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## HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

### MISSION STATEMENT

**Vision:** To be recognised as one of the leading Sports Clubs in the world.

**Mission:** To deliver quality services on the principles of accountability, consistency and transparency.

To develop an organizational culture that recognises the importance of staff contribution and commitment.

To facilitate the development and participation of recognised sporting activities.

**Values:** Being accountable – to communicate, consult and provide information.

Living within our means – to plan ahead within available resources.

Developing a culture of service – to encourage commitment, integrity, courtesy and responsiveness.

Managing for performance – to set the direction and develop the necessary skills.

**Aims:** To provide the services the Membership needs.

To improve the quality of Club life.

To up-hold the Constitution and Bye-laws.

To encourage Members to play their part in the Club.

#### General Committee

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## The Thoughts of the Chairman

Isn't it amazing how time flies as we approach the end of season for our own sporting Sections, it seems like only yesterday that I was writing about the start of them! The **HKFC Hockey 6s** has just finished with the highlight being the 125th Anniversary Exhibition Match which was extremely well received by those watching it. And, we still have the **HKFC Citibank International Soccer Sevens** to go over the weekend of the **13th to 15th May**. As in previous years there will be a number of former elite players here for the Masters and in the Main Cup tournament we have Aston Villa, Glasgow Celtic, Glasgow Rangers and Ajax. Making their debut we have Liverpool along with, for the first time ever, a team from South America, Boca Juniors! I encourage all Members to come down and watch this fantastic tournament that has been held at the Club since 1999.

The **125th Anniversary Family Fete** held on 16th April went exceptionally well and we had more than 1,000 Members and their families come down to the Main Pitch to enjoy the events which ended with a performance by Blush. We will culminate our 125th Anniversary celebrations with the **Anniversary Ball** to be held on **4th June 2011** and Members are encouraged to sign up early as we have already sold more than half the tables!

At time of writing we will be hosting the **Asian 5 Nations (A5N)** match Hong Kong v Japan on the **Saturday 30th April** but perhaps a better date for your diary would be **Saturday 21st May** when we host the A5N match Hong Kong v United Arab Emirates. As we expect a number of Members to be playing for Hong Kong, you are all encouraged to come down and support the home side!

You will note from the adjacent photograph that I am pictured with none other than **Lawrence Dallaglio** the ex-captain of the England Rugby Union team and Rugby World Cup winner, along with some GC Members and Rugby Section committee members. I was delighted to be able to present him with an Honorary Membership of the Club on the Thursday of the Rugby Tens.

See you at the Club!

**FOOK AUN CHEW**  
Chairman



## From the Desk of Mark Pawley

It's been a fabulous end to April, weather-wise and let's hope the sun stays out through May as well. As the Chairman has noted the 125th Anniversary Family Fete was, from the many comments made on the day, particularly well received, and we are now looking into the possibility of repeating the event at some stage next year.

Looking at the Food and Beverage promotions on the pages ahead for May, I note a very heavy slant towards Italy!! In fact, so much so, that all our Outlets will, in one form or another, during the month of May, be celebrating many of the food and wines that Italy provides. One thing not to miss is the **Viva Italia** evening with **Chef Julian's Discovery Menu** with wine (Italian, of course), which is on **Friday 27th May**. Whilst I always say it is good to book early for these popular evenings, they really do fill out quickly so, to avoid disappointment, please do pick up the phone and make a reservation as soon as possible.

The Restaurant (apart from the above) will also be putting on a **Mediterranean Sunday Brunch with Live Jazz** as well as an **All-You-Can-Eat Italian Buffet** on Sunday evenings all throughout the month. One thing not "Italian" in the Restaurant will be the aptly named **Nice to "Meat" You** promotion. Not sure I need to explain this one too much but suffice to say that the "meat" will be all US Prime quality!

The Coffee Shop will have its own **Italian Food Corner Buffet** available every Friday and Saturday evening in May and the Sportsman's Bar will have a special Italian menu throughout the month.



### **NOTICE TO MEMBERS:**

At the March 2011 General Committee Meeting it was agreed that the Club's Mission Statement should be changed to read ***"To be recognised as one of the leading sports clubs in the world"*** as opposed to being "recognized as the leading sports club in the territory".

Whilst many of the league sporting seasons have finished don't forget that there is a plethora of "LIVE" sport to be watched on TV. To that end why not come down to the Sportsman's Bar in May to watch the **English F.A. Cup final** on **Saturday 14th May** and the **Football League Championship Final** on **Monday 30th May**. And, for rugby buffs we have the **Heineken Cup final** on **Saturday 21st May** and the **Premiership Final** on **Saturday 28th May**. And, don't forget, we will be showing **Super 15's** as well. Please check notice boards closer to the time for more information.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

**MARK PAWLEY**  
General Manager



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(From L to R): Ms. Chan Ching Kuk (Housekeeping); Mr. Pawley;  
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# Buon Gusto!

All eyes are on Italy during the month of May.

All the F&B outlets will be offering a taste of Italy, from an Italian wine promotion to a special Italian dish/menu.

We look forward to you joining us at our Italian GourMay at the Club!

**Buon Gusto!**

From a big Bolognese ragu to simple Sicilian sardines, Italian dishes are sources of great local pride in the places that developed them.

### Importance of Place

Some dishes are so closely connected to place that they've assumed the name of their town of origin. In Italy, ordering la Fiorentina gets you a grilled T-bone; una Milanese, a breaded veal chop.

### Family Traditions

Traditional Italian regional cuisines were perfected in home kitchens. Shared among family and friends over generations, it's no wonder we serve Italian food when the brood's all together.

### Exceptional Ingredients

Italian cuisine offers a whole world of ingredients--fresh seafood, seasonal veggies, cured meats, beautiful cheeses, savoury herbs--prepared in different styles, from simple to elaborate ways of cooking.



# VIVA ITALIA

## Chef Julian's "Discovery Menu"



### IN THE RESTAURANT

**Date: Friday 27th May**

**Time: 7pm to 11pm**

**Price: \$398 per person or \$350 (exclusive of wine)**

This very popular monthly event is a great way to spend with family and friends, and it was completely sold out last month. Please do try and book early.

A 4 course menu inclusive of 2 selected wines served generously with your meal.

This month's theme is all about Italy.

\*\*There will be No "A La Carte" available on the evening.

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

Last day for cancellation:  
Monday 23rd May

**\*\* Cancellations made after this date will be charged in full to the Member's account, unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

#### 1st Course

Vintage Balsamic Glazed Duck Breast with Spinach and Cep-Lentils Salad

*This dish makes a novel starter. Duck is cooked medium rare to ensure it is juicy and full of flavour*

\*\*\*\*\*

#### 2nd Course

Chorizo Sausage and Red Wine Risotto with Gorgonzola Crostini

*A smashing combination of flavours united on one plate*

\*\*\*\*\*

#### 3rd Course

Polenta-crusted Rack of Lamb with Potato and Artichoke al forno

*This is an ace partnership. When you take a bite of the lamb, the crunchy polenta crust gives great contrast to the tender meat*

\*\*\*\*\*

#### 4th Course

Lavender Pannacotta

*Lavender, with its natural relaxant properties and subtle flavour, adds a delicate floral suggestion to this dessert*

\*\*\*\*\*

Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee

#### Wines Selected From Italy

**White Wine: San Silvestro Coccinella Piedmonte DOC Cortese, 2008**

**Red Wine: San Silvestro Ottone Piedmonte DOC Barbera, 2009**

\$398 per person

(Inclusive of dinner and free flow of 2 selected wines)

or

\$350 per person (exclusive of wine)

## GENERAL PROMOTIONS

### LET'S DO LUNCH AT THE CLUB

#### The Restaurant

Monday to Friday  
Noon to 2.30pm  
Set Lunch with Starter Buffet  
2 Courses: \$150  
3 Courses: \$170

#### The Coffee Shop

Asian and Western Buffet  
Monday to Sunday  
Noon to 2.30pm  
\$120 (Adult)  
\$70 (Child)

#### The Chairman's Bar

Express Set Lunch  
Monday to Friday  
Noon to 2.30pm  
4 Courses: \$98

### CATERING SERVICE

The Club has a professional catering service team for Members offering a wide variety of value-added packages to suit your needs and occasions: Business meeting, cocktail party, private dinner event, barbeque party or even children's birthday celebrations – all are catered for!

For enquiries and bookings call the Catering Office on 2830 9513 or email to [catering@hkfc.com](mailto:catering@hkfc.com)

### FAMILY POOL PARTY

with **Monster Inflatable**

**Friday 20th May**

**from 6.30pm to 10.00pm**

**\$228 per Adult; \$148 per Child (age 3-12)**

Make the most of the pool this month.

On Friday 20th May the inflatable will be in the pool from 6.30pm to 10pm. Guests are welcomed and a buffet will be available from served from 6.45pm to 9.15p.m)

This is a booking event and the Poolside will only be "open" after 6.30pm on the day of the event to Members (and their guests) who have booked. The pool will be closed to non-participants from 5.30pm onwards.

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Please contact Kenny on 2830 9504 or email: [Kenny\\_chu@hkfc.com](mailto:Kenny_chu@hkfc.com) for reservations.

## WINE SALES COUNTER

"Super Wine and Food Fair"

Friday, 6th May to Sunday 22nd May

- Great selection of food and wine for take away
- Large price range, there is something for every food and wine enthusiast
- Daily wine tasting

#### OPENING HOURS

Ground Floor Lobby

Monday to Friday from 12 noon to 9pm

Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays  
from 10.30am to 9pm



# To Mother with Love

*Sunday 8th May*

When we are happy, Mums are there to share the joy. When we are confused, they offer clarity and advice. When we are feeling down, their comforting words help pick up our spirits and make us feel good again. They are our Mums and have looked after us from day one, and continue to do so long after we think we can take care of ourselves. More than just our protectors, they nurture us, teach us and are unwavering in their love and support.

On Mother's Day we have the opportunity to show Mums how much they mean to us by putting them in the spotlight for the day and treating them to wonderful meals and showering them with special gifts.

We have spared no effort in creating an extra-special occasion and have prepared a variety of quality dining and entertainment options to suit whatever happens to be Mum's particular favourite.

## *In the Restaurant*

**Musical Mother's Day Brunch  
with unlimited Sparkling Wine  
from 11.00am to 2.30pm**

\$298 per Adult

\$148 per Child (age 12 and under)

\*All Mothers ordering Brunch will receive a special gift

**International Dinner Buffet with  
an Italian Influence  
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

\$328 per Adult

\$168 per Child (age 12 and under)

\*All Mothers will receive a gift as token of this Dinner.

