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Season's Greetings

Festive Highlights:

Christmas Brunch Party with Justin Roberts
Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir
Game and Winter Dishes
Hot Pot Buffet and Sizzling Platters
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HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

MISSION STATEMENT

Vision: To be recognised as the leading Sports Club in the Territory.

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

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

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

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The Thoughts of the Chairman

Dear Members,

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club was held on 11 November 2010. Firstly, I would like to thank all of you for your support in re-electing me as Chairman of the Club. We had just over 100 Voting Members plus some Spouses/Partners attending the AGM and this was one of the largest attendances in recent years. As usual, an excellent cocktail reception was put on after the AGM for all who attended the meeting.

Many congratulations to **Alan Brown** for being elected as a Life Member in recognition of his contribution and service to the Club. My thanks go to **Mike Lamont, Colin Cohen, Mike Worth** and **Martin King** who are standing down from the General Committee after many years of service between them. I also want to thank **Alex Lam** and **Derek Jackson** for standing for election to the GC.

I am pleased to welcome back onto the General Committee, **James Collins-Taylor**, our former Chairman, as a Vice President and also to welcome new General Committee members, **Mark Clift** and **Mike Wood** as General Officers and also **Roger Nissim** as the Lawn Bowls representative.

The chairmanships of the five Standing Sub-committees have been assigned by me and confirmed by the General Committee as follows :

Chairman of Constitutional Affairs Sub-committee -

Desmond Ko

Chairman of Discipline Sub-committee - **Mike Wood**

Chairman of Development Sub-committee - **Mark Clift**

Chairman of Membership Sub-committee - **Maurice O'Brien**

Chairman of Sports & Recreation Sub-committee - **Lynn Edwards**

As mentioned by the Honorary Treasurer at the AGM, due to the good performance of the Club for the year to date, there will not be an increase in membership subscriptions from December this year, but Members should expect an increase to be tabled at the next AGM.

For Members who were present on 30 October 2010, you may have seen that the Hong Kong Mini Rugby Football Union (HKMRFU) achieved a Guinness World record for holding the World's Largest Mini Rugby Tournament. The Club was happy to co-host this event and I am sure the children and parents involved were proud to have participated in a world record breaking tournament. **Dermot Agnew**, our President and myself were also present to witness this achievement and it was also graced by the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr **Tsang Tak-sing** the President of the Hong Kong Rugby Football Union (HKRFU) Mr **Brian Stevenson**; the Chairman of the HKRFU, **Trevor Gregory**, the CEO of HSBC Hong Kong, **Mark McCombe**; ex Scotland and British Lions Captain (and Honorary Member of the Club), **Gavin Hastings**, and Chairwoman of the HKMRFU, Ms **Kim Lam**. This record event was superbly organised by Mr **Case Everett**, Tournament Chairman and Member of the Club.

The Squash Section has also just raised HK\$1.1 million for Operation Santa Claus in the 12th HKFC Wing Ding Squash Charity Tournament held on Saturday, 20 November 2010. As always, many congratulations to **Tim Everest**, Chairman of the Organising Committee, his wife, **Rovana Lai**, and the other members of the Organising Committee for their continued efforts in organising this charity event.

Lest we forget, I laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the Club together with many representatives from other clubs and associations in Hong Kong in honour of those who fought for Hong Kong in the two World Wars.

Finally as the festive season approaches, on behalf of the General Committee and myself, I wish You all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

See You at the Club!

FOOK AUN CHEW

Chairman

We were saddened to hear the news of the recent passing away of one of our long time Members Mr Dan Manning. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.



From the Desk of Mark Pawley

The festive month of December, at time of writing, is drawing near and, by now, you should have all received the Festive Season Events and Promotion schedule. I can also advise that by the time you receive this magazine, the Club's Xmas Counter will be open at the Ground Floor Lobby where you may fill your Xmas socks with festive goodies!

Once again, I think it's worth noting that the traditional **Family Christmas Carols** evening at the **Main Pitch** is on **Monday, 20th December at 7pm**. I say Main Pitch because, this year, due to increasing numbers we are going to seat Members in the Forsgate Stand (the seating stand nearest the Sportsman's Bar). We welcome back the very popular and in-demand **Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice Choir** who will be singing many of your favourite carols. This year, per the above seating arrangements, the Choir will be located on the Pitch and facing the Forsgate Stand. Members are urged to come down early for this event. Per tradition, mulled wine, minced pies and soft drinks will be made available at the finish of the carol singing to all those in attendance.

Don't forget, too, the **Christmas Quiz Night**, held by Santa on **Thursday, 16th December** in the Sportsman's Bar. A big thank you to the guys who are helping to organise this quiz and don't forget that Santa will not wait, so do book your quiz team early and don't be late!

And, for bringing the New Year in, look no further than the **New Year's Eve Party** at the Club. A fantastic way to see in 2011 – including bringing in 13 musicians from the UK, a sumptuous Gala Buffet, an early Breakfast Buffet, and **all** drinks (including Champagne at midnight) throughout the night. Some tickets are still available so, as ever, book early to avoid disappointment!

Last, and by no means least, on behalf of the Management and Staff of the Club, may I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

MARK PAWLEY
General Manager



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The club features 17 guest rooms with private baths available to members and their guests. Because of its proximity to campus, the club provides an ideal location for visitors to the University and Medical Centre and to the Hyde Park community.

To place reservations or request more information, please call 773-702-2550 or email at guestrooms@quadclub.org.

Members are reminded that they can apply for an Introductory Letter from the Membership Services Department and that room bookings should be made by the Members on their own.

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◆ GENERAL PROMOTIONS ◆



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TURKEY AND FESTIVE DISHES TO GO

available from 1st – 30th December

Sit back and relax whilst the professionals take care of the hard work.

We have Turkeys for takeaway, as well as a variety of festive dishes to go. Order forms can be downloaded from the website or are available from Reception.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Our Christmas Hampers are packed with only the finest delectable items!

The Hampers are exclusively made for the Club and are available in limited quantities, so please place your orders early to avoid disappointment.

Order forms can be downloaded from the website or are available from Reception from Wednesday 10th November.



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*Hong Kong
Welsh Male Voice Choir*

**at the Sportsman's Bar
Monday 20th December from 7p.m until 7.45p.m**

The Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice will be singing many of your favourite carols. Members can come down early for this event and enjoy a drink or two before the Choir starts. This year the seating will be arranged at the Forsgate Stand (facing the Main Pitch) so we can accommodate more people than previous years.

A light buffet supper will be available at the Sportsman's Bar from 5.30pm.

Mulled wine, Minced Pies and soft drinks will be made available at the end of the Carol Singing to all those in attendance.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVE COUNTER – WHERE YOUR SHOPPING BEGINS

**in the G/F Lobby
until Monday 27th December**

Get into the festive season, stop by the Christmas Counter for some great gift ideas for your office, clients, family and friends.



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Children, parents, friends Christmas Brunch Party and Concert with: **Justin Roberts** "The Paul McCartney of kids' music."

Date: Sunday 12th December 2010

Venue: Sports Hall

Time: Noon to 2.30p.m (Full Festive Brunch Buffet available)

A great way to start celebrating Christmas!

Enjoy a Splendid Festive Family Sunday Brunch with activities for children as well as for the whole family.

Don't forget your cameras as Santa Claus will be around to say "Hello" to all the children and adults!

\$288 per Adult (Member) or
\$298 per Adult (non Member)
with Sparkling Wine
\$178 per Child (Member) or
\$188 per Child (non Member)
with soft drinks and chilled juice

**Concert will start from 1.30pm
until 2.30pm

Please book early to avoid
disappointment:

Booking form available at the
front desk and from our website or
email: kenny_chu@hkfc.com

What the critics say about Justin Roberts:

*"One of the best and most consistent
songwriters in kids' music"*

*"Roberts' greatest songwriting gift lies in
his ability to tell these stories from a child's
perspective without sacrificing an adult's
point of view."*

*"Four-time Parents' Choice Gold Award
winner Justin Roberts has emerged as a key
player in the world of hip kids music."*

- WASHINGTON POST



◆ RESTAURANT ◆



RHÔNE VALLEY AND PORT APPRECIATION *'Private Dinner'*

Venue: The Restaurant,
Private Room

Date: Friday 17th December

Time: 7.30 pm Arrival

and Welcome Drink

8.00 pm Dinner

Price: \$698 per person

RSVP: 25 Seats available only

International Sommelier Yves Sauboua will be hosting the dinner event.

Let's celebrate the winter season with a tour of the Rhône Valley and Ports from the Douro Valley in Portugal. The Rhône Valley has so much to offer with wines of great intensity and unique character... Quinta do Noval produces some of the most renowned Ports from the amazing Douro valley

REMEMBER: you do not need to know anything about wine to enjoy these evenings. They are a great opportunity to acquaint yourself with some of our fine and fun 'Private Dinners'!

Contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.com

Last day for cancellation:
Monday 6th December.

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

RHÔNE VALLEY AND PORT APPRÉCIATION DINNER

17TH DECEMBER

Reception Wines and Canapés

- Condoulet de Beaucastel White, 2007 with Scallop with Wakami Seaweed
- Domaine de la Mordoree Tavel Rosé, 2008 with Seared Pork Loin with braised Cabbage en crouste
- Sabon Liruc Chapelle de Maillac Red, 2007 with Caramelised Pumpkin with Persian Fetta Tart

1st Course

- Georges Vernay, Viogner, Le Pied de Samson, White 2007
Caramel Seared Scallops on Pumpkin Purée and Parsley Risotto

2nd Course

- Michel Ogier, L'ame Soeur, Red, 2006
Seared Crusted Duck Breast with Confit Ravioli and aged Balsamic Reduction

Main Course

- Perrin, Châteauneuf du Pape Sinards, Red, 2006
- Roger Sabon, Châteauneuf Les Olivets, Red, 2007
Herbed French Venison with Wild Mushroom Ragout
Bacon and Rosemary Polenta, Grenache Jus

Before the end

- Port, Quita Do Noval LBV 2003
Cheese Plate served with Artisan Bread

Dessert

- Port, Quinta Do Noval Colheita, 1995
Valhrona Chocolate Tarte,
Vanilla Bean Ice Cream and Espresso Syrup

Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee and Festive Petits Fours

◆ RESTAURANT ◆



Have You Booked Your Table Yet? Join us at the
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT THE CLUB!

- A fantastic evening of entertainment is planned.
- Live bands from the U.K flown in especially for this event
- A Buffet featuring a sumptuous culinary journey
- Dance until the early hours
- Early Breakfast Buffet
- Great social opportunity for Club Members

Ticket price:
 \$1,400 (per Member)
 \$1,900 (per Guest)

Please book early to avoid disappointment. Booking form is available at Reception and can be downloaded from the website. You can also send email to: kenny_chu@hkfc.com

MUSICAL FAMILY BRUNCH BUFFET WITH SPARKLING WINE

in the Restaurant and Chairman's Bar every Sunday from 11am to 2.30pm

Our Popular Sunday Brunch continues in December with a themed musical performance to set the mood. A Jazz duo performance will get your feet tapping while you enjoy your brunch. What's more, this month's buffet will have an added festive flair, so bring your family and friends along this Sunday!

\$288 per Adult (with sparkling wine)

\$168 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



GAME AND WINTER DISHES FESTIVAL

in the Restaurant

Available in the evenings (Except Sundays and Festive days)

6.30pm to 9.30p.m

Celebrate the winter season with pot-roasted guinea fowl, wild mushroom and hearty root vegetables. Pumpkins hog the limelight in December, but don't forget the less showy seasonal fare such as parsnip served alongside Jerusalem artichoke in a slap-up roast.

Contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.com

DINNER WITH LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

in the Restaurant

Friday 24th and Saturday 25th December

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with live performances during dinner on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th December. Chef Julien has prepared a sumptuous "Noel" 5-Course Set Dinner.

Contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for reservation or email: restaurant@hkfc.com



CHAIRMAN'S BAR



OYSTERS 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 Beaumont Des Crayères Champagne for just \$100 or 6 oysters for \$100 or 12 oysters for \$190.

"WINE-DERFUL" WINE CAROUSEL

in the Chairman's Bar every day from 6pm to 10pm throughout the month of December

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*.



◆ COFFEE SHOP ◆

HOT POT BUFFET

in the Coffee Shop Friday and Saturday 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th December from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

As the weather cools down, what can be better than a nice hot pot dinner?

The Coffee Shop will be offering a special Hot Pot buffet, with a wide variety of seafood, meats and vegetables for you to choose from. Come along with family and friends for a leisurely evening at the Coffee Shop.



SIZZLING PLATTERS

in the Coffee Shop for Lunch and Dinner throughout the month of December

Chef Harry will be offering a variety of Asian and Western dishes served on Sizzling Platters, available for lunch and dinner.

Call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 for more details.



FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA SET

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

Hankering for a cuppa? Our Festive High Tea Set comes with homemade scones (raisin and plain), finger sandwiches, a range of savoury pastries and traditional English tea or coffee.

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

DECEMBER IN THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Jumping straight into the festive season from Wednesday 1st of December through the New Year, our home made **Mulled Wine** will be on promotion with a choice of **mince pies** alongside for those cool evenings at the Patio.

There are plenty of you out there who like to stick with your beer and there is no excuse to not get involved this year with our real Special Festive Brew: **Erdinger Weissbier X'mas Edition**.

On **Monday 20th December** from 7pm until 7.45pm, the **Hong Kong Welsh Male Voice** will be singing many of your favourite carols. A light buffet supper will be available at the Sportsman's Bar from 5.30pm. Mulled wine, Mince Pies and soft drinks will be made available at the end of the Carol Singing to all those in attendance.

The Santa and Elves Special Christmas Quiz is another night to book early. **Thursday 16th December** with a festive Buffet starting at 7pm. Santa's Quiz starts at 8.30pm sharp (Santa will not wait!).

On the big screen, we have the Rugby Magners League, Heineken Cup, the 15th Season of the Amlin Challenge Cup and more!

In Soccer, the Premier League promises some very good matches as the top teams are fighting for the 1st place with Liverpool desperate to move away from the bottom of the League.

In Cricket, fans will be pleased as the Ashes (Australia vs England) will be live on TV.

Running out of time to book your Christmas functions? We will open the Sportsman's Bar from 11am until 4pm Monday to Friday for private functions (this gives you sole use of the area, including the patio). For more information on packages and bookings please email our Catering and Event Department on: catering@hkfc.com.

Don't forget the **New Year's Day Youth Rugby Festival** on **Saturday 1st**

January, the first event of the year where the crowd is always large. There will be a Cash Bar and a Food Outlet set up around the pitch, please come out with family and friends to support Hong Kong and the overseas rugby players! Games will start from mid-day, so let's kick off the New Year Day with a Bang!



*Erdinger Weissbier X'mas Edition:
\$38 per bottle (500mL)*

Christmas
QUIZ NIGHT
held by Santa
Thursday 16th December
in the Sportsman's Bar
at 7.00pm – 10.30pm
\$268 Inclusive of Buffet, Festive Drinks, Snacks

Festive Buffet starts at 7pm
Santa's Quiz starts at 8.30pm sharp (Santa will not wait!)
Maximum of 6 persons per team (with a least two being club Members)

• Welcome glass of bubbly on arrival
• Light-hearted
• Entertaining
• Join in the Christmas Cheer!

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB
1886

CAN YOU BEAT SANTA AND THE ELVES?
PLENTRY OF PRIZES TO BE WON!
EASY QUESTIONS AND FREEBIES!

Please call Karen at the Sportsman's Bar at 2830 9531 or email: karen_limbu@hkfc.com to book your team table

Mini Rugby News

A GUINNESS WORLD RECORD AT HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

“ On May 20, 2009 the Oxfordshire County Council set the world record for largest mini rugby festival with 47 teams and 492 players. About 3 months later, on 25 July 2009, the Morris Rugby Corp of Chester, New Jersey almost doubled that number when it organized the American Flag Rugby Festival with 95 teams totaling 832 players. That record has stood for 461 days and today we are going to break that record! ”

With these words the HKMRFU HSBC Mini Rugby Tournament started on Saturday 30 October 2010 on the HKFC Main Pitch. The programme showed 263 teams from 19 local rugby clubs and four overseas visiting teams. They would play 410 games of rugby on 39 pitches. We all knew these teams were going to break the record, we just didn't know by how much.

The Idea

The idea for the attempt on the Guinness World Record originated some years ago in the Sportsman's Bar. After yet another large HKFC mini rugby tournament a group of coaches were having celebratory drinks. The discussion quickly turned to the size of the mini rugby festival and the amount of kids playing rugby on one day. We all agreed it should be a record of some sort.

Early in 2010 I decided to find out by writing to Guinness World Records (GWR) and asking what was needed to be the biggest team event in the world. GWR replied that for mini/touch/tag rugby the record was 95 teams and 832 players and as long as you played any of those three you would qualify.

This created an immediate problem: all clubs organizing large mini rugby festivals in Hong Kong – DEA Tigers, HKU Sandy Bay, Flying Kukris, Tai Po, Valley Fort and Hong Kong Football Club - were potential world record holders! The best thing to do



was to get them all involved and to inform the Hong Kong Mini Rugby Football Union that we were capable of making a Guinness World Record in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong (Mini) Rugby Football Union

On February 25 there was an HKMRFU chairmen's meeting at HKFC and when the chairmen heard that 832 players was the world record they all started to laugh. The proposal to organize an HKMRFU Mini Rugby Tournament and involve all clubs was quickly accepted. It was decided that the venue was going to be HKFC and Happy Valley and that we would do the event in March 2011 when we were

scheduled to do the HKFC festival anyway, we would just call it the HKMRFU festival. This was great. We had more than 12 months to get organized. Easy.

When the Hong Kong Rugby Football Union (HKRFU) heard of the HKMRFU plans they asked if we could organize the Guinness World Record attempt on the day of the Bledisloe Cup. We would attract lots of people to the Valley, make a big day of rugby out of it and have everybody go to the Australia-New Zealand match afterwards. This was easier said than done. The request to do it on Bledisloe Cup day came in May. All of a sudden there were only 5 months left. And who was going to pay for it all?



The Sponsors

Ever since it was advertising the Asian 5 Nations tournament in April on buses with kids playing rugby HSBC could be expected to become involved in mini rugby. The CEO of HSBC Hong Kong, **Mark McCombe**, is a mini rugby parent and HSBC were happy to be title sponsor of the HKMRFU HSBC Mini Rugby Tournament.

DHL made its way onto the tournament banner as supporting sponsor by rewarding every mini rugby player in Hong Kong with a Bledisloe Cup ticket. HSBC provided another set of tickets to all

overseas visiting teams. All of a sudden the HKMRFU had 3,380 tickets for all its members and visitors to watch Australia and New Zealand play rugby. This was a grand gesture to mini rugby and we really felt we were creating something special with our event. With such powerful sponsorship the tournament was fast becoming an outstanding community event. It made mini rugby very visible to some people we really needed.

The Government

Budgeting for some 3,000 children to play rugby requires serious pitch space. In order to have all children play rugby at the same

time it became clear that we would have to book out the entire Happy Valley. The problem was that as far as we knew it had never been done before.

The HKRFRU explained to the Wanchai District Council (WDC) what the young rugby players in Hong Kong were trying to do. The WDC got in contact with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and secured the whole valley for mini rugby. This was great. Scheduling was going to be much easier with eight Happy Valley pitches and two HKFC pitches available. The schedule showed that we could start at 9am and finish by 1:30pm, in time to have a prize giving ceremony, a photo-op and an announcement of the Guinness World Record at the HKFC Main Pitch before everyone could go and watch the Bledisloe Cup match at 4:30. The only problem was: how were we going to count all these kids?

The Guinness World Record Counting Guidelines

When attempting a Guinness World Records mass participation event GWR want to make sure everyone is accounted for. They require a log of every participant, witnessed twice. We decided to use 263 team lists. Parents were asked to sign for their kids on team sheets. The coach could then witness and there was going to be final witnessing of the players





on the Football Club Main Pitch. There was however one problem. 3,000 kids were going to bring roughly 6,000 parents. 9,000 people just wouldn't fit inside the HKFC stadium. Crowd control was going to be a real issue. We had to come up with a plan. That plan involved the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club

The Jockey Club knows a thing or two about large crowds. They agreed that keeping as many people as possible outside the HKFC grounds and keeping them entertained was the best solution to our problem. The Jockey Club decided to provide F&B from the stalls area close to Happy Valley Pitch 5 and to switch on the Jumbotron so parents could watch the proceedings in HKFC on the big screen from Pitch 5. All we had to do was relay the video signal from HKFC to HKJC. This was costly but a decision was made: safety first. We would have a live broadcast from HKFC with camera crew and all.

The Tournament

On 30 October - a glorious, sunny day - the crowds started streaming into the Football Club. U6 players on the Hockey Pitch, U7 players on the Main Pitch, all expertly looked after by HKFC coaches, volunteers and staff. The pitches in Happy Valley were looked after by different clubs normally involved in organizing big tournaments. Tai Po, HKU Sandy Bay, Flying Kukris and DEA Tigers all adopted an age group. Sai Kung Stingrays looked after the U12 Girls while Valley Fort were in charge of the U12 boys competition.

The U12s were crucial to the format of the festival being recognized as a tournament. According to Guinness World Records guidelines the tournament has to have a winner. We would have two: an U12 girls team and an U12 boys team. The U12 competitions started early in Happy Valley. While their matches were already being played the U6s and U7s registered at the control tables on the HKFC Main Pitch.

The Opening Ceremony

A who-is-who from corporate Hong Kong and the rugby world showed up for the opening ceremony. **Kim Lam** represented the HKMRFU as Chairwoman while **Mark McCombe**, HSBC Hong Kong CEO, represented the title sponsor as he handed over a large Bledisloe Cup ticket to four players representing the overseas clubs. **Ken Lee**, Managing Director of DHL Express was on hand to deliver a large ticket to **Kim Lam** and **Brian Stevenson**, President of the HKRFU, to welcome all players to the Bledisloe Cup. The adjudicator of Guinness World Records, **Stuart Claxton**, was there to wish everyone good luck and rugby legend **Matt Burke** spoke some inspiring words to our young players.

The first match on the Main Pitch was started by blowing ceremonial hooters. Joining the officiating guests were **Trevor Gregory**, Chairman of the HKRFU, **Gavin Hastings**, famous Scotland and Lions full-back, All Blacks **Ben Franks** and **Anthony Boric**, and Wallabies **Salesi Ma Afu** and **Van Humphries**. Blowing the hooters they managed to turn themselves and the entire press corps in front of them deaf.

The tournament got underway and for the next 2 hours the Main Pitch was a big busy area where players showed their rugby skills. The All Blacks and Wallabies that had just stood on stage now joined in the fun and refereed some matches.

The Final Countdown

Once the U6s and U7s stopped playing it was time for all the other age groups to come to the HKFC Main Pitch to be counted. At 12:30pm already enough U8s had come through the gates for the Guinness World Records adjudicator to make an interim announcement of 1,018 verified players. This made us officially the

new world record holders.

Players were kept entertained by the Sea School Band while they were receiving lots of things to remember the day by: a named certificate to prove participation in the event, a silicon interlocking bracelet with the event name and date of the world record and an HSBC baseball cap that read "I just broke the world record!"

By 1:30pm the U12s competition had come to a close and the last players reported to the HKFC stadium. The race was on to calculate the final numbers.

