murray/Banks vs Kelly/Pfrang	FCC 4 and 3
Reid/Lee vs Bolland/Au	HKFC 7 and 6
Brock/Frost vs Feng/Chung	HKFC 8 and 6
Faulkner/Chapman vs Sek/Leung	HKFC 9 and 8
Wood/McEntee vs Wong/Cho	HKFC 7 and 6
Hakli/King vs Fitzpatrick/Cornfield	HKFC 5 and 3

■ Andrew Wood, Golf Captain



Pretty in Pink, but our Aussie pair blew them away



Much harder to hit with the club cover on



Darren and Andrew combined well to keep the door firmly shut



Bill feeling confident enough to roll out a cigar on the 1st tee



The trophy comes back to Sports Road

Kau Sai Chau North Outing

20th January 2020

As is common at this time of year, we were blessed with gorgeous if slightly chilly weather for the start of our round.

The first to tee off were **JP Cuvelier, Simon Hague** and **Alastair Murray**. To keep his playing partners entertained, **Ali Murray** tried a novel way to play the 13th, a 303 yard par 4. Having sliced his drive well to the right, he discovered it hanging about a metre up in some bushes. Never one to refuse a challenge, he pulled out a nine iron and made a baseball-like swing to punch it out. Surprisingly the ball went straight for about 40 yards permitting Alastair to save a bogey!

Less successfully on the signature par three hole 14, JP hit the green in regulation but was left with 20 yards to the hole. Sadly he seriously misjudged the slope, and his first effort gave up halfway to the hole, and he had the pleasure of watching it roll back to finish even further away than when he started. 3 putts later he finally secured his double bogey!

Notwithstanding this hiccup, JP still shot 91 with 33 stableford points to win the competition! The Second place went to Simon Hague who shot 89 with 27 stableford points! Not a high scoring day which reflected the difficult pin positions and a demanding wind.



Simon Hague trying to emulate Ali Murray's bush heroics



Prize winners from left to right: JP Cuvelier, Jukka Hakli, Ali Murray, Simon Hague

Final results were:

- 1st place – JP Cuvelier 33 points
- 2nd place – Simon Hague 27 points
- 3rd place – Jukka Hakli 26 points

Nearest to the Pin:

- Hole 3 – Simon Hague
- Hole 7 – Albert Lam
- Hole 11 – Jukka Hakli
- Hole 14 – Albert Lam

- Longest Drive on hole 12 – Simon Hague
- 2nd shot Nearest the Pin – Alastair Murray

Happy Golfing!

■ **Ted Li, Golf Event Organiser**

APRIL PREVIEW

Contemporary Whiskies from Around the World

Date: Friday, 24th April 2020
 Venue: The Restaurant
 Time: 7:30 - 8pm (welcome drinks), 8pm (Dinner)
 Price: \$558 per Member, \$618 per Member's guest
 Limited Seats Available

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Swimming & Triathlon Update

Gammon China Coast Marathon and Half Marathon 2020

Well done to all HKFC swimming and triathlon members who completed in the Gammon China Coast Marathon and Half Marathon 2020 held on 19th January in Sai Kung. **Caitriona Jennings** dominated the woman's field in the half marathon, placing 1st in the woman's category and 9th overall! **Richard Hall**, placed an impressive 11th overall in group in the full marathon. **Jessica** and **Adrian McCarroll** both competed in the half marathon as well and finished in the top of their age groups.



APRIL PREVIEW

— Malbec Day Masterclass —

17th April is World Malbec Day and was established by Wines of Argentina as the official day to celebrate this illustrious wine. Restaurants, venues, and wine experts around the world take part in celebrating Malbec wine, paying homage to the renowned grape varietal.

Mendoza is a large province that is home to 75% of Argentina's vineyards and Malbec is the region's most celebrated grape. 3 wineries with 6 wines from this region will be introduced on Malbec Day Masterclass: **Los Cardos**, **Dona Paula** and the critically acclaimed new generation superstar winery **Finca Decero**.

Date | Thursday 16 April 2020

Time | 7 pm – 8:30pm

Venue | Happy Valley Suite 1

Speaker | Mr Jon Yu

Price | \$195 per person (\$50 refund with wine purchase)



News on Badminton Society

Badminton Society Committee Member - An Interview

Sports and Recreation Sub-Committee Representative – **Matt Dance Shuker**

1. How do you feel about being selected as the Badminton Society Chairperson/ S&RSC representative?

Badminton has played a central role in my life. It has developed me personally and given me a career in the sport both as a professional player and latterly running a business in Hong Kong. As such, giving back to the sport that has given me so much was a very natural move and one that I was very happy to make. Helping younger kids enjoy the sport provides great fulfilment for me.



2. What is your aspiration for the Badminton Society?

I'd really like the Badminton Society to harness the interest of the sport in Hong Kong (it's Hong Kong's most popular sport) and bring some of that passion and desire into HKFC through the number of players enjoying badminton both recreationally and at a performance level.

3. What do you look forward to in the coming year regarding development of the Society?

Seeing a grass-roots mini-badminton programme kick off and exploring airbadminton outdoors.

An Exceptional Society Evening

Under the atmosphere of overwhelming health concern, the Society is grateful to still see a lot of members upkeeping their healthy lifestyle. With the coordination from Society committee members and team coach, a well-organised Friday session was held on 7th February 2020.



Society members rotated with each other to enjoy an evening of exciting social badminton games.



Society team coach John Leung coordinated an evening of strong sparring and training programmes for sports preferred members and performance junior players



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HUGH HAMILTON WINE DINNER

Date: Friday 27th March 2020

Venue: The Restaurant

Time: 7:30pm - 8pm (welcome drinks) followed by dinner

Price: \$558 per member / \$618 per members guest

Hugh Hamilton is the 5th generation of the family that planted the first vineyards in Glenelg, Australia in 1837, less than one year after European settlement in South Australia. Their family has the longest continual presence in the Australian wine industry. 180 years on Hugh's iconic flock range includes 'The Floozie', 'The Scoundrel', 'The Rascal' and 'The Scallywag'. Continuing to pioneer varieties in the McLaren Vale, Hugh's flock is far from ordinary.

MENU

Welcome Drink

TRICKSTER Pinot Grigio, Adelaide Hills 2019

Apetizer

Hokkaido Scallops

Pan Seared Turnip Puree, Squid Ink Powder
w / Scallywag Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills 2018

First Dish

Lamb Tagine

Slow Braised with Dried Dates and Spiced, Steamed Couscous
w / MONGREL Sangiovese Blend, McLaren Vale 2018

Main Course

In-House 30 Days Dry Aged USA Prime Rib Eye

Creamy Mash Potatoes, Sautee Green Asparagus
w / RASCAL Shiraz, McLaren Vale 2016
& BLACK OPS Shiraz Saperavi, McLaren Vale 2017

Cheese Plate

Montebore / Provolone Del Monaco / Gorgonzola Piccante

w / VILLAIN Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale 2016

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

All the above wines will be served in limited quality.

Cancellation or amendments must be emailed to the restaurant and must be made before Tuesday 17th March 2020 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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