\*Each diner will receive a Snow Crab cake with Bloody Mary Sauce

\*No A la Carte available on that day for Lunch and Dinner

For a reservation please call the Restaurant at 2830 9562 or email at [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com).

Booking is required.



## *In the Coffee Shop*

**Mother's Day Celebration Lunch Buffet  
from 12 noon to 2:30pm**

\$228 per Adult

\$128 per Child (age 12 and under)

\*All Mothers ordering the Buffet will receive a special gift.

**Loving Mum Dinner Buffet  
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

\$278 per Adult

\$168 per Child (age 12 and under)

\*All Mothers enjoying the Buffet will receive a gift.

\* Very Limited A la Carte available on that day for Lunch and Dinner

For a reservation please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 or email at [coffeeshop@hkfc.com](mailto:coffeeshop@hkfc.com).

Booking is required.



◆ RESTAURANT ◆



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**NICE TO “MEAT” YOU**

**in the Restaurant**

**every night in May (except Sunday)**

**from 6.30pm to 10.30pm**

The taste of U.S premium meat prevails at the Restaurant every night.

In a class of its own, our Steak menu consists of various grilled U.S. meat specialties as well as a selection of starters to go with the steaks. Meat lovers, you are in for a real treat....

You can enjoy a luscious dessert to round off the feast.

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for reservation or email: [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)

**MEDITERRANEAN SUNDAY BRUNCH WITH LIVE JAZZ**

**in the Restaurant and Chairman’s Bar**

**every Sunday from 11am to 2.30pm**

**throughout the month of May**

Our Popular Sunday Brunch continues in May with a themed musical performance to set the mood. A Jazz duo will get your feet tapping while you enjoy your brunch.

\$238 per Adult (with sparkling wine)

\$128 per Child (with soft drinks and chilled juice)

*Dress Code: Club Casual – No Collarless T-shirts, no Flip Flops, no short Casual Shorts (Knee length – no beach wear). Ladies are required to dress to a comparable standard.*

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for reservation or email: [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)



**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT ITALIAN BUFFET**

**in the Restaurant**

**every Sunday for Dinner**

**throughout the month of May**

**from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

At the all-you-can-eat Italian Buffet we will be offering a selection of dishes from the sun-baked shores of Italy.

Come and join us!

\$225 per Adult

\$128 per Child (age 12 and under)

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or email: [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)



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◆ COFFEE SHOP ◆

**THEMED BUFFET IN MAY: ITALIAN FOOD CORNER**

**in the Coffee Shop**

**Fridays and Saturdays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

**throughout the month of May**

Italian food isn’t just about pasta; there is antipasti, pizza, rice, meats, cheese and fabulous zuppas! To enjoy a slice of Italy, come to our Italian Buffet.

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



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## HIGH TEA SET

**in the Coffee Shop  
every day from  
3pm to 5.30pm**

The High Tea begins with savoury finger sandwiches. Crusts are removed from freshly baked white and brown breads and the delicate slices are filled with an assortment of smoked salmon, egg, chicken, cream cheese and cucumber.

Warm scones arrive next, made from a secret recipe that our Pastry Chef has used for more than 20 years. They are served with glistening homemade jam and Devonshire clotted cream.

The final course is the pièce de resistance, the platter of cakes and tartlets, served with tea or coffee.

## ‘AROMASTER’ – A WINE TASTING GAME

**in the Chairman’s Bar**

**Monday to Saturday nights just got a whole lot more fun ...**

AROMASTER is a wine tasting educational tool and a friendly game, designed by professionals as a library of wine smells, combining the 80 most common wine aromas, bouquet and faults found in sparkling, white, red and sweet wines across the globe.

The Aromaster kit also includes a wine aroma wheel which lists the world's most famous grape varieties and points out their typical aromas in warm and cool growing conditions.

Bring your guests to the Chairman’s Bar to try out this new board game. Players compete on their ability to identify wine aromas by travelling across the wine producing regions of the world. It’s both fun and educational!



## ◆ CHAIRMAN’S BAR ◆

### OYSTERS WITH SPARKLING WINE IN THE EVENING

**in the Chairman’s Bar  
every day from 6.30pm to 10.30pm**

The Chairman’s Bar is offering a happy-hour special.

- *Get two jet-fresh oysters and a glass of Angove Sparkling for just \$98 or*
- *6 oysters and a glass of Angove Sparkling for \$100 or*
- *12 oysters and a glass of Angove Sparkling for \$190*



### “WINE-DERFUL” WINE CAROUSEL

**in the Chairman’s Bar  
every day from 6pm to 10pm  
throughout the month of May**

From 6pm until 10pm daily, you can enjoy 2 hours of free-flowing wines specially selected to match this winter season at a set price of **\$130 per person**. Alternatively you can select any two wines for only **\$68**.

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



## MAY IN THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR



### *On the Food and Beverage front:*

## SPECIAL MENU WITH ITALIAN FLAVOURS

In the month of May, we are marking the arrival of warm weather by lightening our food offering with a special menu full of Italian flavours.

Plenty to keep most of you at the Sportsman's Bar happy during the month of May. Please keep up to date by checking the Club website and all Sportsman's Bar notice boards.

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

### **OPENING HOURS**

**As the Mini Soccer and Mini Rugby training seasons are coming to an end, starting from June, the Sportsman's Bar will open at 11am on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays until further notice.**

### *On the Screen:*

The month of May is all about End of Season Cup Finals.

In Soccer, there are some big games at the Wembley Stadium, including the **English FA Cup Final** on **Saturday 14th May**, the **UEFA Champions League final** on **Saturday 28th May 2011**, and the **2011 Football League Championship play-off final** on **Monday 30th May**.

For those not able to stay up so late we will be replaying the games the next day. Mark your calendars, and please check the notices for final timings.

Our very own **International Soccer 7's** tournament is back with a bang on the weekend of **Friday 13th to Sunday 15th May**. Building on our past experience we have put together some great food and beverage delights that will be available "Pitch-side" throughout the weekend.

In Rugby, we have the **Heineken Cup Final** on **Saturday 21st May**, and the **Guinness Premiership Final** on **Saturday 28th May**.

In our own "backyard", we play host again the **HSBC Asian 5 Nations**, with Hong Kong vs United Arab Emirates on **Saturday 21st May** in the afternoon.

Other highlights on the screens include:

In F1 racing, **Turkish Grand Prix** on **Sunday 8th May**, the **Spanish Grand Prix** on **Sunday 22nd May** and the **Monaco Grand Prix** on **Sunday 29th May**.

In Tennis, the **French Open, Roland Garros**, starts on **Sunday 22nd May** and the Final will be played on **Sunday 5th June**.

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# FRANK BROWNE *and his* CLUBMEN *of* RENOWN

He was a little fellow in a white coat. He landed in Hong Kong in 1893 and sailed away in 1915. For the intervening 22 years he earned his keep as chief chemist at the Civil Hospital – not the most exciting of jobs perhaps, except when bubonic plague invaded in his second year. But he had a passion that was larger than the working life he led. By the time he returned to England, he had served the HKFC as a dedicated official for twenty years in succession, had overseen the winning of the Club's first competitive silverware in 1899 and 1908, and had been instrumental in the proper establishment of the Hong Kong Football Association. The chemistry that Frank Browne loved the most was Soccer.



Club's Shield Champion XI of 1899 – Standing on the far right is the diminutive figure of Frank Browne, HKFC Honorary Secretary that year, later President. Captain H.W. Looker is the man with the ball, A.R. Lowe is centre of back row with H.R.B. (Dick) Hancock second from left. Fred Kew is seated on the ground in front, his brother Chad at far right of the row behind him. (See page 25 of *'along the sports road.'*)

(Courtesy of HSBC Asia-Pacific Archives)

## A signature twinkle

He came down the gangplank with a twinkle in his eye, the same twinkle that would become his signature, plus two qualifications. One ensured his recruitment and shipment to the East as 'Analyst' at the hospital, the other was a Soccer referee's certificate issued by the London Football Association. In 1895-96 he took over the responsibilities of Honorary Secretary at the HKFC – a post he would 'reluctantly,' in his own words, said with a laugh, hold on to for the next decade. It was no coincidence that, all at once, things began to happen on the local Soccer scene.

That season the first inter-club Soccer competition was staged, with seventeen sides contesting the Hongkong Football Challenge Cup. The next season the tournament became the Challenge Shield. In 1898-99, Frank Browne finally had the Club recruits he needed to mix together and come up with a formula that turned them into winners. The players in Club's 1899 champion XI would do more than play winning Soccer. A selection were

destined to contribute to Hong Kong more broadly off the pitch, in renowned fashion.

## Class of 1899

First there was the Club Captain, solicitor H.W. Looker, who came to Hong Kong in 1894. In October 1898, kicking off what was an historic football season, he was co-donor of a 'handsome silver challenge cup,' the trophy for the first six-a-side Soccer tournament organised at HKFC. Herbert Looker became a partner of famed legal eagle Victor Hobart Deacon, and in 1907 was one of seven subscribers who founded the Law Society of Hong Kong, his name being listed with other historic monikers in law like Master, Harston, Hastings and Wilkinson. In 1920, Looker left for England where he reputedly launched a career as an MP. He died in 1951, aged 80.

Then there was The Flyer – Manchester-born chartered accountant A.R. Lowe, who played with a bandaged knee and took over from Looker as Club Captain from 1900 to 1902. Lowe's

name endures in Hong Kong. The accounting firm that is the descendant of the practice he founded in 1902 today annually checks the HKFC books; meanwhile there are other membership clubs that still make out a traditional cheque for their audit fee to 'Lowe, Bingham & Matthews.' In 1920, A.R. Lowe was elected by the Justices of the Peace as an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, where he liked to annoy the administration by standing up for the rights of the 'little man,' on matters such as overcharging by the telephone company, faulty Government accounting when it came to fair distribution of opium revenues, and constitutional reform. In 1924, Lowe died in Matilda Hospital of complications from typhoid fever, aged just 50.

## The Brothers Kew

And there was Frank Browne himself. In 1903 he retired as HKFC Hon. Secretary, moved on to the Club Committee and was elected President in 1905, again in 1906, then stayed in the role de facto for several years, sitting in at meetings as proxy for a succession of absent superiors who had more public priorities. By 1908, the year the Club XI won its second Challenge Shield, moves were afoot to set up a Football League, a scheme that Browne was initially against. Sensibly deciding to swim with the tide, he initiated the establishment of a Hong Kong Football Association, of which he was Chairman. Due to affiliation with the English FA not being recognised as the vital credential it was, it failed.