The Winners

While the numbers were being furiously tabulated the prize ceremony got underway. The Cup Winners for U12 Girls were Sai Kung Stingrays 1 while the Plate went to HKU Sandy Bay. The U12 boys competition was won by Tanglin Rugby Club while the Plate was won by HKFC 1. Prizes were handed out by **Kim Lam**, **Mark McCombe**, **Gavin Hastings** and **Stephen Yau** of the Wanchai District Council.

The Photo

We shot a picture of all players on the HKFC Main Pitch before the world record announcement. **William Furniss**, Hong Kong's top photographer, was on hand to shoot an aerial pic from way up on the balcony of the Jockey Club office tower. He managed to instruct entire teams to move around and have everyone throw their baseball caps into the air to create a beautiful picture that will hopefully make it into the Guinness World Records book 2012 edition.

The World Record

And then it was time. **Stuart Claxton** descended the steps from the announcer's booth at 2:20 pm and climbed onto the podium followed by four assistants holding the official number in their hands. He announced the number and the placards went up: 2,610! We had more than tripled the world record!

There to witness it all was the Secretary of Home Affairs Mr. **Tsang Tak-sing** and he showed utter delight as **Kim Lam** and **Brian Stevenson** received the official Guinness World Records Certificate from Stuart. A big cheer went up from all players, coaches and parents. It was the moment we had all been waiting for.



through the Jockey Club tunnel and onto Pitch 5. DHL rugby balls were handed out and a final picture was taken from the Jockey Club building that included more or less everyone that had attended the event. Everybody joined in singing “We Are the Champions” and then it was time to go to Hong Kong stadium for a fitting finale to a great day.

The Aftermath

The next day the tournament made it onto the front page of the Sunday Morning Post with the words “Record Breakers”. Page 2 had an article that talked about the event at length. The final quote was: “We are excited to give so many young players the opportunity to say ‘I’m a world-record holder’. We trust this mini rugby tournament will be a memory they will cherish forever.”

The HKMRFU HSBC Mini Rugby Tournament hosted at HKFC was a fantastic world record made possible by 2,610 enthusiastic children with support of their coaches, volunteers and parents. The tournament succeeded because of everyone involved in mini rugby in Hong Kong including unions, sponsors, government, clubs and their staff. Many people delivered outstanding contributions. A big “Thank You” to all of you!

*Case Everaert
Vice Chairman HKMRFU & Tournament Director*

The Parade

Lots of parents were waiting outside the HKFC on Pitch 5 to welcome 2,610 World Record Holders into Happy Valley in a parade. It would be a fitting conclusion to a brilliant day. The parade was supposed to be orderly. The parade was supposed to consist of players and coaches only. They were supposed to go to Pitch 5 behind the Sea School Band for a final photo in front of the Jumbotron.

Instead, the parade was spontaneously joined by everyone in the HKFC and a colorful jumble of kids and adults made its way



HKFC MINI RUGBY KIDS HELP BREAK A GUINNESS WORLD RECORD!!!!

Well it certainly has been an exciting month in October in the world of HKFC Mini Rugby.

We were lucky enough to have Christian Cullen spending a week at the Club. On his first Sunday he helped coach the Mini Rugby players, during the week he had a run out with the Seniors culminating in the kids (and their parents) meeting Christian on the Saturday followed by some of our players running out as mascots with HKFC 1st's and 2nd's. Together with a cash bar, good food and a face painter painting the Club colours on the Mini Rugby players, it was a great day appreciated by all. This is all part of our efforts to link with and support the senior team.

We then followed this by the children helping to break the World Record at the HSBC Guinness World Records tournament at HKFC and the Valley. What a great day this was. We entered 33 teams and had just over 370 of our children playing rugby. All age groups enjoyed the day very much and our Under 12's did us proud by winning the Plate and narrowly losing the Cup final 2-1 to Tanglin Club of Singapore. The total number of participants from clubs around Hong Kong and from overseas was 2,610, beating the record by over three times.....well done to

all who participated.....you are all stars!

In the afternoon a large HKFC contingent within our Club went to the stadium to see the DHL Bledisloe Cup game between Australia and New Zealand. What a spectacular game it was with Australia narrowly beating New Zealand in overtime. A great day of rugby for all.

During the tournament we were lucky enough to have that great New Zealand flanker Josh Kronfeld supporting our Under 9's and on the Sunday afterwards our Under 7's were coached by Scottish full back Gavin Hastings. We are lucky to have so many great players supporting HKFC Mini Rugby.

For both of the events above I would like to thank our army of volunteers, coaches, team manager and parents. Without your co-operation we would be unable to hold such events. A special thank you should go to Case Everaert who managed the whole HSBC Guinness event, Paul Lui who managed the HKFC venue and organised the Club side of things on the day and finally Lynda Coggins who was a great help on the Christian Cullen day.

Moving forward during November we will be playing at the DEA festival and the Sandy Bay HKU festival. We have over 30 teams entered for both events and are

looking forward to a couple of fun packed Sundays.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank National Australia Bank, CLSA and Kennedy's for their fantastic support during the year. Also a thank you to HSBC for bringing Gavin Hastings to coach our Under 7's, STI-sports (our pitch manufacturer) for bringing over Christian Cullen and DHL for providing free tickets for the Bledisloe Cup game.

Finally, I would like to wish all the HKFC mini rugby community and everyone at the Club on behalf of Mini Rugby a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for a great year, let's continue to support our children and have a great 2011!!

**Kevin Taylor, Chairman –
HKFC Mini Rugby**



MINI SOCCER YEAR 7s IN NEW HONG KONG JUNIOR LEAGUE FORMAT



FC1 Y7 Goalkeeper William Donker makes a spectacular save against KCC.



Rory Lonergan challenges for the ball in a HKJL fixture.

An experimental format has been devised by the Hong Kong Junior League for the Year 7s (born 1999) this season, with matches played as 8 a-side on half a full-size pitch, providing a better bridge between the small-sided mini soccer games and the full 11-a-side games played from Year 8 onwards. As well as this significant change to the playing format (previously 6-a-side on a quarter pitch) the competition itself has been changed with teams from clubs around Hong Kong divided into three divisions involving promotion and relegation between the divisions following the end of each phase of the season.

Based on Phase 1 of the competition, which has just been completed, the new format has proved to be a roaring success. The standard of football has improved significantly because of both the increased pitch size and of course, the quality of coaching! The only downside has been the 7.20am kick offs at King's Park, which have curtailed the Friday nocturnal activities of some of our coaches.

After Phase 1, HKFC 1 are in second place in division 1, after beating KCC and Discovery Bay, drawing with Football Academy and suffering a 1-0 defeat to the Charles Hughes' inspired (get it in the box as quickly as possible) boys from Tai Tam.

The HKFC 2s suffered four defeats and were relegated from division 2 to division 3, the 2's manager suffered the inevitable fate and fell on his sword. HKFC 3 fared better and were promoted from division 3 to division 2 and HKFC 4 lost all four games and remain rooted to the bottom of division 3, the only way is up.

Matters of note in Phase 1: **Cameron Henderson's** hat-trick for HKFC 3, Big D's excuses including the Michael Jackson, torn meniscus dancing story and finally, **Victor Wong's** goal in the 4-2 defeat of HKFC 4 by KCC 2.

Mick Lonergan, Year 7s Head Coach



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TOP (L to R clockwise):

Phil Head - with the winner's trophy on his head!

Sur-real moment – 10 Adult Males lying on a lawn with bean bags enjoying excellent food and wine at "Spring & Summer" on a Saturday night in Bangkok! (And yes it is in the Luxe Guide).

Glenn Hitch and Phil Head receiving the winner's trophies.

Bangkok Jumbo Doubles 2010, Chiang Mai Cup 22nd to 24th October 2010

The annual Bangkok Jumbo Doubles tournament, at which participants play for the prestigious Chiang Mai Cup, was deferred from its normal slot earlier in the year due to the unrest in Bangkok. Despite the setback, the determination of the organisers prevailed and ensured that the 2010 went ahead after all.

Twenty eight teams took part in this year's tournament hosted with distinction by the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, including Emerald, Old Vajiravudh College (3), Riverine, Royal Selangor Club (5), Singapore Cricket Club, Singapore Island Country Club (3) and Tanglin Club (8) along with the Hong Kong Football Club (5).

Teams from HKFC were:

HKFC1:
Phil Head and Glenn Hitch

HKFC2:
Matt Robinson and Keith Frith

HKFC3:
Adrian Ng and Kenny Foo

HKFC4:
Guy Barton and Jono Barton

HKFC5:
Simon Barton and Andrew Cunningham

After three grueling days of tough competition where every nick, lob and drop (Jumbo doubles style) was watched by a keen and participative crowd, there was really only one result that mattered. Congratulations to Hong Kong Football Club 1 for their 2-0 victory in the final over a tough team from the Royal Selangor Club, Malaysia.

After so much heated action, the following HKFC results can almost be recalled:

HKFC1 – Won the whole event beating Royal Selangor Club 2-0 in the final

HKFC2 – Lost in the semi's to the Royal Selangor Club 2-1

HKFC3 – Lost to HKFC2

HKFC4 – Lost to HKFC3

HKFC5 – Just lost.

Tour word – “Quality”

Tour saying – “What does the Luxe guide say about that...”

The faces of tour:



Simon Barton trying to work out why the new side to side (rather than front and back) Jumbo Doubles tactic was not working.



Andrew Cunningham angry he couldn't find a decent Pad Thai at a reasonable price.



Matt Robinson after slotting another nick from the back of the court (he was on fire!)



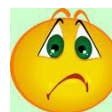
Guy Barton after losing a round of beers for being further from the pin than anyone else on the ninth hole at the golf course at Royal Bangkok Sports Club



Glen and Phil happy with yet another cup tucked away in the trophy cabinet. (Equally Phil when he shot one over par for his round of golf on Thursday!)



Adrian Ng and Kenny Foo who produced (at times) an extremely strong performance on court.



Jonno Barton worried that his wife may have gone into labour with their first child while he was on tour.



Keith Frith who could not be seen as he was moving so quickly up the front of the court.



The whole tour party after an excellent weekend of squash,

Men's Captain's Report

League Update

Henley Group HKFC's 20 Men's teams have had an excellent first round of matches. Every team has had some good wins and all are in contention to either win their respective league or qualify for the playoffs.

Some highlights so far:

The 3 **Barton** brothers in the HKFC 3 team, with ex world masters champ mum in support, combined to secure a super-tight 3-2 win at HKCC.

Chad Sunde (HKFC 2B) came back from 11-2 and 2-1 down to beat **Mike Ferreira** and secure a win against a strong LRC team.

Classic derby matches have brought out the best in many players (and boosted beer sales) - 2A beat 2B (4-1), 4A beat 4B (3-2) and 5B beat 5A in a hard fought 4-1 which could easily have been 4-1 the other way.

In the early stages, HKFC 9, HKFC 10, HKFC 14A, HKFC 14B and HKFC M1 were leading their divisions with nine other teams in the top four of their divisions. Much more to come. Check out the latest results and player rankings on the Hong Kong squash website www.hksquash.org.hk.

We have been able to strategically bring in a few new players to bolster teams which lacked sufficient strength or depth. Welcome to **Andy Ward** (HKFC 4), **Jonathan Davidson** (HKFC13), **Ho Ming Chiu** (HKFC 2B) and **Jon Pipe** (HKFC 5A) – most of whom have already established themselves as vital and enthusiastic members of their respective teams.

Super 12

This season we have started Super 12 and Super 16 events to provide regular top level competition for the Section's best players and invited guests – and great viewing for others.

The first Super 12 event was played over three Friday evenings in October.

Results from the first rounds determined each player's group for the final matches which were played on Friday 30th.

Every player had 2 matches on the night – best of three games PAR (point a rally) to 11. This quick-fire format meant there was no time to “get your eye in” so all the games were fast, aggressive and great to watch.

