

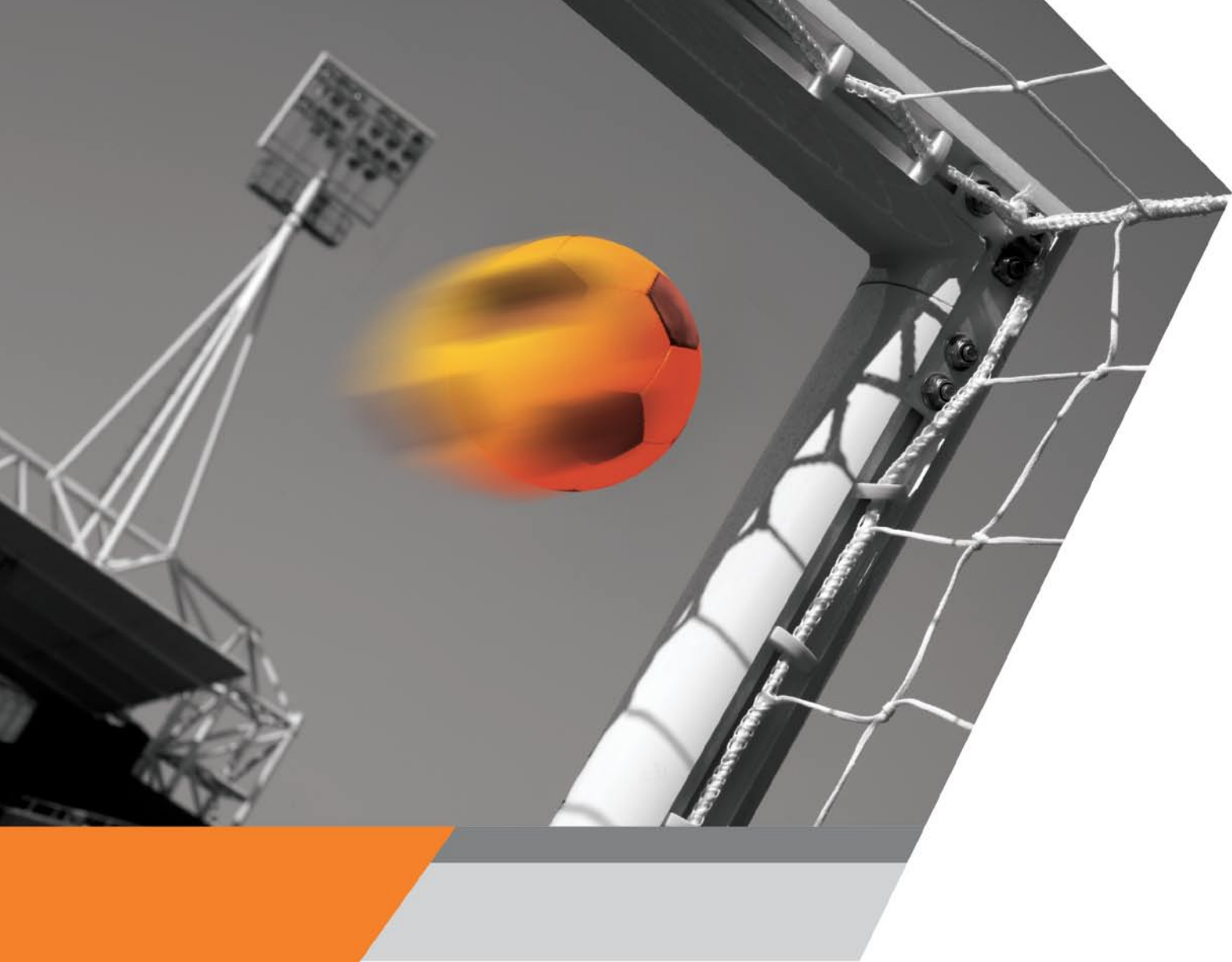
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HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB 香港足球會 NOVEMBER 2010



*As the
temperature
drops...*

F&B Highlights:
Craggy Range Wine Dinner in the Restaurant
Beaujolais Nouveau Party at the Poolside
Veuve Clicquot Dinner
Thanksgiving Celebrations
Tandoori Corner
and more...!



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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.

General Committee

President	: Dermot Agnew
Vice President	: Nick Hunsworth
Vice President	: Mike Lamont
Vice President	: Bobby Lawson
Vice President	: Iain Valentine
Chairman	: Fook Aun Chew
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Rugby Officer	: John Molloy
Soccer Officer	: Martyn Russell
Squash Officer	: David Reeves

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General Manager	: Mark Pawley
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Director of Finance	: S.K. Li
Director of Food & Beverage	: Dominique Artigolle
Executive Chef	: Ki Liu
Facilities Manager	: Evan Tao
Membership Services Manager	: Kerry Ogle
Human Resources Manager	: Angela Chan
Executive Housekeeper	: Lily Huynh
Front Office Manager	: Shirley Lo

Club Magazine

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Mini Rugby

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The Thoughts of the Chairman

November is the month the Club will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and I hope to see as many fellow Members there as possible. All Members should have received the requisite notification, papers and Annual Report for their reference and guidance and I would urge all Members to attend the AGM on **Thursday 11th November 2010**, starting at 7pm prompt, in order to attend to the Club's affairs.

For Members that require information about those standing for election to the General Committee, detailed curriculum vitae are posted on the Club Notice Board on the 2/F1 for your perusal.