One Clubman played in both the 1899 and 1908 Shield victories, as the goalkeeper. He was Fred, younger of the Brothers Kew born in 1873 and the first man with Chinese blood to pull on a Club football shirt. Chad Kew was a qualified dentist, having learned his skills as an apprentice to legendary American entrepreneur-dentist Dr Joseph Wittlesey Noble. In 1899, Fred was learning the dental trade himself, in his brother's surgery at 39 Queen's Road, above A. Tack's furniture store. Chad Kew moved to Shanghai, then to England just before his death in 1951; Fred died a year later in the USA.

## Dab hand Dick Hancock

In 1908, Fred Kew had still been a brilliant goalie at the age of 35. Equally brilliant at the other end of the field was striker Oscar Eager, who worked for Shewan, Tomes & Co., a trading company which regularly provided recruits for HKFC sides. One, a member of the 1899 Champion Club XI who that year travelled from Canton (Guangzhou) to play, was H.R.B. (Dick) Hancock. He became Hong Kong's longest-serving sports official of his era. Cricket was his other strength, enough for him to be Hong Kong's interport skipper. He was also



(Courtesy of HSBC Asia-Pacific Archives)

**LEFT:**  
Club's Shield Champion XI of 1908 – Oscar Eager is at far right of front row, Fred Kew is second from left in back row. Frank Browne is not in this picture; that year he was the stand-in President at HKFC meetings. (See page 35 of '*along the sports road*').

a dab hand at tennis and rackets. When the HKFA formed for the second time, successfully, in time for season 1913-14, Hancock was elected the FA's inaugural President. He also accepted the Football Club Presidency for 1917-18, then was elected President of the Hong Kong Cricket Club in 1922, a post he retained all through his years in Stanley internment camp (where Oscar Eager in January 1945 was a fatal victim of a stray bomb during an Allied air attack) before stepping down in 1947. He died soon after.

Dick Hancock, the only post-Pacific War survivor in Hong Kong of Frank Browne's Clubmen of Renown of 1899 and 1908, would have sat with his HKFC mentor for the last time at a meeting in 1915 of the reformed HKFA, of which Browne was Vice-President. It was the year the little chemist with the perpetual twinkle sailed home to England. A nervous voyage it would have been, with German U-boats and raiders about. Frank Browne's other job, Soccer, was done: his HKFA was this time set to survive, and at the end of season 1915-16 the Club XI would win its third Challenge Shield, in his genuinely reluctant absence. ■

*By Denis Way*

**BELOW:**  
A 1945 USAAF photo of a bombing raid on occupied Japanese facilities around Victoria Harbour. The docks in Hung Hom have been hit, as have some of the shipping in the harbour; a Zero fighter can be seen (above the Tsimshatsui area in the photo) rising and wheeling into the attack. A stray bomb from a raid like this one on 16 January 1945 hit Stanley internment camp where Dick Hancock was imprisoned. One of the fatalities was Oscar Eager, member of the Club Champion Shield XI of 1908. (See page 96 of '*along the sports road*').  
In the foreground at far left can be seen the Happy Valley Race Course and HKFC grounds to its north which at the time were being used as a worksite for the sculpting of the Japanese War Memorial being erected on Mount Cameron.



# Rugby News

## Captain's Message



**Peter Tattersall**  
Rugby Section Captain

As the dust settles on another season at Sports Road, we take this opportunity to look back on two unfortunate incidents that will cast a permanent cloud on the 2010 / 2011 season. As is well documented now, two of our brothers **Ben Kende** and **Adam Woolliscroft** suffered severe neck injuries while playing the sport they love. Adam, here in HK in October, playing in the blue and white hoops and Ben in August playing in National colours for Hong Kong for the Under 20's in Bangkok.

Adam was fortunate to walk off the pitch post initial injury before seeking medical attention and was rushed to hospital where he started a process of painstaking operations before being informed that the break wasn't going to cause permanent damage and there would be light at the end of the tunnel in the coming months. As a sign of the strength and determination of the man and the bond between players in the Section, seven months post injury, he is running the **Great Wall of China Marathon** in aid of Ben. We will support this in full so please give whatever you can, please see the flyer Adam has put together (*see opposite*).

Ben was less fortunate, however, just like we did for Bali, just like we would do if it happened again, the rugby community here in Hong Kong and globally has pulled together to support him. Due to the seriousness of the injury, a foundation needed creating to put in place a plan to raise funds for Ben to aid his recovery and get him into the best possible form of health and plan for his future. Players, parents, teachers, friends and members from the HKRFU joined together to help form a committee and numerous groups, organizations, schools, bars have pledged their support through helping sell t-shirts across 7's week. Here are just a few we owe a lot of thanks to;

**HKRFU, HKFC, Rugby clubs across Hong Kong, Island School, Australian International School, West Island School, South Island School, Carmel School, Solas, Stormies, Typhoon, Pickled Pelican, Kila, Mes Ami, Pure Red, Kukri, Escapade, Pure Fitness .**

The foundations inaugural fundraiser was through the selling of "The Ben Kende Foundation t-shirt". The shirt was designed by **Clym Everden** and printed and manufactured by Cheong Tai International Holdings Ltd, we thank you so much for your support and the quick turn around to even make this possible.

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This rabble got together during the Hong Kong 10's tournament to show their support. Players from Football Club with Natasha Kende (centre with ball) Isabella Kende (third from RHS at the front) and their female friends, I don't think the guys were moaning about taking time off from playing for this photo.



Legends of the sport of rugby, Stephen Nolan and Daithi O'Connell caught up with some old friends, Keith Wood and Jonah Lomu to don the t-shirt.



Look at the smugness.....Tash doesn't look too worried about the situation either.



## Running for Charity, because *I STILL CAN!*

By Adam Woolliscroft



Often in those moments before scoring a try your adrenaline levels spike giving you a heightened level of perception commonly known as a rush. Sometimes this means that you remember every Milli second in high definition, slow motion. My last adrenaline fuelled charge towards the opposition's try line has lodged just like this in my memory.

With the impact there was a mighty crack. It was the crack of bone breaking. When the bone is so close to your ears you hear it internally and externally simultaneously and it's a very nasty noise. My body went limp with nervous terror. I lay there intertangled amongst about five or six other players. I think I was holding my breath. The players got up and carried on with the game and I found myself alone, lying on my back on the pitch, looking at the sky with a horrific sense of dread in my stomach.

Time went very slowly indeed. I was no longer aware of my surroundings or anything else. It was just me lying on my back on the pitch knowing that I had to try and raise my arms and the very scary part, that it might not work.

I was lucky, very, very lucky!



The following month involved a rather unpleasant series of events, many of which have left nice little souvenirs on various parts of my body. The hospital was great and the care fantastic. I have some genuinely great stories about specific parts of the surgery that I'm sure will stay with me forever! I would have loved to have been visited by Christian Cullen, but it was far, far more important that I managed to pee at that particular moment in the evening, and thus avoid insertion of the catheter, whilst conscious!! I'm incredibly grateful for all the support from family, team-mates and friends during the surgery as it really does make an incredible difference... Thank you all very much. Recovery is like any big project and needs to be broken down into manageable and achievable chunks. Each of these needs requires focus and needs to be nailed before progressing onto the next challenge. The next big challenge for me is to complete the ***Great Wall of China Marathon***, on **Sunday 22nd May**. To go from the massive trauma of a broken neck, on October 9th and be focused on completing a marathon, and a tough marathon, just seven months later, is pretty punchy.

I'm running this one to raise money for a combination of fellow HKFC player, Ben Kende, who has not been as lucky and also the bigger picture, which is stem cell research.

Sponsoring me is easy!!!!

For donations to Ben, simply send an email to this address [ben@sdilimited.com](mailto:ben@sdilimited.com) and let me know your HKFC membership number and how much. As it's a special circumstance, the Footie Club will help by collecting the funds from your account. EASY!! Please do it now!

For donations to Stem Cell research, and non-Members, simply click [Donate now](#) at [www.justgiving.com/adam-woolliscroft](http://www.justgiving.com/adam-woolliscroft)

It's obviously a great and very relevant cause, so your generosity is incredibly appreciated.

## RUGBY

As cheques and donations are still coming in but believe to be over the HKD1 Million mark which has really made a difference and got the ball rolling. Now the foundation has a website - [www.benkende.com](http://www.benkende.com) where they is information about Ben's injury donation links, photos and contact details. The website will be continually updated as the foundation gains traction but we can't thank everyone enough for the support that has been given to Ben in such a short time. Seeing so many people wearing the t-shirt on the Sunday at the 7's and all the text messages go up on the big screen showed that there is a massive support behind Ben and the foundation and let this continue for many years to come. There will be announcements through the usual rugby channels and on the website regarding upcoming fundraising events and we look forward to seeing you there, supporting Benny boy.

Happy Easter from the Rugby Section.

*Tatts.*

### Comments from the Rugby Section Chairman

**O**n the 125th anniversary of the Hong Kong Football Club, we have made substantial progress with the end of the 2010-11 season and as we look forward to the 2011-12 season in playing and celebrating as 'one club', a major goal and dream for the Rugby Section.

In April we were proud to host the **Taipan's Game** as a centerpiece of the Section's celebration of the 125th anniversary. HKFC President **Dermot Agnew** chose the President's XV to play against the first fifteen chosen by a leading figure from the Hong Kong business community. We were honoured to host the Taipan's XV chosen by **Chris Pratt**, CBE, Chairman of

within the top division, as well as Club winning the League.

Other teams in the senior section performed well given most were playing in higher divisions than the past and a number of divisions were more competitive with additional teams. Dragons came sixth in the expanded first division with wins against the likes of Causeway Bay, Cricket Club and Valley Black (twice), traditionally strong contenders in the first division. Not only did Dragons play in a higher division, they performed well at this competitive level while providing players for the Club side. An amazing effort.

Scorpions competed well all season in the expanded second division with strong games against DEA's second team, Cricket Club, Kowloon and the Nomads' first side as well as the PLA.

It was a tough, grinding season in third division. Select and Sequins found themselves playing in a higher league. There were some great victories for Select, combined with the team's strong social spirit and the prospect of winning the Venus Cup yet again. The Sequins had a wake up call early in the season, losing three games in three weeks after not having lost one for two seasons. They finished second, unfortunately losing in the grand final showdown with Kowloon's purpose-built anti-Sequins machine.

In the fourth division, the Bulls had a very strong season with great spirit. The side won the Grand Championships with a convincing win over Valley Griffins, 18-3. Congratulations Bulls! The team is serving the Section well, providing players for higher divisions and we anticipate a number of Colts to continue moving into the side in the near future.

The Contemptibles (over 35s) enjoyed an opportunity to stretch their legs on the pitch with matches against HSBC and Old Bill. However, the experienced players are struggling to find opposition. They are ready, willing and able to put on their boots, 9pm any Thursday throughout the year with the promise of a cold drink afterwards.