In the Final match, guest participant **Mike Ferreira**, having fought off a strong challenge from **Vincent Cheung** (14/12 in the first game) in the semifinal, proved too quick for **Lincoln**, securing a 2-0 win. Elsewhere in the draw (which included no fewer than 6 former Club champions) every player had at least one game going to deuce, so there were no easy matches. Congratulations to Mike and all the other participants.

The final order was:

GROUP 1

1. **Mike Ferreira** (Guest Player)
2. **Lincoln Chan**
3. **Chad Sunde**
4. **Vincent Cheung** (Guest Player standing in for **Vincent Yu**)

GROUP 2

5. **Rob Nigro** (Guest player)
6. **Neal Soo**
7. **Malcolm Kerr**
8. **Tim Fan**

GROUP 3

9. **Keith Frith**
10. **Patrick Choi**
11. **Ho Ming Chiu**
12. **James Barrington**

A series of follow-up matches is being scheduled, including a Super 16 tournament. Each participant will play one game to 15 (PAR scoring), with all four rounds and the final being played on the night. Future events will feature different formats, but all are expected to be exciting, so do grab a drink and come down to the courts to watch and support.

Malcolm Kerr

12th Wing Ding Squash Tournament at Hong Kong Football Club..... going balls to the wall for Hong Kong's most needy

When you read this article, the 12th Wing Ding Squash Tournament will be behind us. More than one hundred and forty participants will have had a day of fun and good deeds at Hong Kong Football Club's Squash Courts. However, whilst the event itself will have taken place, the fund raising does not stop there, and continues throughout December and a short while after.

Since 2003, the Wing Ding has honoured Wing and gathered an astounding HK\$ 1,687,122 for charity - with HK\$ 1,653,122 of that amount going to Operation Santa Claus, the local holiday appeal overseen by the South China Morning Post and RTHK. The funds raised help to make some seemingly impossible dreams come true, and the event enables those who contribute to give something back to some of the less fortunate folk in Hong Kong.

Last year's gathering alone contributed a whopping HK\$ 534,844 for underprivileged Hongkongers, and organisers are hoping that fellow Wing Dingers will contribute even more money this year.

Sincere thanks go to the HK Football Club and the members of the Squash Section who kindly gave up the

use of their facilities for this event.

For further information, please visit the official Wing Ding website at www.wingding.hk and watch out for an update in next month's Squash News.

Finally, anyone who has not done so and wishes to make a contribution, please contact Tim Everest, Chairman of the Squash Section Wing Ding Organising Committee at tim@hk.polargrp.com.



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SOCCER NEWS



Captain's Corner

By the time you read this, the advent calendars will be in use, the 1st team will have stunned the mighty South China and the bragging rights from the Wanderers v Albion game will inevitably be in full flow.

Section highlights this month include the Christmas Party on Saturday 4th December with the theme being 'The 80's'. If anyone is in the vicinity of the Club around 7.30pm, be sure to hang around at Reception for the arrival of Wanderers who will possibly need to sport only body paint if they are to beat last year's effort of dressing as sand.

Also featuring this month is the annual Boxing Day game featuring England v Scotland (and any other country). England are the current holders of the cup, having endured seeing the Scots emerge from the tunnel last year to the sound of bagpipes, which was rather apt, as there were plenty more windbags on show than the piper could possibly carry. If you are around, come down to watch, as it promises to be a great occasion, with mentions of Sassenachs, 1967 world champions and 4-6-0 formation being vociferously exchanged. At the time of writing, the coaches of the respective teams have not been announced, but if you are interested in participating, please contact me on the email address below and I will pass on your details.

Have you ever wondered what happens when your legs, lungs and everything else starts to pack up? Yes, that's right, you start playing social football. Included this month is a history of how some of this began down at the Club and an update from the Rovers and Dynamics.

As mentioned last month, Lucky Mile Captain and Section Secretary **Jamie Milne** recently racked up 100 appearances for his team and to celebrate, he is the feature of this month's player profile.

Also included are the fixtures for the month ahead to help you plan your pink tickets to the Club or alternatively monitor the whereabouts of your spouse, whenever they claim to 'pop out to buy a paper' on a weekend and come back 4 hours later with a hint of beer lingering...

As ever, you can contact me at growler11@yahoo.com with any comments or requests and all it leaves for me is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2011.

Neil Jensen – Soccer Section Captain

Dynamics Update

A new season brings fresh hopes and renewed zest to even the most ancient of the Dynamics, and Uncle Bobby. A few new recruits, Growler, signed on a Bosman from the Gazelles, John H, origin unknown, the return of Deadly and legitimisation (he is now officially over 35) of Pimmy gave cause for optimism. However, the fixtures secretary soon deflated egos, an opening game against Disco Bay, who were younger, faster and generally much better than Dynamics, saw to it that hopes of an unbeaten season lasted about 40 minutes, a 6-1 drubbing. This was followed by two draws, against Boca Seniors and the Ruby Murrays, and after three games the Dynamics were without a win, their worst start to a season since records began. The knives were out. El Supremo's neck was on the line but, as luck would have it, the transfer window had not closed and some cobbler called Foster made himself available, so we snapped him up. His debut against the mighty Rovers was reasonable, a five-goal haul in a 9-1 thumping earned him a life membership of the Dynamics. The season was off and running.

The much-anticipated next game, against the German All Stars, became a memorial match for a Shatin Junior schoolteacher, Steven Sidley, who tragically passed away at the age of 35. A minute's silence was observed before the kick off and the match that followed was played in a lively spirit, allowing people to release their emotions. The Dynamics ran out 3-2 victors in what was a fitting tribute to Steve. Our condolences go out to his wife and two young children.

The Dynamics extended their run to three in a row with a 5-2 win over Prudential which was notable for a headed goal from Luk Dim Boon, our diminutive left back, and the average age of the starting line up creeping over 50 for the first time. The back four's combined age being in excess of 200 years.

Mick Lonergan



Andy Hunter with Dynamics' new signing who apparently may also be in demand from the Club's Golf Society.

Player's Profile: Jamie Robert Milne

Age: 29

ON FOOTBALL:

HKFC team represented: Colts, 1st Team, Lucky Mile

Position: Centre back

Favourite team: Hearts

Standard reached as a youth:

Trial for Hong Kong Schools and playing for the Colts (first ever Colts captain in their inaugural season – 98/99)

Best goal scored: 6-yard finish in a 4-3 win a couple of seasons ago – my only goal from open play in the past 5 years!

Most memorable HKFC moment: Getting the captain's armband for Lucky Mile

Least memorable HKFC moment: Being relegated from Division 2

Boyhood hero: Ian Wright

Pre match meal: Pasta

FAVOURITES:

TV show – past and present: Only Fools & Horses and Entourage

Music: Just about anything, my i-pod has some shocking playlists!

Best Artist: Kings of Leon

Film: Pulp Fiction

Holiday destinations: Australia

Any food: Any pasta dish

Any drink: Asahi

Lucky Mile Select from 2005-present:

Goalkeeper – Bob Sawhney. Defenders – David Watts, Richard Lant, Jamie Milne, Michael Sadler. Midfielders – Mike 'Sharp shooter' Morton, Steve May, Eddie Chambers. Strikers – Amro Abbas, Seb Page, Blake Harding. Subs – Robert Harrod, Tony Hamilton, Mike Wilson, Tim Philips and Jeremy Gill.

If you could have ten guests for dinner, dead or alive, who would they be?

Billy Connolly, Lance Armstrong, Oprah, Bill Clinton, Martin Scorsese, Madonna, George Orwell, Frank Sinatra, Robert de Niro and Cheryl Cole.



Jamie Milne today

“ Most memorable HKFC moment: Getting the captain's armband for Lucky Mile. ”

Albion into November with Maximum Points

6 wins, 20 goals for and only 2 against, it has been a solid start to the season. Reinforcements have been signed all over the park, young "Sammy" Gilliland has slotted in at left back and got better and better. Sakai Masayuki has proved a Japanese version of Rio Ferdinand while John Casey and Lee Wellington have been outstanding in midfield.

One of last season's unsung heroes, Ned Millington has raised the bar yet again while Dave Brennan and Nathan Orié have chipped in with 3 goals apiece. Saying that you can't keep the old pros down; THB has scored 8 goals in 6, including a hat trick while Albion's "experienced" keeper Mark Devonshire has been in fantastic form obviously not feeling any peer pressure from the "younger" Shawry and the newly signed "Son of Dev's"



Jamie is in the back row, third from right. Colts 1998. (Check out Mike Wilson's wonderful choirboy haircut and also evidence that Jacko did once play football.)

Brief History of the Rovers and a Potted History of HKFC Social Football

The Rovers was inaugurated in the 1981-82 season back in the days when there were just too many competitive players coming down (through displacement by newly arriving up-and-comers to the Club competitive teams) from the competitive teams to find a social team, for the Dynamics and Gazelles were already overflowing and could make little room for these at the time rejects (or outcasts – whichever you prefer).

Ian Finlay (a displaced player himself) proposed formally in a Section AGM that his new team, The Rovers, be created to provide a team for any soccer player (by definition a capable player) at the Club who could not get a soccer team anywhere else in the Club. His motion was carried unanimously. The applicants gathered in and were registered in as of right and not because of any inner sanctum of team management like a team captain and his core advisers sanctioning their acceptance.

The inaugural fixture was against Gazelles, which Rovers won 2-1, Mike Ashton getting the goals for Rovers. Henrik Lorenz was the opposition goalkeeper at the time and stalwarts like Ted Powel, Mike Verber, and Paul Williams part of his back line defence. The Rovers team was:

			Mike Jenkins
John Hunt	Dave Suff	Tony Shields	Peter Barnett (Vice Captain)
	Mike Tidworth	?	Ian Finlay (Captain)
Marshall Byers		John Burnett	Mike Ashton

It was a glorious season, the team being able to cope with the level of competitive social teams that Dynamics and Gazelles encountered. Wing Cheung was Gazelles' captain at the time and John Gourlay the Dynamics' captain. In those days each social team had its night after Club training and kicked off at 8:00pm. Dynamics had its traditional Thursday and Gazelles their traditional Friday (giving it a special attraction for some players wanting a game at the end of the week's work). Rovers was given Tuesday nights.

Although many of Club's top players tended to go down from competitive to social football to Dynamics as a first choice, and then Gazelles as second, Ian Findlay was a master recruiter in persuading some excellent players to directly join the Rovers fold – notably the likes of Mike Watson, Ronnie Doctrove (who still holds some astronomical record number of goals scored in social football in any season – about 60 I believe), Keith 'Maniac' Dwyer and Peter A'Hearne, all top players. Other Club soccer household names did a spell at Rovers before moving off to Dynamics and included Ian Grant and Roger Corcoran among the par excellence pedigree.

The transfer of players from one social team to another was a common occurrence and made for various reasons. Mike Ashton left Rovers for Dynamics after that one inaugural season as he was persuaded that the Dynamics team then was desperately short of younger blood, whereas Rovers had young players to spare. Dave Suff and Tony Shields followed him to Dynamics the following season for similar reasons having done their first two years at Rovers. John Burnett transferred to the Gazelles but like Mike Ashton rejoined the Rovers again after several years away. In a later era the talented mid-fielder Frank Wingate left Gazelles for Rovers – Frank had been part of that incredibly talented Gazelles midfield of the late 80s – Mike Salmon, Colin Harrison, Mike Bentley, and Frank Wingate.



This coming and going of players confused social teams' identities to a certain extent, but you could be sure that any of those teams, Rovers or otherwise, at any one time had a fair pool of quality and a complete squad of eager and supportive players. Rovers prided itself traditionally and continues to do so, on its informality and open door welcome to any stray Section member seeking a game, and talented footballers who may have come through to the Club by another route than the Section (for example debenture members) with the proviso of course that any social player from any source has to become a regular Section member and pay his levy to qualify for social team membership.