...teams have worked well to support each other with players and reserves this season – a task made easier now that we are all wearing the same jersey – as well as turning up at games to cheer each other from the stands...

Swire Pacific and Cathay Pacific. Matches were also held for other senior, colts and mini rugby players. It was great to see a significant turnout to celebrate the history which you are part of. The Taipan's match was launched in 1951 based on the Barbarians concept of forming a team of the best players and we are proud to relive the tradition in this special celebration year.

Wrapping up the 2010-11 season, Newedge Club made us proud by winning the First Division League championship though were disappointingly knocked out in the semi finals for the Grand Championship. The Club first team remains extremely positive and confident it has a very capable squad of players that will continue to deliver the right results in the 2011-12 season. This past season was vital for Club and Dragons as they formed a solid group of players who have stuck together and developed into a very strong squad. Both teams consistently performed throughout the season and this resulted in a strong performance for the Dragons

Colts Rugby is deepening its connections with the senior rugby section. This year the U 18s have played four times on a Saturday before the seniors sides. Those were 15-a-side games (won 2 lost 2) with the prospect of 2 more to come and a Sevens tournament to end the season. Two players from the squad have been playing with the Bulls and many others are lining up to join them in the Senior ranks. The 14s and 16s have been busy with league games and several players from each squad are training with the Hong Kong representative teams trying to make selection at the 14, 16 and 18 levels.

Teams have worked well to support each other with players and reserves this season – a task made easier now that we are all wearing the same jersey - as well as turning up at games to cheer each other from the stands. Together with our social events which provide opportunities for players to build bonds across teams, there has been significant progress towards 'one club'.

In its 125th year, the Section continues to build on its status as one of the best places in the Asia Pacific region for rugby. It was recognized as such with visits from international rugby stars who contributed to player development by participating in training sessions and also spent time socially with a broad range of players from the U6s through to the First team. Distinguished guests included Rocky Elsom, Australian Wallabies Captain; David Campese, described as one of Australia's greatest rugby players and one of the game's best wingers, who joined Mini Rugby on tour in Kuala Lumpur; and Christian Cullen, regarded as one of the best All Blacks full backs.

As festivals such as the 10s and 7s arrive with the end of the season, the influx of foreign guests and former players who have moved abroad reminds us of the Club's special stature, unique history and role as an international meeting point for the games. A highlight of the HKFC GFI 10s was the entry of the Asia Pacific Barbarians overseen by former All Blacks Captain Sean Fitzpatrick.

Unfortunately, we have had to deal with some discipline incidents this past season. We need to improve in this regard next season. Any players or spectators who are unsatisfied with refereeing should seriously consider qualifying and taking on refereeing duties! Hong Kong rugby needs more referees and the Section should be providing more.

It has been great to see a stronger sense of spirit grow right across the Section together with a deeper commitment to raise the standard of rugby on the pitch while having more fun as a Section. Onwards and upwards to the 2011-12 season when we will continue to pursue the 'one club' vision and dream. ■



## HKFC welcomes Hong Kong Mini Rugby to the Club

**S**unday March 13th saw HKFC open its doors to the thousands of players, coaches and supporters that make up the Hong Kong Mini Rugby scene, to participate in the annual HKFC Festival of Mini Rugby. This is a major event at the Club with some 19 clubs bringing along almost 3,000 players aged from five to the seasoned campaigners of 12-years old. Thanks to all Members for their understanding on the day and to all the Club Staff for their hard work and support.

HKFC's very own tournament organizer specialist, **Case Everaert**, once again did a superb job in scheduling the matches and pitches and, along with the support of the HKFC Mini Rugby committee members and Head Coaches/Coaches, all the many other arrangements required (not least inflating 3,000 miniature souvenir rugby balls the night before!), so that the event ran like clockwork. "As the second biggest Mini Rugby tournament hosted by the Club – the largest was the World Record event in November – and with the sun shining it was a great day for rugby during our 125th anniversary celebrations," said Mini Rugby Chairman **Kevin Taylor**. "The children really enjoyed the day, the rugby was simply superb and it went like clockwork. A big thanks to the organizers." Here's a quick run down from HKFC Mini Rugby Head Coaches on their teams' performances on the day:

### Under 6s

The Mighty Under 6's had a great season this year. It was the first season of mini rugby for the vast majority of the four and five year olds and they all adapted very well. It was very pleasing to see that many of the original squad that signed on before October last year kept turning up week in, week out with great enthusiasm especially when we fielded four teams in our own festival In March.

All four teams - the Dragons, Scorpions, Mini Selects and Bulls - played well. Each team now has a strong team spirit and this showed in how they played in the festival. The Under 6's officially do not keep score, but we came out with a majority of "positive" scoring games. The tougher teams that we have faced all season including Valley Fort and DB Pirates have been fun to watch and see how the Mighty Champs respond to tough competition. The Club future is certainly in good hands if we can keep these kids coming back in the next few years.

The festival would not have been such a great success if it wasn't for the valuable support from the Coaching team and the many parents who helped out as pitch monitors and manning the control desks. It is also very

pleasing to see the community spirit in these events on show and echoes the true values of rugby in HK.

*James Manders, Head Coach*

### Under 7s

After six months of early Sunday morning trainings, the rugby skills and teamwork of the U7s which had been emerging in the past month or so came to the fore at the HKFC festival. Fielding four teams (Bulls, Dragons, Typhoons and Hurricanes), the U7s enjoyed a memorable morning in the sun with a slew of wins, a handful of draws and only a handful of close losses.

An unbeaten tournament for the Dragons showed the progress made over the year, with only a draw against arch rivals Valley Fort preventing a whitewash, as the Stingrays and the Pirates were put to the sword. Find of the season, **Taisei Kawamura** showed strong running skills, the speed of **Oliver Nicholle** caused the opposition headaches as did the usual inventiveness of **Tomos Lewis** and player of the season **Dhruv Kapoor**. **Jimmy O'Donoghue** was robust in defence, and strong support was provided by the reliable

## MINI RUGBY

**King Lau, Mathew Harris** and and the two **Sarah's - Roberts** and **Macpherson**, who always play with a smile on their faces.

The Bulls delivered a solid performance. Most improved player of the season **Marco Conti** put in some devastating attacks and well-timed passes which proved a crucial difference in the games. **Oscar Abernethy** led the charge for the corners and continued working on his trademark tackles. **Connor Bourk** delivered strong runs as he has been all season. **Joe Maguire** and **Trin Gerjarusak** were strong in tackling.

For the Typhoons, the defence was spirited, and attack worthy of a No 8 signal. They won two and just lost by one in the last game. **James Simpson** dominated defence, tackling players of any size. **William Broomhead** was a consistent try scorer with his fleet-footed side step. **Jyoji Schloss's** game started to come together well with good runs to find space. **Hayden Yu** also opened up play with strong charges. **Riina Sasaki** had some brilliant running bursts close to the line. **Hamish Hulme** delivered consistent attacks, with a clever side step. **Alexander Tom, James Watts** and **Bryan Wong** provided strong support. **Freddie Skrine's** game-changing charges contributed significantly.

The Hurricanes played well with two wins and one loss. **Cai Bredbury** put in a determined performance, hungry to get over the line. **Alasdair Emmett** had great ball possession. **Coco Nate** was dedicated in her efforts to push the team forward while running the ball up. **Thalia Serjeant** positioned herself well in the eye of the storm with strong running and good tackling. **Dylan Lindeque kept** close to the ball, passed well and demonstrated strength in tackling.

*Arwel Lewis. Head Coach*

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### Under 8s

The U8s have progressed famously with every passing tournament in the past six months. Remarkably good application and focus during weekly training sessions have translated into vastly improved skills, organisation and understanding of the game. The results now speak for themselves: of the 18 games our six U8 teams played at the HKFC festival, we won 12, drew two and lost four (all by only one try). Winners' Fanta has never tasted better.

But there is no obsession with winning at U8 level. We have not streamed the children this year to produce winning teams. Rather we've mixed players of all abilities into teams that have become increasingly cohesive under the guidance of three or four coaches per 10-person side. Together they've produced a level of enjoyment of rugby and team spirit that augur well for the players' future engagement in and out of the game. I'd like to thank all of the coaches for all of their help and support this year. Special thanks to coach **Jon Phelps** also for getting the legendary **David Campese** and **Christian Cullen** – among other superstars – to train and play with the U8s.

The festival saw great teamwork from **Alex Teague, Max Phelps, Charlie Edkins, Sophie Bater, Dylan Hughes, Connor Young, Louis Vallier, Joe Denmark, Max Dubow, Doddy Tullis, Clement Beylier, Oliver Lam, Leighton Harris** and **Matthew McCombe**. Well done to them and all their team-mates. And a big shout out to **Case Everaert** – particularly for his conework – and all who helped organise another excellent home festival.

*Tony Shale, Co-Head Coach*

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### Under 9s

In the first warm weather of the season the HKFC U9s had a terrific home festival. We had four squads who all participated in very tough draws against some great opposition. All the teams enjoyed wins and losses but the kids continued to show great improvement in the areas we have been working on including tackles and rucks.

For the Red team **Ryan Lai** was the top try scorer and earned Most Valuable Player. **Sean Lee** won Most Improved for some terrific and determined tackling. For the Blue team **Henry Fordham's** fantastic work in the forwards earned him the Most Valuable Player and **Alex von Torkus** was Most Improved with a great turnaround from the week before.

**Eoin Pickstone** stood out for the Yellow team with a terrific display all over the park. He was well backed up by **Tyler Boddington** (Most Improved) who is really starting to play the way we train. In the Green team **Ben Delf** earned the Most Valuable Award with his best performance of the season. **Oliver Harmer** was easily the team's most

determined and won Most Improved. Congratulations to all the kids.

*Michael Philip, Under 9 Head Coach*

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### Under 10s

Hornet had a terrific tournament winning all their games against the best of the other clubs and firmly establishing themselves as the best team at this age group. They scored some marvelous tries and continuously harried and pushed the opposition back whenever they got the ball. Their best game was against DeA who they had drawn against previously



*Under 10s in action against Valley*

and which they won 5-1 on this occasion. One pleasing aspect of their play is that they are starting to mature as a team and are spreading the ball out to make more use of our speed on the wings.

Raider and Magstrike both had good tournaments and while all players from both teams deserve credit for getting stuck in, there were some great displays of individual brilliance worth mentioning from both **Temana Short** and **Paul Verkade**. Paul is one to watch for the future having only started playing a few weeks beforehand.

Stampede started poorly with a lacklustre performance against a strong DeA team. However after a stiff talking to and rallying call from their coach they significantly improved as the morning progressed and started to believe in themselves. So despite the loss of **Libby** to injury, they started to play with a hunger to win and managed victories in their last two games.