Star and dominant players on the field always catch the eye, particularly regular goal scorers year in year out like Rovers' legend and record holder Ronnie Doctrove and latterly "flying" Ben Mayfield, and Jens Munk and Ronnie Tulloch at Dynamics, and Roger (?) and Billy Boag at Gazelles, but it is worth noting that there are so many heroes in all social teams for reasons additional to their football prowess but these qualities often get un-noticed and unsung, so intent we all are with the game in play. Tireless long servicing managers and social organizers are an obvious category and all three social teams have enjoyed some great managers and social organisers, founder manager of Rovers Ian Finlay carries immortality for the long devoted years he put in building and sustaining Rovers, and Wing Cheung of the Gazelles did likewise. Dynamics too had their long running men at the helm with Keith Marshall and John Gourlay, and a superb social organizer was Arthur Gayne.

And one must never forget those individuals who for year after year, like General Douglas McArthur's undying soldier, turned out for their team in an uninterrupted stretch (excepting absence through injury), with John Charleston of course easily taking the record with his service for Gazelles, but Rovers had Ian Finlay, Peter Barnett, and ever dependable John Hunt (the fastest cricket pace bowler to grace Club incidentally). As to the oldest men to do a competitive role on the field, again John Charleston of Gazelles wins by a mile (and is still going but don't ask his age), but Rovers had their Paul McGuinness who packed up playing for Rovers at 66 years old. Long live Rovers!

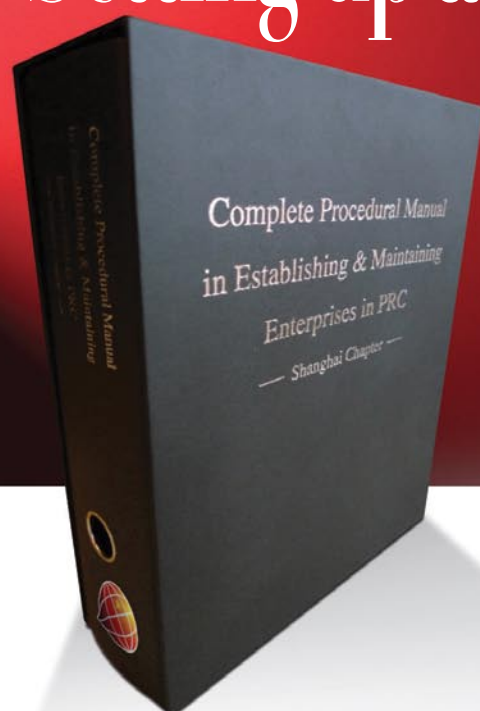
Footnote: This very month a Rover achieved a remarkable first at the Club. The first man to turn 60 years of age and score a hat-trick in a competitive match (against our Section sponsors – Prudential – and no walk-over match as they were a decent opposition team) was former Rovers' captain Ronnie Squire. No man at any level of football has come anywhere near 60 years old and scored a hat trick in a match at Hong Kong Football Club.

Mike Ashton

SOCCER FIXTURES - DECEMBER 2010 *(Fixtures subject to change. Please visit www.yauyeeleague.com and www.hkfa.com)*

DATE	COMPETITION	TEAM	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME
3rd December	HKFA bma 1st Division	HKFC	Sun Hei	HKFC	20:00
5th December	Yau Yee League Division 1	Wanderers	KCC Dragons	HKFC	15:00
5th December	Yau Yee League Division 1	Albion	USRC	HKFC	16:30
5th December	Yau Yee League Division 1	Colts	816	HKFC	18:00
12th December	HKFA bma 1st Division	HKFC	Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun TSK	15:00
12th December	Yau Yee League Division 1	Wanderers	USRC	HKFC	15:00
12th December	Yau Yee League Division 1	Colts	Albion	HKFC	18:00
15th October	HKFA bma 1st Division	HKFC	Tai Chung	HKFC	20:00
16th October	HKFA 2nd Division	Lucky Mile	Adv. Double Flower	HKFC	20:15
23rd October	HKFA bma 1st Division	HKFC	Citizen	HKFC	18:00
23rd October	HKFA 2nd Division	Lucky Mile	Fukien	HKFC	20:15
19th December	Yau Yee League Division 1	Wanderers	German All Stars	HKFC	15:00
19th December	Yau Yee League Division 1	Albion	Antonhill	HKFC	16:30
19th December	Yau Yee League Division 1	Colts	French Kiss	HKFC	18:00

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Men's B Team

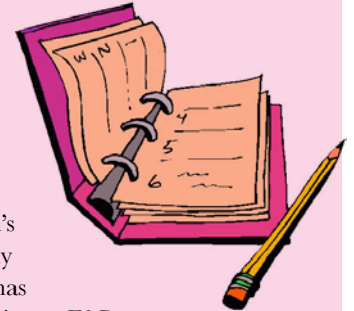
The B's encouraging start to the season has continued apace with the team now registering 9 wins out of 9 including wins over our top two rivals - Dutch and a much improved young Rhino side. The B's have already registered 46 goals in these 9 games, though somehow the side normally scores all their goals in one half. Somewhat amazingly, it has been our fitness levels that have made much of the difference. New players **Zac Harris, Andy Young** and **Jay Durbridge** have all made solid starts to the season and the defence has been marshalled efficiently by the ever reliable **Brad Munt**. Up front **Rik Van Donk** has already got the golden stick sewn up as he has managed to score 15 goals despite **Luke's** best intentions to get a final touch. We also had to say goodbye to **Allard Boer** who has headed off with his goal-scoring prowess to the hockey capital that is Stockholm. In normal B team style, he was seen off by a B team fine session - we still have no confirmation if he ever made it on to his flight. As an advanced warning, children and pets should avoid the Sportsman's Bar at the end of December when **Luke Ryan** will be taking his farewell bow...

Message from the Ladies' Captain

Into December already – the season is flying by! Not to be sidetracked by the upcoming social whirr of Christmas parties, work nights out and the Sportsmans' mulled wine (aka Festive Superfuel), our ladies' hockey teams are keeping their eyes firmly on the prize(s) and continue to do battle in their divisions. The Ladies A team in particular has had a very strong run and has been decimating their opposition (including a 19-0 drubbing against Dutch) and would seem on course for a record goal scoring tally this season. Similarly, the G team has had some impressive wins, and has regularly been finding the net now that their start-of-season jitters have passed and the team has started to bond (tequila glue I understand). Our Development Squad (D team) has also had a phenomenal start to their season and so far are undefeated. (Hopefully, I haven't just cursed their winning streak...)

Now – a quick plea for... UMPIRES!! We all know that the quality of HK umpires is incredible (literally). So it's only right that as the largest hockey club in Hong Kong, we do our bit to contribute more to the umpiring community. 26 hockey members took part in (and mostly passed) the beginners' umpire course last month. This is a good start but every member in their four year commitment needs to do the umpires course and take the (multiple-guess) test. So keep a look out for details of the next qualification course to be held shortly – and get yourselves along. *Nicky*

Secret Diary of a Hockey Girl



I feel like the lead up to Christmas is now in full swing, and I've seen it all: passion, intrigue, debauchery. Starting off with drinking the Sportsman's out of champagne - hopefully a benchmark for the Christmas merriment to come – a warning to F&B:

do not underestimate the drinking capacity of the Hockey Section. And as if last month's excitement of the entire All Black rugby team to drool over around our very own Club pool, we've also had our fair share on of on-pitch drama with megabrawls, mayhem and walkouts!

Phew – It's a hard life being a Hockey Girl and keeping up with the Section's antics. By day trying to fit in work meetings, coffee breaks and water cooler gossip sessions whilst exchanging hockey emails and trying to get psyched up for the Saturday match (the highlight of every Hockey Girl's week, naturally)! This week's dilemma is how to persuade a certain Club member's husband to dial it down ten notches when hurling abuse at the umpires to avoid getting us yet another green card. And how will I make it to training when the weather is cold and wet and sofa and biscuits look so much more appealing? (Note: I have a plan for this – we should all have to wear the same training kit and blend together like a 'heard' and then non-attendees will be less likely to be spotted by an eagle-eyed Chappie).

How to ease the stress? Hockey Girls night out (obviously). Cue – a visit to LaKage by night! Picture cages to dance in, 80s pop, plastic drinks and an abundance of women . . . yes, only women. I'm down with that. Query whether this is a desperate attempt to cling to my youth or a desire to enjoy a social with my team mates! Whichever, I hang my sensible shoes back in the wardrobe and invent my new persona for the night. Which leads to... an encounter with a hot young designer. Let's call her "Olive". As she works for Hugo Boss, it would be rude / borderline insane not to give her my phone number when asked. A few too many blurry drinks later. . .

Feeling decidedly subpar for my meeting with my boss. Arguably, not the best way to start the day but

I'm laughing on the inside! I soon sober up when I receive a text from "Olive" confirming a Sunday date?? Eh? Strategy needed pronto in case "Olive" turns stalker and I need to hastily explain that I have a potential husband and no intention of drinking the day away at the beach with "the gang". How to explain any of this to boyfriend who would surely twig that "going to a charity event" is actually Hockey Girl Code for swinging from a pole in a cage.

As that familiar post-alcohol Fear kicks in, I have a sneaky suspicion that the match card I had promised to deliver to the hockey association is at the bottom of my kit bag. Since our last match my gum shield is not mine. And did I really let slip which B team player has mega crush on a Men's A team player? Ooops.

So I blame it all on the usual culprit, Merlot! And soldier on into another week having renewed my commitment to get to training. Can my sanity, relationship, Club membership, or liver take it?

XOXO

Chairman Charlie Turns 40!!

The Hockey Committee and the entire Hockey Section would like to say Happy Birthday and Congratulations to our Chairman, **Charlie Poulton**,

who will be turning 40 on Friday 24 December. As many will already be out of town and not around to celebrate on his big day, we suggest it's only right to toast him in the appropriate manner at the Section Christmas Party. Cointreau all round!



RUGBY NEWS

Newedge

Captain's Message

Merry Christmas to all as we approach the end of silly season and the start of the festive period. As you read this, I am sure that a majority of the Section will have partaken in their Christmas work and HKFC team socials, drunkenly embarrassed themselves amongst their peers and snogged a work colleague while dancing to Band Aid – Do They Know Its Christmas. This festive classic was recorded in 1984 and it alarms me to hear that one of our Dragons players **Johnny "The Mouth" Whittle** wasn't born until 1990, a slight downer for some of the older members who are using Grow-gain, but a definite positive for the strength of the Section and how we are attracting younger players.

Saturday afternoon drinking Asahi. Either method has its pro's and con's but as long as both make a 100% recovery then that is all that matters, good luck lads!!!

Some of the highlights of the last month have been the inclusion of the Mini's on Saturday afternoons, playing their role as official mascots of the Drags and Club teams and bringing the two levels of the Section closer together. The Mini's also managed to pull off their world record attempt with Guinness on the 30th October (no it wasn't an early lesson on life from the Irish Mafia). Our Mini's were part of 18 mini rugby clubs playing in a tournament to break the record of the largest mini rugby tournament and also to show how the mini rugby scene has boomed here in HK, they managed this



Peter Tattersall
Rugby Section
Captain

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This is always a strange time of the year, the season is put on hold for the Christmas period, numbers around the Section dwindle (numbers at training are non-existent) and a majority of us are gearing up to head home to our native isles to spend time with loved ones and family. The Mo's have been shaved off, everyone is looking forward to Fanuary and there are talks of a dry January. Don't do it to yourselves, the re-entry to the alcoholic atmosphere will be so cataclysmic that the dry effort wouldn't have been worth it. (**Mike Glancy, Tom Bolland**)

Ben Kende has made it safely to Australia where he is now receiving some of the best rehab that is on offer for such an injury. **Adam Woolliscroft** is receiving a slightly lower level of in-house Club rehab – sitting near PT McGee in the stands on a

with 2,610 players, smashing the previous record. On the pitch for the seniors, injuries have not helped the cause for the Club and Drags teams with 17 players unavailable one weekend due to injuries and travel commitments. Club have never looked back since their loss to Kowloon at the beginning of the season with comfortable wins over HKCC and CWB. Drags have fronted up on a massive scale this year, a close loss to DEA Tigers 16-10 and being 20 points down at half-time to CWB and coming back within 3 points at the end of the game before a break-a-way try for the Rams clinched the victory 32-24. Scorps thought that the best way to place a marker was to defeat league leaders Nomads 10-7 at Sports Road on the 6th November and Select also got their first win of the season away 23-5 against the

Macau/Nomads. Sequins recorded their first loss in two and a half years to Altus Kowloon Stingrays losing 18-5 in a very frustrating game that never really seemed to get going for our Sequin wearing boys. The Quins' were camped on Kowloon's line for what seemed like an eternity, the ref acknowledged the time issue and the lack of scrum quality from Kowloon by awarding multiple penalties but unfortunately no penalty try. **Chris Harker** kept the back line interested with some old war stories while the forwards tried to use the old rolling maul trick but unfortunately their luck had run out and the Stingrays crossed back over Victoria Harbour under the watchful eye of **Captain Bailey** and 2nd in Command **Bruce** as happy sailors. The Bledisloe Cup match was a fine HKFC Rugby Section outing with the BBQ Shrimp army taking the match to the wire with a converted try from James O'Connor, leaving the Kiwi's a little choked up (not the first time). The Bledisloe Cup Brunch beforehand was a great warm-up to the main event and without the hard work of the likes of **Dave Nazer**, these events simply would not happen, please buy him a beer next time you see him in the Sportsman's.

Our resident Welshman **Christian** "Chenin Blanc" **Kimberley**, under the watchful eye of **Daniel Browne** Esq, has been tasked with the mammoth assignment of organizing a HKFC Vandals Rugby Section party to tour New Zealand to watch the quarter finals of the Rugby World Cup in 2011 – God help the sheep for what is about to be thrust upon them! To show interest in this tour, please email Christian on **Christian.Kimberley@emerson.com** initial dates are 4th to the 11th October. **Tatts**

Zen and the Art of the Oval Ball

Suits you, sir?

Allow me to rant against the pitiful mess that is rugby's sartorial state of affairs in the modern professional era. Everybody knows it is not a pretty sight.

My former Japanese teammates, being ever so status-conscious, once declared that the collars on rugby jerseys are the sure sign that the game belonged to the "Gentleman Class", and not to the plebs. Sick of such blatant social snobbery, and having been a precocious brat for practically all my life, I was ready to point out several examples where the game was played by those who clearly did not belong to the upper echelon of social ladder. Still, I stopped myself from doing so as I did not wish to engage in discussing the sports I loved in terms of social politics. Besides, I love Welsh people.

Nevertheless, it was the impecuniosity which spelt the doom for the collars on rugby jerseys. As the All Blacks began that jinxed relationship with Adidas, whilst forsaking the homegrown Canterbury of New Zealand, the collars were gone from the rugby jerseys. I remember we were much amused by the appearance of those tight fit jerseys with mini-stand collars, which they introduced at 1999 Rugby World Cup. We were not so amused when all other teams started following their example.

I can understand the logic. Tight fit jerseys make it difficult for the players to be held in the tackle. It also works to prevent soft-tissue injuries. But the jerseys have got tighter and tighter down the years. Moreover, the manufacturers somehow see it fit to impose the same design uniformly to the players at all levels and in all positions. Just like the devil wearing Prada says, the last year's L is this year's XL and they are not making XXL any more this year, or so it seems and, more importantly, so it feels (around my bulwark). I mean not every rugby player looks like those calendar boys from Stade Francais or,

more recently and closer to home, those HK boys who appear in the HK Rugby 2011 Calendar (now available at King's Park and other outlets). Of course, we note the conspicuous absence of the front-rowers from these publications. No, I am not bitter. But the jerseys are now so tight that we, the front-rowers, find it difficult to find anything to bind on at scrums. The veteran players are now running around like a Michelin Man in a straitjacket, or badly made sausages waiting to be cured. Make no mistake. The front-rowers are in shape. The shape is round. Deal with it.

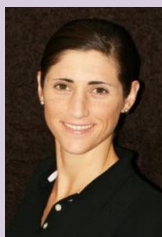
As for the shorts, I am happy to see the back of those baggy shorts that were somehow prevalent in the 90's. They might have looked great on Martin Johnson, but I couldn't make up my mind whether I was wearing short trousers or culottes. I mean I didn't need to make my legs look even shorter.

When I joined HKFC in 2003, I was given solid pairs of 100% cotton shorts with side pockets that I still wear to play tennis in every now and then. Then came a polyester number, which gave me a rash if worn for too long in sweaty conditions, which was always the case when you are playing. Lately, synthetic material seems to have improved but we now have the shorts that use some elastic material for the split part and seat of the shorts. I am politely Japanese in size, but more generously endowed teammates are revealing the shapes of their manhood as the elastic parts fit closely against their groins, making them look like cows' udders that require urgent milking. I hate to imagine the sight that second-rowers have to face every time they crouch for scrums. "Err, which way do you dress, mate?"

I am not saying that we need bespoke tailoring. But, surely, it would not hurt to get something that looks slightly better on us to play in. It is certainly strange that we have the dentist-fitted mouthguards but the shirts don't fit. **Yutaka Yazawa**

NETBALL NEWS

Comments from the Chair



Karin Looram,
Netball DSA
Chairperson

Merry Christmas Everyone!

The first half of the season is over and as we head into the festive season, we have several Football Club teams at the top of their divisions. Great work so far ladies!

On the 10th of November, we held our ‘Country of Origin’ tournament and as you can see from the photos, a lot of effort was put into the uniforms of choice. The Hong Kong team took the prize for the ‘Best Dressed’, very stylish. Many other prizes were up for grabs, such as the ‘Most Serious Player’, ‘Best Rebound off the Head’, but at the end of the day, the most important result of all was the overall winner and I am proud to say it was once again the ‘KIWIS’ that took the prize. I guess it was the scary mokos that did it in the end!

A big congratulations goes out to **Charlotte Thompson** and **Nadia Cuvelier** who made it into the Regional Netball

Academy (RNA). These squads are set up to identify talented youth netball players who could be potential HK Youth (U21's) squad Member to compete in the Asian Youth Championships in 2012. Keep up the good work girls.

Thanks to all the guys who participated in the friendly match against Club. We all had a good time and some great laughs. And just to remind **Aaron**, I can only call what I see as an umpire....Yes maybe I do need glasses! Look forward to the next friendly match soon.

The junior teams are still going strong. They will finish their competition around the same time as we do in December. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas function, which just to remind you all is compulsory. Thanks to the social convenors who have put on some fun events so far this season.

The league will recommence in January, so keep an eye out for dates and training times. Keep in contact with your captains and coaches and most importantly, stay safe and happy holidays.

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MATCH REPORTS

Monday 11th October

HKFC Whirlwinds 29 vs Kangaroos 25

It was a struggle to get seven players on court on Monday night. Even **Amanda McPherson** was at the ready to be drafted on with only 5 minutes to go. We were glad to have her on the sidelines coaching. Many thanks to **Penelope Hamilton** from Tornados for coming in to do a fantastic job at GS. After a few minutes we had several more players. Even though **Roimata Keogh** was not able to get on court, she saved us by umpiring for most of the game, many thanks.

It was a frantic first quarter with passes swiftly moving across the court (Whirlies 6-7 Kangaroos). Things began to move better in the second quarter. The mid-court players **Janie Grant** and **Kathryn Curley** started to make some useful interceptions and we moved ahead 15-10.

It was tough going in both circles. **Heather McKay** and **Wandy Lam** worked hard in defence to force the turnovers.

Whirlies made a furious start to the third quarter and dazzled the audience with five goals in quick succession. There were interceptions in the mid-court and some great moving around the circle followed by some welcome scores. However, we dropped the pace and allowed the Kangaroos to finish with a flurry of goals. Thankfully we were still up, 24-18, with one quarter to go.

Some fresh players came on to add their energy to the game. **Manu Santi** and **Gemma McCauley** kept the pressure on through the mid-court to keep the momentum going.

The last quarter was a close run. A lot more physicality across the court meant we found it tough getting the ball into the goal circles. Heads were kept cool and we worked hard to the end.

It was a good result after an intense game.

Definitely one to build on!! *Elaine Morgan*

Monday 25th October

HKFC Typhoons 27 vs Valley Tigers 13

On Monday night the HKFC Typhoons and the Valley Tigers played a fast paced, aggressive match. Both teams were out for a win as was reflected in the scores at the end of each quarter; a difference of one point for each. As both teams fought for victory, tensions flared and play was intense. The final quarter saw the Typhoons regroup and pull together as a team and come out with the win with a final score of 27-13.

MVP **Steph Loccandro**

HKFC Tornados 40 vs Shimmer 29

Our third match of the season brought another good win for the Tornados as we continue to develop our team play. We were

marginally behind for the first and second quarters, but moved ahead in the second half of the match.

The team worked well together throughout the match - the opposition were nimble and had some very accurate shooters. Our defence had to work hard, **Michelle R**, **Kayleigh** and **Abbi** were kept busy defending against the many low passes into and around the circle. **Marie** got some great intercepts and worked hard in the final quarter keeping the opposition out of shooting range.

Pen and **Michelle C** yet again worked well together in the circle, Michelle getting some excellent long range shots in and Pen working hard for rebounds in addition to consistent shooting. **Dawn** and **Hayleigh** fed well into the circle - the overhead passes worked well to our advantage against this team.

Allyson did another sterling job as chief scorer and supporter, and the final score saw us finish 11 ahead. Well done Tornados!

Penelope Hamilton

Monday 1st November

HKFC Typhoons 11 vs Black Magic 47

As the Typhoons continue to gel as a team, our performance in the match last week could only be described as erratic. There were moments in the game when we had a glimpse of the strong team to come. **Sioban** (GK) and **Lydia** (GD) played well together pressuring the shooter and intercepting some difficult passes from Black Magic who have obviously played together for some time. The girls were supported by some strong mid court defence with **Paula** (WD), **Nicole** (WA), and **Ellen** (C) who worked hard to maintain an offensive stance.

Once the ball was worked down the court, **Vicki** (GS) and **Ros** (GA) shot well. With a strong defence from Black magic, Ros had to work some of her own magic and shot some incredible goals worthy of 2 points each!

The girls fought hard and will continue to grow as a team with the encouragement and tremendous support they give each other.

Monday 8th November

HKFC Tornados 24 vs Aussie Geckos 27

A narrow loss for the Tornados after a sloppy first half which saw our opposition, the Aussie Geckos drawing with us at half time. The 1st quarter saw us take the lead, with **Penelope** and **Michelle C** working well together in the goal circle whilst at the other end of the court **Marie** worked hard defending the feisty opposition. However we let it slip a little in the 2nd quarter and by half time both teams were level pegging.

The third quarter was much better with some great passes/

Country of Origin Tournament

intercepts in the mid-court. **Rachel** and **Dawn** worked particularly hard feeding the ball forward and there was some excellent passes in and around the goal circle. Our defence worked hard and overall it was a good quarter and we fought back and took the lead once again.

Unfortunately it was a lead we were unable to maintain in the last quarter and we allowed the opposition's rough play to affect our composure. I'm sure if we can learn from some of our mistakes made in the game we'll be back to winning form next week. Go Tornados!