*Alastair Murray, Under 10 Head Coach*



Under 12s FC Blues 2 Bowl Winners



Under 12 FC Blues 1 Plate Winners

## Under 11s

Under **Steve Niven's** stewardship, U11s faced challenges for the HKFC festival, with a number of coaches away and a couple of our rivals requesting help as they could not cover their own refereeing duties. This was compounded by 10 players pulling out on Saturday night / Sunday morning. Team selections were fluid and some players played extra games to fill the gaps. Overall U11 teams lost only two games through the whole day. The teamwork, passing to team mates was very good and the players showed a lot of commitment especially when games were in the balance.

The first team opened against VF1 and it was a tough, physically demanding game. The two sides are quite evenly matched with a strong pack of forwards and very capable backs. On the day FC1 won the game by one try after **Kai Miles** battered his way over the line late in the game. Matches versus DEA1, FK1 and DBP1 were one-sided games with the opposition unable to match the strength of our forwards and speed of our backs. The score line in all three matches was FC1 - 4, opposition - 0. The final game against HKU1 was challenging as the team were beginning to tire and were a little complacent following three convincing victories. However Sandy Bay were worthy opponents putting us under pressure from the kick-off. FC1 were shaken into action as Sandy Bay leveled our early score, but a dazzling run from **Bradley Richardson** down the wing, then across the park, and down the opposite wing sealed the victory.

The whole FC1 team played exceptionally well - the handling from the backs was good with excellent ball delivery from halfback pairing **Gus Spence** and **Jack Abbott**. **Taine Niven**, **Bradley Richardson**, and 'U11 Player of the Season' **Jon Haley** all gained valuable territory as they sashayed down the flanks. The forwards were also very well coordinated winning scrums against heavier packs through better co-ordination. Recent arrival **Josh Pulvirenti** showed very good rucking skills and was always in the middle of the action, and 'U11 Most Improved Player' **Mark Roberts** held up well in the scrum, and was quick to the breakdown.

*Russell Henderson, Under 11 Head Coach*

## Under 12s Plate and Bowl Winners

For the Under 12s the HKFC Festival represents their final festival of competitive Mini Rugby and the big tournament of the season, playing for the Richard Hawkes Trophy, named after a previous long-serving Chairman of HKFC Mini Rugby. Going into this season's tournament as two-time Cup winners, FC Blues 1 were hopeful they could repeat their earlier season's triumphs to lift the big one. Sadly, it was not to be with a Valley Fort side on top form for the day edging out a combative DEA in the Cup final. Blues 1 were left to compete for the Plate and duly won that as some form of consolation. Blues 2 had not won a trophy all year but that was about to change as they advanced to the final of the Bowl and beat a tough HKU2 side to take the Bowl as well deserved winners. Whites also had a good day's rugby competing gamely in the early pool games and then in the Shield competition only to be edged out in the semi after playing some of their best rugby of the season. All in all the Under 12s competition saw some superb rugby played by all clubs and thanks go to **Case Everaert** for his exceptional organization and coordination.

*Chris Plowman, Under 12 Head Coach*

## Girls' Tournament at King's Park



Girls U6s coached by Honorary Treasurer David Howell, pictured here with U14s at Saturday's tournament at Kings Park. Picture courtesy of Jess Morrison

## Men's Captain's "Interim" Report - Season 2010/11

At the time of writing, four HKFC men's teams (4A, 9, 13 and Masters 1) have won their respective league titles with a further five (2B, 5B, 8, 14A and 14B) coming in as runners-up.

Our winning teams have demonstrated great consistency through the year. Congratulation to the players and especially the convenors who kept the momentum going throughout the season. Top ranked players in their leagues have been **Andrew Ward** (with a 100% winning record in Division 4), **Ben Steward** (HKFC 9), **Ross Harding** (HKFC 13) and **Keith Frith** (HKFC M1). Promotions beckon!

Most of the playoffs are well under way at the time of writing with 17 of our 20 teams competing for playoff finals silverware. It may be time to extend the trophy cabinet!

The final run-down of results will be issued next month.

*Malcolm Kerr, Men's Captain*

## Ladies' Captain's Report - Season 2010/11

Well, the season has come to an end and at the time of writing we are still alive in the Division 3 playoffs, so we wish 3B the best of luck for their remaining match and hope they bring home some silverware.

This season proved to be a very strong season and although we thought we had some very competitive teams, other teams in the league seemed to be just as strong or stronger.

Overall it was a great season with the final standings being:

### Division 1

Ladies 1 - 5th

### Division 2

Ladies 2A - 4th Won their first playoff match, however they lost their second playoff match so finished 3rd overall

Ladies 2B - 6th

### Division 3

Ladies 3A - 6th

Ladies 3B - 2nd A draw for 1st place, however they came second on a count back. Still in the playoffs.

Thank you to all the ladies for their effort in the leagues this year and also a big congratulations to the newest and youngest members of the Squash Section with the birth of **Zachery** (**Cheryl Ward**) and **Cameron** (**Susanna Chan**). We hope both mums have a fast recovery and we look forward to seeing you back on court very soon.

*Emma Pike, Ladies' Captain*

## Forthcoming Events

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - Saturday 7th to 28th May 2011

The Club Championships will take place in May, with the finals being held on **Saturday 28th May**. As usual the Championships will include Men's and Ladies Open competitions, Men's and Ladies Masters, together with Plate and Bowl competitions. The Club Championships conclude the 2010/11 Season and HKFC Squash Section members are expected to participate and give their support.

### HKFC SQUASH SECTION AGM - Saturday 28th May 2011

The Squash Section AGM will be held on the afternoon of **Saturday 28th May**, and will commence immediately after the finals of the Club Championships. All Squash Section members are invited (and encouraged) to attend.

### MECO HKFC INTERNATIONAL 3's - Friday 10th to Sunday 12th June 2011

HKFC will be hosting the fifth International 3's team competition sponsored by Mecos, comprising Men's, Ladies and Masters events, and attracting teams from all over the region. This year, being the Club's 125th Anniversary year, we have invited a number of well known professional and other top players from around the region to participate. Further information will be available in due course when all details have been confirmed.

### SQUASH SECTION END OF SEASON PARTY - Saturday 11th June 2011

Mark the date in your diaries for the Squash Section's End of Season Party. It's sure to be a great night out! Social Convenor **Adam Wilson** will provide further details shortly. The committee will also be announcing the winner of this year's competition - Take your Henley HKFC kit travelling. You still have time to submit your entries to [lee.robison@towerswatson.com](mailto:lee.robison@towerswatson.com)

### SUMMER LEAGUES - Dates TBC

As the current Season draws to a close, what better way to maintain fitness and fine form by participating in the Squash Section's Summer Leagues. The Summer Leagues are extremely popular and very social, and are played amongst the HKFC Squash Section only - so it is an internal event where you can get to know and play against others at the Club who you may not know. The Summer Leagues are expected to be held in June, July and August, and further details will be issued to Section members in due course.

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## Captain's Corner

So as most other significant field sports in Hong Kong runs for cover from the summer sun, the soccer in May gets bigger! Yes, we have an absolute soccer fest over 4 weekends during the month.

The 1st of May sees the last game of the Yau Yee League season with Colts looking to retain their 1st division status, Albion hoping to keep the 1st division trophy at the Club and Wanderers attempting to beat their all time bar chit record as they have one final weekend as defending champions.

The following weekend sees the Junior Soccer 7's with teams from all over Hong Kong doing their best to qualify to appear in the finals the following weekend.

The 13-15th of May sees the return of the International Soccer 7's – more of that later.

Then, finally, in what seems to be an annual event now, the curtain on the season comes down to a Wanderers vs Albion winner takes all game for silverware for the 2nd year running. Last year it was for the Yau Yee Division 1 title, this year it is the Division 1 Cup Final on the 22nd at Kings Park. In 2004, Wanderers snatched the Cup from Albion in the final, although in the last meeting of two Club teams in the Cup Final, it was Colts that beat Wanderers on penalties. There are survivors on show from both of those games, so expect fireworks. Both games against the two teams this year have ended in draws – someone will win this one.

In the first division, the 1st team finally won a game and a match report from Freek follows.

In the 2nd division, Lucky Mile bowed out and may well be relegated from the division.

Finally, as part of the 125th Anniversary celebrations, the Section plans to field a team against a team of ex-pros and details of this will follow.

Please try to support the teams as much as you can during the month and especially the Soccer 7's weekend. See you down at the Club.

*Neil Jensen, Soccer Section Captain*

## GREAT WIN FOR 1ST TEAM!

In its battle for survival in Hong Kong's only professional league, the BMA 1st Division, Club's first game of April saw them take on Tuen Muen at Sports Road. Despite being defeated in the away encounter against Tuen Muen (1-0), Club was confident of getting a result. In the opening stages of the game, both sides were set-up nicely resulting in a hard-fought midfield battle. Neither team was able to create any real chances and Club's defence proved to be very solid. However, it was Tuen Muen that scored the opener after 40 minutes. The home side responded immediately and got close to the equalizer on a couple of occasions. Club got its reward when **Gary Gheczy** scored with a powerful header in the closing moments of the 1st half.

...In the opening stages of the game, both sides were set-up nicely resulting in a hard-fought midfield battle...

The 2nd half showed a very similar pattern of play with both sides keeping their shape. It was Club that had most of the possession and controlled the game with Tuen Muen being unable to create anything. Club failed to take several good opportunities in front of goal and the game seemed to be destined for a draw. But in the 89th minute, Tuen Muen's goalkeeper was red-carded for handling the ball outside the penalty box. As a result, Club got given a free kick about 20 meters from goal. **Allan Fraser** stepped up and curled the ball perfectly into the far corner: 2-1. Club managed to hang on to the lead and therefore secured 3 very vital points. A great achievement for the lads and the coaching staff!

*Freek Schipper*

Celebrating the winning goal



## Player's Profile: Tony Bratsanos

### Tournament Director, HKFC International Soccer 7's

#### How and when did the 7's come about?

The first tournament was in 1999, with Carling as the main sponsor. And the pro teams were Blackburn Rovers and Glasgow Celtic, I was Soccer Section Chairman at the time and along with an inaugural committee of **Alan Jackson**, **Tom Henderson** and **Wim Harrington**, we decided that we should look to replicate what the Singapore Cricket Club were doing. It's gone from strength to strength ever since.

#### How are things shaping up for this year?

This may well be our best line-up ever. Teams in the main tournament confirmed so far include Liverpool, Aston Villa, Glasgow Celtic, Glasgow Rangers, Ajax and Boca Juniors. In the Masters there will be an All-Star team and an array of ex-professionals from around the world. It's worth pointing out too that 4 of last year's Villa team have featured regularly in the English Premier League this year, which evidences the quality on show.

#### What difficulties have you faced in organizing this year's tournament?

Well, unfortunately, the title sponsor pulled out in February, which was disappointing due to the fact that it gave us very little time to replace them, not to mention the additional responsibility involved in organizing the event. Fortunately, the Section has been galvanized and we are grateful to the numerous people who have given up their time. We still need volunteers to help over the weekend and it's not too late for people to help out.

#### In organizing the tournament over the years, what disasters have you faced?

Other than losing the sponsor this year, there have been a number of years when the rain has almost washed us out. Fortunately, we have a great Pitch these days, however it was always a challenge on

the grass. We had a Chinese team that turned up at the airport and couldn't get visas and then last year we had the volcanic ash. Oh, and SARS. The less said about that the better!

#### Funniest Incident?

It has to be Neil Morrison's boot flying off when striking a volley. It hit Gordon Strachan in the middle of the forehead, although I dare say it was funnier for us than it was for Gordon.

#### Best game ever seen in the 7's

The final between Chelsea and Instant Dict was a classic. Chelsea went 3-0 up, only to be pegged back to 3-3 and then grabbing a last gasp winner. The atmosphere was possibly the best I've seen.

#### In the Masters and the Main, what are your top 3 players you've seen?

In no particular order:

Main tournament – Barry Bannan and Marc Albrichton (both Aston Villa) and Sergio Ascudero (Urawa Red Diamonds)

Masters tournament – Uwe Bain, Paul Simpson and Anto Grabo.

#### What's the biggest thrill that running the tournament gives you?

To see amateur players get the opportunity to raise their game and play against former heroes and professionals / future stars is very rewarding.

#### Finally, what's your main hope for this year?

That despite the shorter time that we've had to organize the tournament, there will be enough awareness and support from within the Club and the local community to make the event a success in the Club's 125th Anniversary year. ■



Tony Bratsanos

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# Lawn Bowls News



**ABOVE:**  
Chairman's Select Team receiving their 3rd place trophies from the Club's President Dermot Agnew. The team comprised of Thomas, Tammy, Grace and Kevin Kerkow (special guest from Australia)

**ABOVE RIGHT:**  
HKFC-A team beat overseas and local teams to win the Championship. Players Wai Yee, Josephine, Stanley with skip Donald appeared on stage with the Club President at the Prize Presentation Dinner.

## HKFC 125th Anniversary Mixed Fours Competition 2nd and 3rd April

When the Club provided funding to celebrate its 125th Anniversary, the Section jumped at the opportunity to put on a Mixed Fours Competition, inviting teams from around the world and locally in Hong Kong, China and Macau.

The official opening of the competition took place at 9a.m. on 2nd April. It was a Grand Opening on the Indoor Green with a marching band and pipers.

The overseas teams for the competition were introduced. They were from: Canada, New Zealand, Israel, Japan, Thailand, Singapore, and the Philippines. Then those from: Macau, Shenzhen, Zonshan, and Guangzhou and the nine different Hong Kong participating bowling clubs. The rest of the 32 teams were then introduced, they were: a HKLBA team, a Youth team, nine HKFC teams and a Chairman's Select team.

The Chairman's Select team was the brain child of the current Chairman of the Lawn Bowls Section, **Mark Mahoney**. The aim of forming this team was to add a bit of 'spice' to the competition by bringing in to skip the team, **Kelvin Kerkow** from Australia, winner of the 2006 Commonwealth Games Singles.

Kelvin was joined by the Club's male and female champions **Thomas Tam** and **Tammy Tham**, with **Grace Chu** making up the fourth spot. It was agreed beforehand by the Club bowlers in the team that any prize money they won would be donated to a fund to encourage young bowlers to play for our Club.

Once all the teams had assembled, the Section Chairman was piped on to the green to officially open the competition. A moment of silence was asked for to respect those people who had lost lives in the recent tragedies in Japan and New Zealand and then the opening took place. To round it off the skip of each team was asked to roll a wood

**RIGHT:**  
Marching Band from HK Scout Group performing at the Opening Ceremony

**FAR RIGHT:**  
Singapore team vs Japan team





**FAR LEFT:**  
2nd place Plate Winner,  
Singapore Team with Club's  
Chairman Fook Aun Chew

**LEFT:**  
Team from Australia

the length of the green and finally a group photograph was taken of all participating teams.

The teams were divided into four groups for round robin competitions. Teams had to bowl both indoors and outdoors over the two days.

The Cup Final saw: HKFC A team, comprising **Josephine Lam, W.Y Lau, Stanley Luk** and **Donald Wu** playing against KCC

The Cup second runners up final was between the Chairman's Select and Canada.

The Plate final was between Singapore and CCC and the Bowl final between KBGC and the Club G team of **Carole Chau, Wendy Hui, Patrick Mok** and **C.M. Chan**

With Club players playing in three of the four final games taking place simultaneously, the atmosphere was electric. Each game took place over ten ends with the lead in each game going first one way and then the other.

The first game to finish was the Plate final with CCC as winners. This was followed by the Bowl final with KBGC the final winners.

By this time the other two games were down to the last couple of ends and by now the spectators were in full cry.

**Thomas** and **Kelvin** put in the last couple of woods to secure a win for the Chairman's Select over Canada in a wonderfully close game and now it all came down to the last end of the Cup game.

The Club team had at one point been 10 to 1 ahead with **Josephine** as Club lead being in scintillating form but KCC had clawed their way back to 10 to 9. Anyone could win this last end and the final. With **Donald** holding the last wood KCC were one up and a tie break looked likely but Donald had other thoughts. With a beautifully weighted shot he took out the KCC shot wood going two up for the end and winners of the Cup Final. The crowd went wild.

It was a fitting end to a great weekend's competition and one that Club players won't forget in a hurry.

Well done **Donald, Josephine, W.Y** and **Stanley**.

“... the crowd went wild. It was a fitting end to a great weekend's competition and one that Club players won't forget in a hurry.”

**BELOW LEFT:**  
Team from Thailand **BELOW**

**BELOW CENTRE:**  
HKLBA Youth Team playing  
against one of the HKFC  
teams

**BELOW:**  
One of the HKFC teams  
playing against Team  
Phillippines



## Coaching session with Kelvin Kerkow

31st March

As a special guest of the HKFC 125th Anniversary Mixed Fours Competition, Kelvin Kerkow kindly agreed to give a coaching session to Club bowlers in the lead up to the weekend.

Forty-eight bowlers took part in what was to be a very memorable evening. Kelvin had many drills and practices lined up for us but he started off the session by taking us right back to the basics of bowling by reminding us how to hold the wood, how to stand on the mat and how to deliver the wood. For some, it was a re-affirmation of what they already knew, but for others it demystified the reason why they lacked consistency. He held a question and answer session afterwards.

The bowlers were then ready to put into practice what they had heard. Drills were set up on each rink and the bowlers moved from rink to rink, practicing different shots. There was also the added incentive of gaining points in the drills, where the winner would receive an autographed copy of Kelvin's book, *Rolled Gold*.

Perhaps the most pleasing aspect of the evening's session was the laughter to be heard on every rink. Clearly, training can be fun as well as instructional.

Kelvin also managed to have some "one on one" time with most bowlers and at the end of the session, everyone gathered around to thank Kelvin and the Section's many helpers, and to hear who had obtained the most points. Congratulations Wendy on gaining the most points and winning the autographed book!

## Friendly Competition between Club teams and Overseas teams – 1st April

One of the most gratifying aspects of this year's Mixed Fours competition was the number of Club bowlers who formed teams in the hope of gaining one of the nine slots available for Club teams in the main competition.

Eighteen teams and some extra individuals had signed up and competed in the Qualifying Competition and so it was decided that those teams and individuals that had not got through would have the opportunity to play against the overseas teams in a friendly warm up competition on the day prior to the Mixed Fours.

The format for this competition was to

place all the Club teams in one side and all the overseas teams in the other. Each Club team would play an overseas team indoors and then a different overseas team outdoors with points for a win and a draw being awarded. After the two games, the total of each side's points would decide the winners.

Perhaps it was the home green advantage or perhaps it showed the determination of our bowlers that had not got through to the Mixed Fours, but the result was a win to the Club side. Well done to them.

It was a great start to the weekend to come.

## Meet the Players Evening

An exciting part of any competition is when all the players that are about to compete against one another first meet up. There is a general air of anticipation and nervous energy.

Many Club bowlers had already met overseas bowlers in the afternoon's friendly game but the evening also included all the participating local teams.

The Chairman of the Section welcomed everyone. The draw was held to decide who would play against whom in the competition and the conditions of play were outlined.

The most popular part of the evening by far was the Cocktail Party that followed. Old friendships were re-established and new friendships made. It was obvious that it was a success as there was reluctance for anyone to leave. Things certainly bode well for a great weekend ahead.

## Gala Dinner

The Gala Dinner and Prize presentation took place in the Restaurant. It was a sparkling affair with around 200 guests, including the Club President, Dermot Agnew and Mrs Agnew, the Club Chairman, Chew Fook Aun and the President of the HKLBA, Vincent Cheung.

Visiting clubs presented gifts to the Section and trophies were awarded. The Section thanked all those who had made the celebration such a success and wished the Club a Very Happy 125th Birthday. Kelvin Kerkow, on behalf of all players, thanked the Club for its hospitality.

It was a wonderful end to a brilliant few days of competition and fun was had by all. Everyone left in the hopes of a 126th anniversary celebration next year!

## Formal Thanks

The Section would like to sincerely thank the General Committee for setting aside funds to celebrate the Club's 125th Anniversary, which made the Mixed Fours event possible.

Sincere thanks to all participating teams and to **Kelvin Kerkow** for heading the Chairman's Select Team.

The Section Committee aimed at getting as many Section members involved as possible for the anniversary celebrations, and hoped that everyone who wanted to, had the opportunity to take part.

Finally very sincere thanks to the organizing committee of this event: **Denis, Bernard, Donald, Leo, Rita Tsui** and especially **Johnny** who chaired the group -- you all did a wonderful job!

## Hong Kong Champions of Champions

19th /20th March and 26th/27th March



It says a lot about the standard of bowling in our Ladies section, that the final of this year's Hong Kong Champion of Champions competition was between two of our Club players: **Grace Chu** and **Tammy Tham**.

This competition, held annually, to decide which Club champion will be named Hong Kong Champion of Champions, usually includes only one bowler from each Club. However the bowler who wins the National Ladies Singles competition also has a place. Tammy was there by right of being the Club champion and Grace as National Ladies Singles champion.