Kayleigh Leonard

Monday 8th November HKFC Hurricanes 36 vs Great White Sharks 7

Hurricane's got off to a shaky start leaving **Amanda** almost speechless at quarter time but with some fantastic defence by all our defenders and great centre attacking we stepped up our game from the 2nd quarter and kept our opponent to single figures. **Wilma Donnelly** was on fire getting some great goals and rebounds while **Emma Johnson** moved into shooting for the last quarter scoring her first goal for the season woohoo!!

There's certainly something about the number "36" for the Hurricanes as 3 out of our 5 matches have ended with us at 36 goals! Well done Hurricanes, that's 5 out of 5 – let's keep up the great team work.

Jodie Price



New Zealand (winners)



Hong Kong and the Rest of the World (runners up)



Australia (3rd place)



UK (4th place)



LAWN BOWLS NEWS



WINNERS OF THE FIRST DIVISION

Congratulations to the Ladies A team on becoming winners of the First Division of the Premier League.

This is the fourth year in a row that one of our women's teams have won the First Division. This is a brilliant achievement and one that everyone can be proud of.



RUNNERS UP OF THIRD DIVISION

Congratulations to the Men's C team on becoming runners up in division 3. As a result of this they will gain promotion to the second division.

END OF SEASON PARTY AND PRIZE PRESENTATION

Sunday 7th November saw nearly 70 Section members participated in the annual end of Premier League party and prize giving.

The Ladies A team and Men's C team cracked open the champagne to get things started and this was followed by a buffet dinner.

The winners of all the Section competitions over the past year were awarded their prizes then came the awards for the most improved players of the year and the best costume for the evening.

The best costume went to **Daisy McNie** for her interpretation of "Purple and Gold".

The award for the most improved men's player went to **Adrian Reincke** and for the most improved lady player to **Anne Gately**.

When all the prizes had been awarded it was time for games. The games had a lot to do with fruit and were enjoyed by all!

A big thank you to our Social Secretary, **Rita Tsui** for organizing the evening.

1. Ladies A Team, winners of the First Division of the Premier League

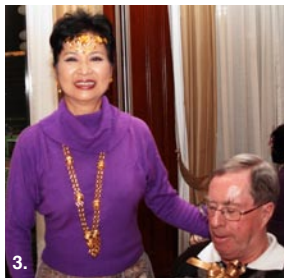
2. Men's C Team, runners up in Division 3

3. Daisy McNie won the best costume at the End of Season Party

4. Adrian Reincke – Most Improved Player (Men's)

5. Anne Gately – Most Improved Player (Women's)

6 & 7. A big thank you to Rita Tsui for organizing the evening



THE 11TH BEGINNERS' COURSE November 2010

The Section recently organized a beginners' course for Club Members.

There were eight participants. During the five evening sessions, participants were taught how the game is played, basic skills and bowls etiquette.

Everyone enjoyed the course. It was encouraging to see a whole family take part in this course from youngest to oldest and all be able to play together on an equal footing.

Special thanks to Coach **Rita Shek** and Assistant Coach **Josephine Lam**.



Back row from left to right: Eriko Tsujimoto, Stephen Ng, Daniel Chong, Thomas Yip and Carson Chow
Front row from left to right: Darryl, Benedict and Aurea (The Yip family with father at the back), Assistant Coach Josephine Lam

The Men's Captain Corner

I'm sure you will agree that our Premier League ended up on a far more positive note than we ever thought possible. Our Chairman, **Mark Mahoney**, sent you a summary of how our Men's C team ended up getting promotion and our D team avoiding relegation. It was a very happy final day's play.

As Men's Captain, I would like to thank all the Section bowlers for your great effort and precious time in supporting the teams during the past months.

By the time you read this, the Winter Triples League will have started. Sixty-four men's bowler signed up and as a result we have entered five sides.

The selection process so aptly named the 'Law of the jungle' has been replaced by a squad system. Among others we like to thank **Nick Grimshaw**, **Fred Ma** and **Raymond Au** for their ideas on this.

The formation of the men's team for the coming Triples League is as follows:

Division I A Side 9 + 1

Division I B Side 9 + 1

Division III C Side 9 + 2

Division III D Side 9 + 2

Division VI E Side 9 + bowlers in the pool

When a team is short of a bowler, only those on the reserve list can be requested and if there is no reserve left, then a player from the pool of the E team will be taken. This system will be reviewed before the start of the next Premier League.

In the selection process for teams, everyone's merits were discussed. The captains and skips selected their own front men and sides were put together to provide experience while at the same

time giving bowlers the opportunity to try new skills.

Sadly, not everyone will finish up having their expectations fulfilled but it is hoped that in the end the enjoyment of bowling regularly with the same group of bowlers will compensate for this.

Skips be good to your front men!

As we know, the skip is the most important player in a team. He is the one who can turn the situation round with his last wood. He has to be good at most of the bowling skills and tactics. He should have the ability to control a team, maintain a good team spirit and yet have a pleasant personality. He should realize that his front men all want to draw to the position he wants. However, they are not machines. They make mistakes from time to time.

A good skip will think and react in a positive way. He should try to calm his team-mates and give them positive encouragement. Teasing or humiliating front men for not bowling well will destroy the whole team's spirit and will only result in failure.

Body language often tells players how you truly feel so skips need to be careful what you communicate.

In return, a front man should respect the calling of the skip.

Remember, a harmonious and cooperative atmosphere will certainly enhance the bowling performance of everyone in the team and we all have a part to play in this.

When the game is over, sitting down together to relax and unwind is an important part of the team building process. It's all part of what the game is about.

by Bernard Young

GOLF NEWS



Andy Ho,
Golf Society Chairman

19th Hole with the Chairman

Thank you to those of you who took the effort to come to the Golf Society (GS) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on both 22nd October and the 6th November. I would like to thank the outgoing committee, particularly **Adie Ma** for all her hard work and effort put in over the last few years.

Your new 2010/11 committee is as follows:

President: Richard Neish

Chairman: Andy Ho

Secretary: Ian Petersen

Treasurer: Ivan Yuen

S&RSC Rep: Dallas Reid

Handicaps Secretary: Desiree Wong

Development/Social: David Connolly

General Officer: Dorothy Lam

General Officer: Margaret Tsai

General Officer: Chris Meecham

It is that time of year when I should mention a few administration points on fees:

Hong Kong Golf Association (HKGA) charges

For those of you who elected to be HKGA members, \$350 will be debited from your November statement, \$175 for those between the ages of 14 – 17, and \$100 for those 13 and below. If you do not wish to continue the HKGA membership, then please inform **Maggie Ng** at the Club ***BEFORE*** mid-December this year or you will have your account debited!

GS Charges

No fee increase for next year and therefore the \$600 will be debited from your account in the December statement for the year 1st January 2011 to 31st December 2011. Again, if you wish to discontinue, please inform Maggie Ng at the Club before February 2011 or you will have your account debited!

125th Anniversary

As it will be the HKFC's 125th Anniversary in 2011, the GS Committee is planning a series of activities. So, stay tuned!

Golf Bag Tag

Again, I wish to remind all GS members to pick up your HKFC GS Golf Bag Tag at Reception if you have not done so already.

Handicap Index Label

Besides obtaining a printout of your Index labels from the Club Reception, HKGA members can also click on <http://www.idcreports.com/members/member.html?A=E>

Type in your HKGA membership number and find "Tools", scroll down to "Print Handicap Index Card" to get a copy.

Report for KSC South 29th October

The Walmsley Cup was originally scheduled on 22nd October, but as a result of a typhoon, the outing was cancelled and we organised a 'practice round' on 29th October, on the same course where the Cup was to be held (the Cup was re-scheduled to the 24th November). Eleven players entered the event; it was a beautiful sunny day and all players had a lot of fun out on the course. **K.W. Li** and **Cathy Neish** came home with the nearest pins prizes.

Yours truly here officially signs off. See you all on the golf course!

by Adie Ma



Discovery Bay Golf Club 9th November

A total of 23 golfers, 10 ladies and 13 men took part in the golf event at Discovery Bay Golf Club on 9th November. It was a nice fine day, sunny with some breeze and a temperature around 20 degree C. With such perfect conditions, all golfers played exceedingly well despite most of them not familiar with the golf course. All 3 awardees of the men's section scored more than 40 points in the Stableford Competition.

Dallas Reid, our GS Team Captain showed his power by scoring 43 points to win and finished the game with a gross 72. **Lynda Coggins** was the best amongst the ladies with 37 points and also walked away with a Nearest-pin award. Following are the full results:

STABLEFORD

- Winner -- **Dallas Reid**
- Runner-up – **Jonathan Li**
- 2nd Runner-up – **Li Kwong Wing**

LONGEST DRIVE

- Ladies – **Ann Reincke**
- Men – **Kien Ng**

NEAREST-PIN

- Ruby 2 – **Duncan Spooner**
- Ruby 8 – **John Foxall**
- Jade 3 – **Jason Waldie**
- Jade 6 – **Rebecca Wong**
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TENNIS NEWS



Malaysia Rules the World!

It's official: at the inaugural 'Cup of Nations' competition on Sunday 7th November, Malaysia swept aside all-comers to become world champions. The **Soo** family (**Mary**, **Neal** and **Gene**) with adopted daughter **Yoke Ming**, beat France in the final rubber by two points to win the Gold medal and multicoloured trophy, hand painted that very morning by **Kristin**. Afri-Kong (Hong Kong and South Africa) claimed third place after a hard-fought battle with the Pink Panthers.

Conditions were perfect for the eight teams of four that signed up for the event. Kris and her team from ATA came up with a fun format that included men's, ladies and mixed doubles as well as one game of singles per match producing some very close results. Teams were also allowed to call in their 'Joker' if someone on the opposing team was playing too well – forcing them to use either a junior racquet or funky coloured racquet with some broken strings for several points. **Winston Leung** in particular used this ploy to good effect against the French squad.

Special thanks to Kris and her team for putting together a terrific event with some very creative and colourful prizes.



TOP:
'Cup of Nations' group photo

ABOVE:
The winning team from Malaysia -
Gene Soo, Mary Soo,
Yoke Ming Ong and Neal Soo



BOTTOM (L TO R):
Mark and Sho Fukumori
Eric Desgouttes serving
Ready for action -
Paula Swallow
with partner



Juniors Gaining Valuable League Experience

Our first ever junior team continues to gain valuable league experience each week. While the team's record is one win and six losses, spirits remain high and every member of the team is playing their hearts out. Special thanks to the parent helpers and coaches for their support and encouragement. This experience will certainly help our juniors go from strength to strength.

League Roundup

With the evening leagues well underway we're delighted to see that all of our teams have secured their positions and have avoided relegation thanks to some solid performances. The men's B squad was on an unprecedented three-win streak with ambitious plans to make the playoffs. They have since had two narrow defeats placing them mid-table with just three matches remaining.

Meanwhile our premier ladies in the morning league remain undefeated – congratulations to all of the league players. Let's finish the season strongly!

LEAGUE RESULTS

A-League - 3 wins, 3 losses
 B-League - 3 wins, 3 losses
 D-League - 2 wins, 2 losses
 B-League ladies - 3 wins, 3 losses

Premier - 4 wins, 0 losses
 Division 2 - 1 win, 1 draw, 4 losses
 Division 4 - 3 wins, 1 draw, 3 losses

Lawn Bowls Challenge

Six members of the Tennis Society swapped their racquets for bowls on 12th November in a friendly challenge match with the Lawn Bowls Section. Some of them did so well that there's talk of taking up the sport! Our thanks to Lawn Bowls chairman, **Mark Mahoney** and fellow bowlers for helping to organise the event.

Lights, Colour, Action!

As part of the tennis court refurbishment programme new lights will be installed in December, so the courts will be closed in phases for a short period to allow the lighting upgrade. The rear wall behind the courts 4,5 and 6 will also be painted a darker shade of green making it easier to see the balls (the wall on Courts 1,2 and 3 has already been painted) – so no more excuses!