The first two days of this competition was a round robin followed by a day of knock out leading to the semi-finals and final on Sunday 27th. Both our bowlers played consistently well and it looked more and more likely that it would be an all Club final.

Tammy played a mammoth semi-final game which lasted over four hours and in the latter half of her game she heard the good news that Grace was already through.

The afternoon game was a great final with both bowlers trading shots.

In the end, Grace turned out the winner. Congratulations to Grace, and well done to Tammy for getting to the Champion of Champions final again. ■



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**Val, Jo, Sanj and Nic.** Also returning to the A's were Mel and Netty after maternity leave. **Pat** unfortunately spent much of the season on the side line with injury.

Highlight moments of the season:

**JoJo** – “Do I need my passport to get to Kowloon?”

**Dawn** – I have never done an arial in a game but I'll do it in the last game of the season where the ball goes one foot forward, 17 feet in the air and 5 feet to the left into the crowd of spectators.

**Babs** – fantastic goals from ridiculous angles. Enough said.

**Jo** – scoring a record number of goals this season including a reverse stick that I'm not even sure how it made it into the goal

**Sanj** – taking a step and a half onto the pitch before deciding she just can't play

**Nic** – sliding across the floor against KCC A to score a goal that started her hat trick for the game

**Hannah** – left back who has been in the D more times in the second half of the season and has proved very instrumental in making our left side equally as strong as our right side.

I could go on, we've had such a good time this season. A great league win.....a great team spirit.....a great social team..... The A's looks stronger than ever and ready to do the double this year and aiming to take the Cup.

In the words of our own **Winnie Jones** – “I think that's what you call – Nailed IT!!!”

*Claire Archer*

“... In the words of our own Winnie Jones – ‘I think that's what you call – **Nailed IT!!!**’

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## Ladies A Team Season Report

**T**his has been a phenomenal season for the Ladies A team who have now racked up their third league title in a row (what else do we have to do to get our picture in the corridor of fame???).

Played 18 : Won 18. Goals For: 131 (but who is counting?!) Goals Against: 5! Our closest win this season was the first against KCC A as we were still adjusting to the new team and that was 3 – 2. The biggest win was against Dutch and that was 19 – 0. The most satisfying win of the season was against KCC A on 2nd April which almost guaranteed us the league and the final score was 5-1.

We have had some excellent additions to the team in **Sam Hill** (Centre Mid) and **JoJo Gwynne-Jones** (Right Mid) as well as the two Juniors who were promoted to the A's, **Grace Lant** and **Eli Vos**. The team has been led well by **Lara McKee** and **Dawn Strachan** and has been supported well by the usual suspects.....**Babs, Hannah, Claire,**

## Message from the Men's Captain



**Rob Wilkinson,  
Men's Captain**

As we approach the end of the season, I'd like to wish you good luck in your last few league and cup matches. Especially to the D's and E's as they push for promotion to the first and second divisions. This is looking like one of HKFC Hockey's most successful seasons to date!



A big thank you to all those who took part in the Tsunami Relief Charity Appeal last month. The Section as a whole raised over \$15,500 for the Japan Red Cross relief fund. **Clive Miners' F** team once again raised the bar; contributing \$3,800, more than any other team. Well done lads! Special thanks to **Annabel Baillie** from the ladies C team for organising the bandanas and coordinating the collection.

Cheers, Rob

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# Netball News



The team showed great team cohesiveness, as well as a steely-focus to push past a surprised Valley Panthers teams by 3 goals then repeat it all again the following week in the finals by beating HKCC Black Magic by 5 goals.

## HKFC Club Beat Valley Panthers and HKCC Black Magic to win HK Netball League 2011!



Karin Looram,  
Netball DSA Chairperson

### HKFC Club are HK Netball League Winners for 2011!

A big congratulations to all HKFC teams this season.

It was an amazing finish to our season with ALL teams competing in the semis, 2 in the finals and HKFC Club taking the grand prize of **Division 1 winners** by beating Valley Panthers in the semis and HKCC Black Magic !

The season started as strongly as it finished with Tornadoes and Hurricanes battling it out throughout the season to finally play off in the semi finals. Tornadoes prevailed and went on to play Aussies in the final.

Whirlwinds struggled throughout the season but finished up on top of their division putting them through to the semis.

Typhoons kept up their competitive play in the ever tough Division 1 and played off in the Plate section of that division.

Club were at the top of Division 1 from the get go and finished on top overall. The team showed great team cohesiveness, as well as a

steely-focus to push past a surprised Valley Panthers team by 3 goals then repeat it all again the following week in the finals by beating HKCC Black Magic by 5 goals.

Well done everyone!

Good Luck to all players touring Bangkok in May. We will be looking forward to hearing all about the netball and of course, the shopping and "sightseeing".

Look out for the dates of our Summer Mixed Netball. They will be finalized shortly and will be advertised both on our website and throughout the HKFC. This is a very casual, cheap, fun Wednesday night of netball and if you are new to HKFC, it's a great way to meet members of all Sections. It is open to all Members and non-Members accompanied.

By the time this piece goes to print we would have held our AGM and prize-giving. Thanks ahead to all those who organized, assisted, volunteered for committee and re-enlisted, it doesn't go un-noticed and as I always say, the DSA doesn't run itself!

Enjoy the break, summer and the sun...before you know I will be writing to all of you about trials

## Semi Finals - HKFC Tornadoes vs HKFC Hurricanes



Tornadoes team photo



Hurricanes team photo

**4th April 2011**

**HKFC Tornadoes (36) vs HKFC Hurricanes (14)**

When the Tornadoes faced Hurricanes for the second times in a row, both teams were feeling the pressure. Hurricanes started off strong in the first quarter with Tornadoes easing into the game, picking up the pace by the end of the quarter to finish in front with 9 to Hurricanes 4.

The second quarter Tornadoes dominated with some tight defence work from **Marie Farry** at GK, and some great pressure from **Dawn Cheng** at WD and **Kayleigh Leonard** at GD. Some solid centre passes from **Rachel Corthorn** (not feeling 100% due to illness, great effort Rachel) at C and **Hayleigh Davies** at WA pushed the ball smoothly into the circle allowing some accurate shooting from **Penelope Hamilton** at GS and some excellent shots from **Michelle Cairns** at GA. With many interceptions Tornadoes pulled out all the stops to finish 21 to Hurricanes 7.

In the third session both teams fought to move the ball down the court, with some slightly messy play, Tornadoes had to really keep the pressure on and hold onto their lead. Finishing on 25 to Hurricanes 10.

We entered the last period ready to surge ahead and doing exactly that. Some fluid passing from the centre into the circle made for some quick goals. Our defence keep



the pressure on, all players executed excellent team work. Interceptions and accurate passing made for a solid win for Tornadoes, finishing on 36 to Hurricanes 14.

Well done to the Hurricanes for a good, friendly match. Tornadoes will go on to play the Aussie Magpies in the Final match of the season. Go Tornadoes!

*Michelle Robinson*



## Semi Finals - HKFC Whirlwinds vs Aussie Redbacks



**4th April 2011**

**HKFC Whirlwinds (26) v Aussie Redbacks (37)**



Having had a storming second half to the season, Whirlies finished 2nd in Division 2, just 1 point behind the league winners HKCC Phoenix.

That saw us pitched in the semis against the 3rd placed Aussie Redbacks.

Disappointing news prior to the match meant that we were unable to play our regular Centre position players **Jenni, Gemma, Janie** or **Eva**. However the first quarter saw us finish just 2 goals behind the

Aussie in what was a very competitive match. **Elaine Morgan** and **Charlotte Thompson** showed very few nerves to hold their own in the shooting circle and at the half time whistle we were just 1 goal down.

However the 3rd quarter was where the season finally caught up on us and at the end of the 3rd quarter we trailed by 7 goals.

A spirited last quarter by both teams saw the Whirlies succumb to the Aussie pressure who deservedly went through to the finals in a very competitive and hard fought match. The final score was Whirlies 26 Aussie Redbacks 37.

Congratulations and commiserations to all those who played on the night: **Kathryn Curley; Charlotte Thompson; Elaine Morgan; Nadia Cuvelier; Heather Mckay; Manu Santi; Lynette Ryan; Eva Chui** and **Angela Worthington**.

Thanks also to all those girls who contributed throughout the season either on court or on the sidelines who couldn't play on semis night for a variety of reasons.

**Kathryn Curley - Whirlwinds Captain**



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## Badminton News

### HKFC 125th Anniversary: Badminton Society Event

The Badminton Society is arranging a series of events to celebrate the Club's 125th anniversary, including a tournament and dinner to be held in June 2011.

The Society has already extended an invitation to Eddy Choong, a retired world number one player from Malaysia. Eddy won four men's singles titles at the All England Open Badminton Championships between 1953 and 1957, and three men's doubles titles (with his brother). There will also be a guest appearance by another world ranked player (to be advised)

Here's a quick run down of the programme:

#### 1) Friday night with VIP's:

The VIP's will be invited to take part in the junior coaching session, and also to play with the adults.

#### 2) Sunday's main event:-

- An Open Adult Badminton Competition with players invited from other clubs in Hong Kong, to be played during the day in the Sports Hall
- Video presentation in the Sports Hall with clips of the VIP's professional careers, followed by a Q&A session.
- A casual dinner hosted by the Society with the VIP's.

For full details please refer to the Society's notice board.

### Other Upcoming Events

- **Friendly Match vs Rejpreuk Badminton Club of Thailand** scheduled for **16th July 2011**
- **Invitation from Royal Bangkok Sports Club, Thailand** to participate in its Chairman's Club tournament on **30th and 31st July 2011**. The last time we participated in the event was back in 2009.
- **Annual Inter-club Tournament** to be held in the second half of 2011

### Open League

A competition team comprises of a minimum of 9 men and 4 ladies will be formed to enter an open competition next year, managed by **Jaff Lo**.



### Juniors League

An internal tournament for our Juniors will commence in the third quarter of this year run by **Ben Chan**. A Hong Kong invitation junior tournament with players from other clubs will also be held later in the year.

### 2011 Junior Open Competition

**Date** : 14<sup>th</sup> May 2011, Saturday  
**Venue** : Sport Hall  
**Time** : 1:30p.m. – 6:30p.m.  
**Fee** : Free for Society Members  
 \$50 one-off entry fee for non-Society members

#### Objectives –

- A test on what you learn in the games or during the training
- Open to non- Members to be your partner in Doubles
- To meet the potential players in taking part in our Club Team

#### Events –

1. **Division 1 – Single, aged 12 or below**
  - Single competition for boys or girls of age 12 or below
  - Must be a Member of HKFC
2. **Division 2 – Boys Single Open for aged 13 to 16**
  - Single competition for Boys of age 13 to 16
  - Must be a Member of HKFC
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  - Single competition for Girls of age 13 to 16
  - Must be a Member of HKFC
4. **Division 4 – Open Doubles for age between 13 to 16**
  - Double competition for any combination of boy or girl of age 13 to 16
  - One of the players must be a Member of HKFC

Fabulous prizes are waiting to be won. Please register at your earliest.

Entry forms are available at the reception of the Club or contact **Benjamin Chan** at 9739-0388 or email to [chanbe2003@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:chanbe2003@yahoo.com.hk)

### AGM of Badminton Society

The AGM and the annual tournament would be held on Saturday 7th May 2011.

# Tennis News



## The Inaugural Tennis Ball a Smash Hit

The Tennis Society held its first Gala Ball on Saturday 12th March as part of the Club's 125th Anniversary celebrations. Special guest of honour, **John Fitzgerald** from Australia held a coaching clinic earlier in the day for around 20 members. John captained the Australian Davis Cup team for seven years and was one of only a handful of players to win all four grand slam doubles tennis events during his long, successful career. As a doubles player John was ranked number one in the world and his highest ranking as a singles player was 25 in the world.

John gave an excellent speech to open the Gala Dinner attended by nearly 160 people. Everyone got into the '**Casino Royale**' theme with card games and a James Bond themed quiz. Special thanks to **Kris Godridge** and her team at ATA for arranging to have John Fitzgerald join the celebrations and for helping to organize the Ball together with members of the Tennis Society Committee.





*Coaching Clinic with John Fitzgerald*



## Premier Ladies Team – CHAMPIONS!!

Well it has been a long time coming and this year the HKFC Ladies Premier team finally did the impossible and won, for the first time ever, the top ladies league in Hong Kong! Most of the team have been playing together for over 10 years with some more than 13 years together, with a constant goal to take out the top division. However it was always just out of reach.

This season the team were so focused that they forced **Haj** not to take so many holidays, made poor **Gail** play every match, made **Dawn** bring out her best of the 'floppy' server, made **Emma** run front to back a million times and put poor **Jenny** on court on one of the hottest days of the season!! But it was well worth it.

With past years winners mainly being LRC or Beas River, it was a huge shock to other clubs to see HKFC take out the title this year, especially as the team went through undefeated!! Huge Congratulations and well done for a great victory.

This year's Premier Winners were captained by our one and only **Haj Wilcox** with other members including **Dawn Olsen**, **Gail McDermott**, **Emma Pike**, **Jenny Chapman**, **Chiyomi Fukumori**, **Mary Kwan**, **Dorothy Tang** and **Mary Soo**.



## Mixed Doubles League

The mixed doubles team, captained by **Job Tang** and **Mary Soo**, had another very successful season but narrowly missed out on bringing home the trophy for the third time in a row, despite finishing on the same number of points as the winning team with 7 wins and only 1 loss. A great effort all the same.

## Upcoming Events

Make a note for your diaries – more details will be available on the 3/F noticeboard and the website:

- Junior Championships – Sunday 29th May
- Club Championships take place over the following weekends:
  - Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May
  - Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd May
  - Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th May
- French Open Social – Saturday 4th June
- Wimbledon Social – Saturday 25th June

## Sunday Social Tennis

A reminder that Sunday Social Tennis takes place every Sunday morning from 9am -12 noon. This social event is open to all Tennis Society members. Just come along with your racquet and you are set to go.

## Singles Ladders

If you are interested in competing in the men's or ladies singles ladders, information is on the 3/F noticeboard and on the website. For those presently on the ladder, it's time to get in there and make some challenges!!

*Be sure to check out the NEWLY REVAMPED Tennis Society website which is updated regularly with lots more photos from all of the recent events. [http://www.hkfc.com.hk/sports\\_sub.asp?cat=tennis](http://www.hkfc.com.hk/sports_sub.asp?cat=tennis)*

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions for the Tennis Society, please email the following address: [tennisociety@gmail.com](mailto:tennisociety@gmail.com) ■

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# Golf News



**Andy Ho,**  
Golf Society Chairman

## 19th Hole with the Chairman

**W**hat a fantastic finish to the Masters! Congratulations to Charl Schwartzel. In another riveting Sunday at the Masters, a relative unknown from South Africa provided the finishing touches like no one ever has before him.

Schwartzel, 26, became the first player to birdie the final four holes to claim the Green Jacket. In his second appearance at Augusta National Golf Club, the native of Vereeniging, South Africa, vaulted from the pack to deny two Australians – Adam Scott and Jason Day – their country's first Masters victory.



As for the Golf Society, the annual challenge match between the President's team and the Chairman's team took place on Wednesday 2nd March at Fanling's New Course. 30 players set off at 8:00am from the Club on a perfect day for golf, with temperature around 17°C with a few clouds. It was all square after 7 flights of competitive golf. The decider was on the last flight with only 2 players on match play, between ex-treasurer **Lawrence Lai** and **Norman Wong**. Lawrence from the Chairman's team won by 5 and 4. Once again the Chairman's team retains the cup for another year. **Richard Neish** and I wanted to thank everyone who participated in this event.

I also want to make an apology for an error in our last **Club Championship** article in the *April magazine*. **Lily Chan** was not only the **Lady Champion 2011** but also the winner of the **Double Longest Drive** of the day.

Also a reminder to everyone to pick up your **125th Anniversary shirts** and **Golf Bag Tags** at Reception before the end of this month. ■

President's Select	Chairman's Select	Score	Result
Richard Neish and Kevin Tse	Andy Ho and Desmond Ko	1 - 0	Chairman
Terry Wright and David Fargus	Dallas Reid and Jim Suttie	1 - 1	President
JP Cuvellier and Dennis Hamelin	Lynda Coggins and William Taam	1.5 - 1.5	AS
Janice Pakchung and Adrian Reincke	Delores Teh and Clifford Forster	1.5 - 2.5	Chairman
Dr. Robert Bong and Amy Cheng	Mike Belbin and Rosemary Hsu	2.5 - 2.5	President
Nick Grimshaw and Rebecca Wong	Paul Walters and Allyson Ko	3.5 - 2.5	President
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## Ten Pin Bowling News



HKFC played in a recent HKICTB league match with a visiting team from the Hong Kong Club (HKFC is currently in second place of the league, with only two more matches to go)

## MOVIE OF THE MONTH:

### THE KING'S SPEECH

When England's throne is suddenly thrust upon him, amidst royal family scandal and impending world war, King George VI (Colin Firth, Oscar® winner, Best Actor) must overcome a lifelong, debilitating speech impediment to lead his nation. His compassionate wife Elizabeth (Helena Bonham Carter) secretly enlists an eccentric speech therapist (Geoffrey Rush), the two men forge an unlikely friendship that will ultimately empower the monarch to find his voice, inspire his people and rally the world. Based on an inspiring true story, *The King's Speech* has been universally hailed as "a masterpiece. The majestic cast is overwhelming" (*The New York Observer*)



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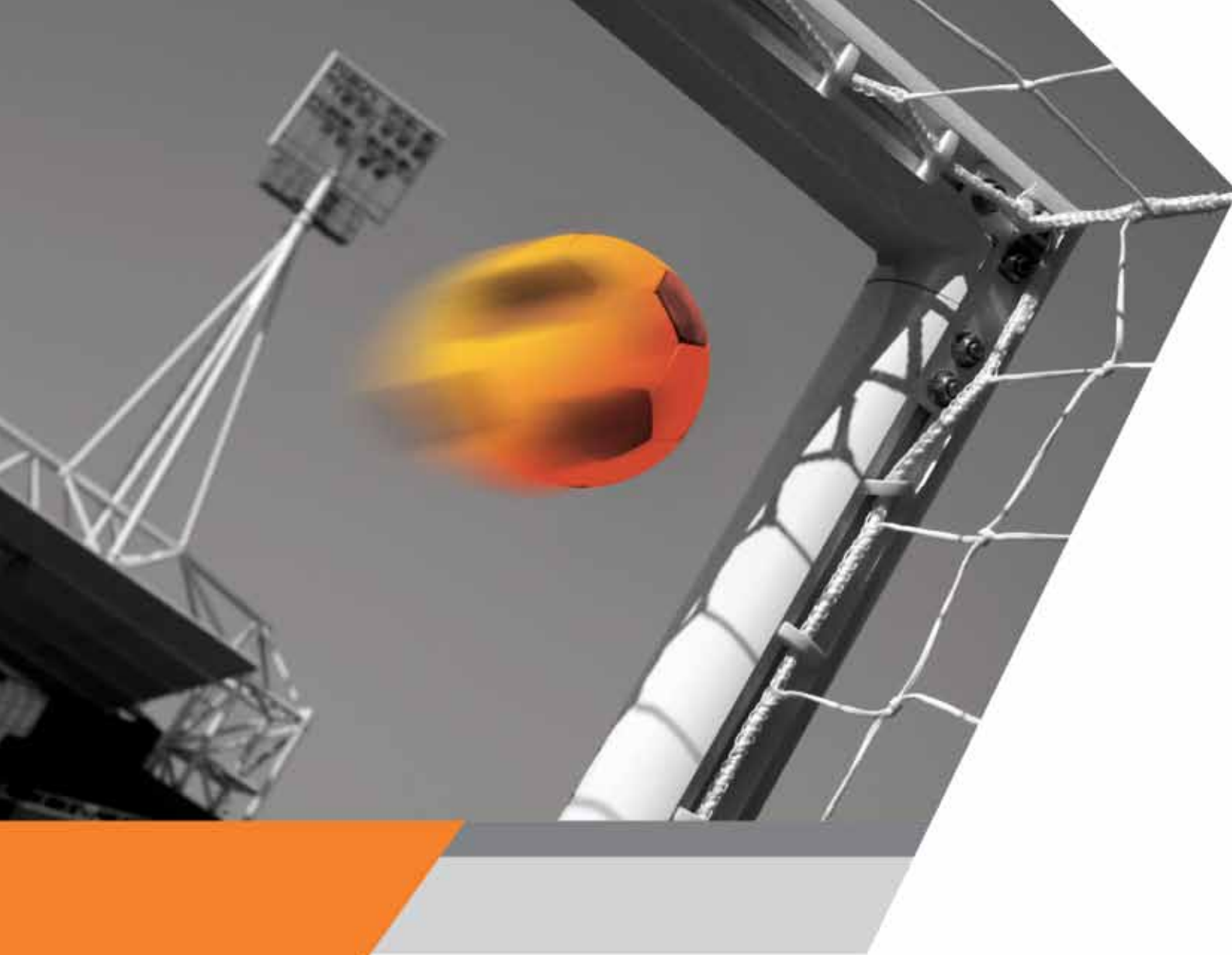
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