Singles Ladder

The new tennis ladder is live and we would like to invite all members to join! To sign-up, please visit <http://www.hkftennis.com/ladder>. There is a men's, ladies and now a junior ladder for those who are keen. The rules and regulations are on the website. Look forward to seeing you on the court!

Tennis Classic 2011



An illustrious line up of stars will once again grace Victoria Park Tennis Stadium from the 5 - 8th of January 2011 as the Hong Kong Tennis Classic returns to town. The unique World Team Challenge format



Lawn Bowls Challenge



TENNIS

will again allow fans to watch top ranked female players alongside male legends over 4 days of action packed tennis. The teams for this tournament will be as follows.

Team Asia Pacific – Mark Philippoussis, Li Na and Zheng Jie

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Team Russia – Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Vera Zvonareva and Maria Kirilenko

Team Europe - Stefan Edberg, Caroline Wozniacki and Aravane Rezaï

The Classic will feature women's and men's singles and mixed doubles matches in a world team competition. Team Russia are the defending champions, but with all four teams packing strong lineups, the title is sure to be fiercely contested.

Tickets can be bought from all URB TIX outlets or online at www.urbtix.hk. Please visit www.hongkongtennisclassic.com for more information about the event.

Tennis Society Website

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. www.hkftennis.com

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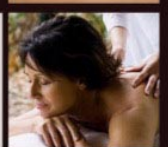
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SWIMMING NEWS



HKFC Sharks pre-the Clean Half 14.5km Swim Marathon

The Clean Half

The Clean Half is a swim relay from Stanley Main Beach to Deepwater Bay across 14.5km of ocean. The event is designed to raise awareness for Project Kaisei – the reduction of swirling mass of plastic waste in the Pacific Ocean. HKFC1 were our buffest athletes with **Shauna, Laura, Cat, Joanna** and **Patrick** and **James Shortis** as support boat driver and navigator. HKFC 2 had visiting Total Immersion Swim Guru, **Terry Laughlin** on the team of **Robin, Fran, Guy** and **Debbie**. The idea being that teams of five swimmers take turns to swim the distance in shifts of 10-20 minutes. As you can guess, there would have been no rivalry between our teams. No, none whatsoever.

The start kicked off through a melee of junks, outriggers, other swimmers and debris. Patrick went out well. HKFC 2's Terry Laughlin cruised through the sea, drafting off other swimmers and making it look effortless. Catherine was 2nd in, swimming directly head first into port side of a boat within the first 5 minutes, slightly concussed she battled on, desperate to find that 1st buoy, however due to other boats bobbing around in front of the buoy, she had trouble navigating her way around it. Shauna 3rd, heading straight out towards the satellites at Stanley and looked good starting out until 3-foot swells hit. At this point, HKFC 2 had squeezed a lead and were looking smug with Fran, Debbie and Guy on-track. The swells increased to 4 foot at least but Jo Fargus powered through. The boat rolled in the wave troughs and Jo bobbed up and down so we lost sight of her 50% of the time, but we could hear her shouting "get me out of here" and "how much time left" coming loud and clear. Laura was 5th, and her leg was described quite aptly as "in a washing machine for the rinse cycle" !!

The 2nd round, 10 minutes each was actually an enjoyable experience by all, as we rounded Stanley satellites and had the swells and wind behind us. HKFC 1 were excitedly hanging over the front of the boat convinced we were gaining ground on 4 teams just slightly ahead of us with HKFC 2 now behind.

The next few hours were spent psyching each swimmer up before their leg,

ensuring a point on land had been agreed upon for navigation purposes, and making threats to the next swimmer if they didn't catch at least one of these teams that just seemed to be within reach but then slipped away again. Oh and enjoying Shauna's stella turkey, cheese and avocado sandwiches.

The final leg in to Deepwater Bay was definitely the final push. We overtook one team about 1K out, everyone dug deep and pulled out some very strong swims. We all jumped in for the final 300M into the beach and swam like our lives depended on it and overtook 2 more teams. It was a scramble up the beach clawing at the sand to beat a young swimmer, what looked like, an 8 year old boy. Most exhausted and thoroughly jovial high fives and hugs ensued. We finished 11th out of 36 teams. HKFC 2 came in 21 minutes later in 4 hours 23 minutes, equally elated.

A great day was had by all and thanks again to our Captain James Shortis.

Shauna Simpson

Richard Hall

Richard had a big October. He had qualified for the World Ironman Championships in Kona, Hawaii, and took the family for a nice break. On October 8th, Richard covered the 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile cycle and then a 26.2 mile marathon in 9 hours 42 minutes to set a new PB. The following weekend he was back in Hong Kong and unfortunately had made a long-standing commitment to swim in the Clean Half 14.5km race... in the solo category. Nearly five hours later, he emerged from the waves, slightly less energized than at the start! One week later, he's racing in the Disney Triathlon and pulls off a 2 hours 15 minutes and 4 seconds. In the circumstances, a quite phenomenal month, Richard, and we all salute you!

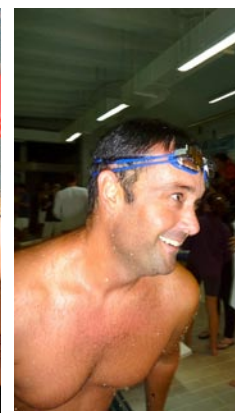


From the Pool Deck

2010 Coaches Report: Lloyd McBean

Over the last 12 months, the sense that HKFC has a true swim squad has moved from a concept to reality. The last few months have been very busy with Triathlons, Open Water and Pool Competitions.

On the 25th September, we had 4 swimmers compete in the inaugural 5k – Pier to Pier Challenge. None had swum that far before and **Richard, Cat, Guy** and **Phil** all finishing exhilarated and happy with their performance and times. On the 16th October, the HKFC had two 5 person teams competing in the very popular Clean Half Marathon Swim for the first time. With some 30 plus teams competing, our two teams came 11th and 17th respectively and learnt much about navigation in heavy swells and team motivation. October 24th was the HK Triathlon at Disney and I was down at the Swim start at 7am keeping an eye on our swimmers. Without naming anyone, we had a number of first places and numerous placings. On the 31st October was the very popular Bay To Bay 2k Open Water Swim, again our members excelled with top 3 finishes with a special mention to **Debbie Hanley** racing 36.24 and **Phil Shirley** in 40.04 to lower their PB's. Last but not least, on the 5th November was the Annual HKFC V LRC pool Gala. Our swimmers did the unthinkable and beat the Ladies Recreation Club (noted for their pool-swimming prowess) and I personally want to thank all the team for an excellent performance, with a special thanks to **Guy Horne**, as team Captain.



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I believe our recent success is due to the introduction of additional swim sessions (training now comprises of two x 90 minute morning sessions and one evening session) and this has doubled for many the swim time in the water. With consistent attendances and hard training our squad members are now seeing the benefits. To give you some idea, times have improved from 2 minutes and up to 10 minutes in Open Water events over 1.5-2.0 km from 2009. Together with stroke correction and technique efficiency, we are now looking like a very slick swim squad who are still capable of further improvement. Our 3 lanes are continuing to fill up with new swimmers and there is scope in 2011 for more. It's our future vision to introduce a Junior Swim Squad to ensure there is talent being identified and coached to senior level, along the lines of mini-soccer, mini-rugby, mini-squash and so forth.

Lloyd McBean, Swimming Society Coach

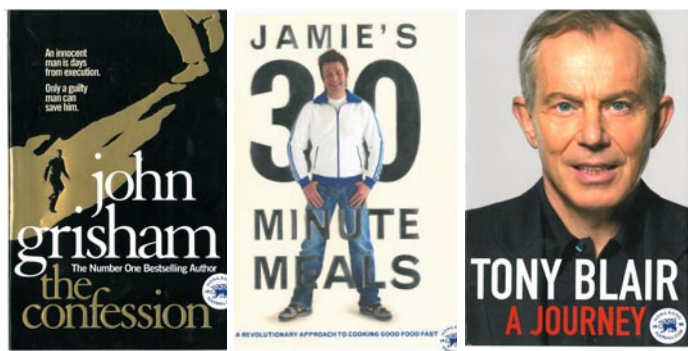
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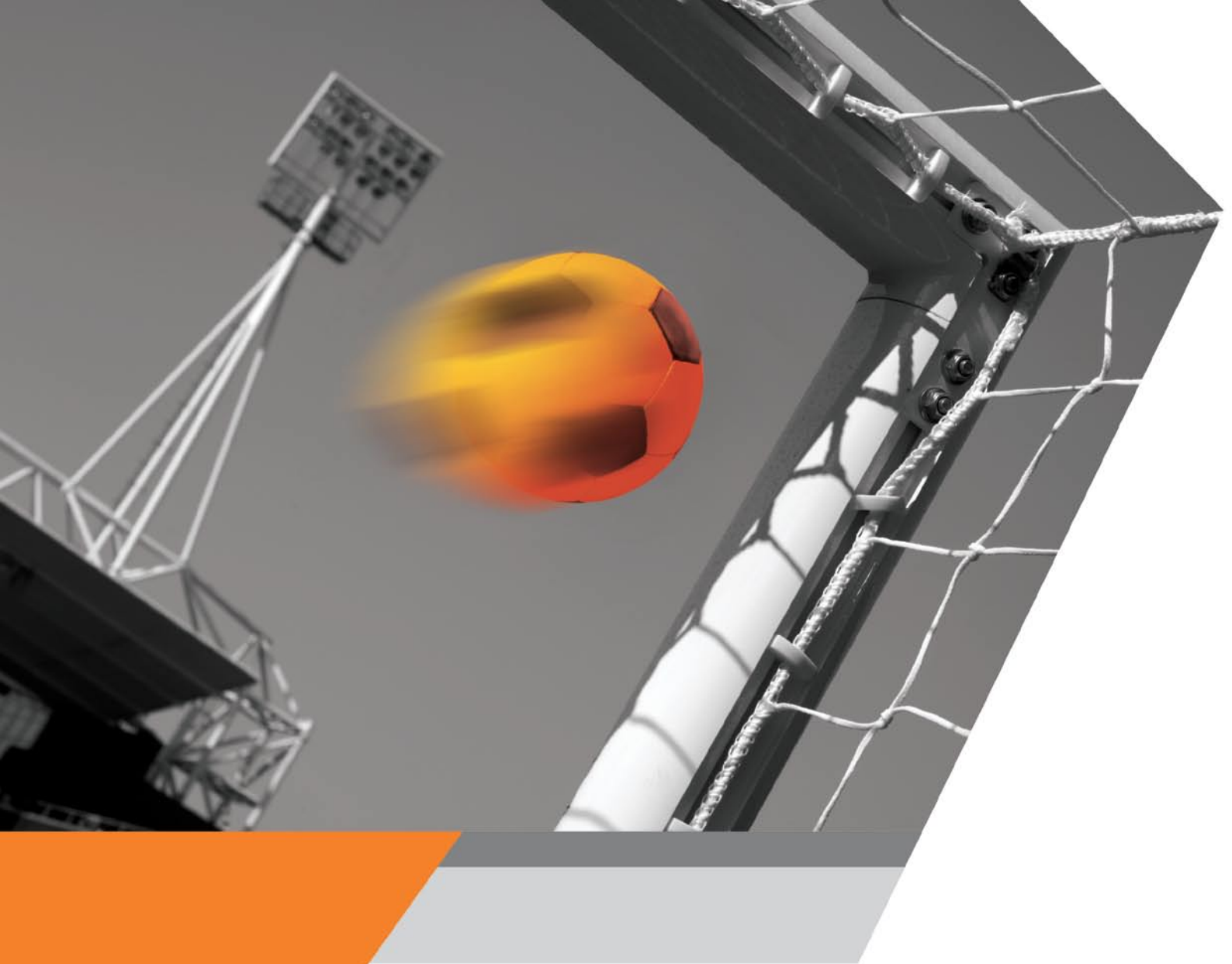
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