The General Committee have recommended **Alan Brown** to be elected as a Life Member and I would commend Alan to you. He has served and brought distinction to the Club as Chairman between 2006 - 2008 and was on the General Committee in total for eight years. Since stepping down as Chairman two years ago, Alan has continued serving the Club by chairing a number of important Sub-groups and is deserving of Life membership of the Club.

We say farewell on General Committee to **Mike Lamont** as Vice President, **Colin Cohen** as Honorary Secretary, **Martin King** as Chairman of the Development Subcommittee and **Mike Worth** as Lawn Bowls Representative, all of whom have served a number of years on the General Committee and I thank them all for their dedication and commitment during their time on the GC.

Lastly, I wish to thank all my fellow General Committee members for their hard work and diligence in my second year as Chairman and also **Mark Pawley** and the Management team and Staff members for their efforts in continuing to maintain the highest standards which we have come to expect of this Club!

See you at the Club!

FOOK AUN CHEW
Chairman

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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.

For more information on reciprocal clubs, please make enquiry at the Club's Reception or visit our website at <http://www.hkfc.com.hk/reciprocal.asp>.



From the Desk of Mark Pawley

Many congratulations are in order to the Staff pictured below who received their Quarter 3 Star Awards at a short presentation ceremony earlier in the month.



2010 Q3 STAFF STAR AWARD:
(From left to right): Nari Lau (F&B - Coffee Shop), Winny Lau, Winny (F&B - Coffee Shop), Mr. Pawley, Steffi Mok (Front Office), Calvin Tse (Purchasing), Purja Karna Bahadur (Housekeeping)

Thankfully, Typhoon “Megi” didn’t make it to Hong Kong and, as October draws to a close the weather is sunny(ish) with the temperature dropping down to a very pleasant 23 to 26 degrees celsius. Let’s hope the weather stays the same throughout November!

We will need good weather in order that we are able to celebrate **Beaujolais Nouveau Day** at the Poolside on Thursday 18th November. This, I believe is a first for the Club so, come on all you wine lovers and sample this marketing inspired wine evening. A bit earlier in the month, Wednesday 10th November to be exact, we host the **Craggy Range Wine Dinner**. This is another “must” evening and, if you haven’t booked already it might just have sold out by the time you get round to it! But, don’t be deterred because on the 18th November, yes the same evening as the Beaujolais Nouveau event we host “**An Exclusive Veuve Clicquot Dinner**” with their Brand Ambassador Mr Arnaud Mirey in attendance – so, is it to be champagne or wine, on the night? Which ever you choose please do book early to avoid disappointment.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

MARK PAWLEY
General Manager

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Ho Chi Minh City 3 days/2 nights	Renaissance Riverside Hotel Saigon, InterContinental Asiana Saigon and more	HKD5,099up
Bali 4 days/3 nights	Ayana Resort & Spa Bali, Bulgari Hotels & Resorts Bali and more	HKD9,699up

Other destinations to choose from include **Penang** and **Phuket**.



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◆ GENERAL PROMOTIONS ◆



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT THE CLUB!

Come and celebrate the new year of 2011 at the Sports Hall, the year of the Club's 125th Anniversary!

Once again, the Club has organised what is probably the *best and the biggest party in town!!*



The ticket is inclusive of a very extensive Dinner Buffet with regular favourites, as well as unlimited standard drinks all night, Champagne at midnight and a fabulous breakfast early in the morning.

In addition, we will be bringing a live band from the UK which undoubtedly will help make this Eve party a memorable night.



Booking form is available at the Front Desk and it can be downloaded from our website. You can also email: kenny_chu@hkfc.com

Ticket price:

\$1,400 (per Member)

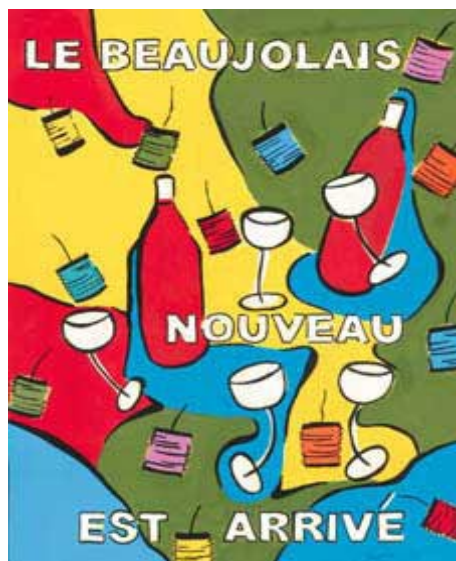
\$1,900 (per Guest)

Please book early to avoid disappointment!



NEED TO BOOK CHRISTMAS FUNCTIONS?

If time is running out to book your Christmas function, we will open the **Sportsman's Bar from 11am until 4pm on weekdays for private functions** (this gives you sole use of the area, including the patio). With the glass windows pulled back, the bar becomes a totally open air venue. With unbeatable catering packages, this makes the perfect venue for your **Office Lunch** or **End of Year Party**. For more information on packages and bookings please call: Lisa on 28309514 or email lisa_ng@hkfc.com



OUI, OUI!! LE BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU PARTY IS COMING SOON!!

By the Pool

Thursday 18th November from 7.30pm to 10.30pm

It's that time of the year again when new batches of French Beaujolais wine find their way to over 150 countries for the obviously-marketing-conspired-yet-still-kinda-fun excuse of celebrating "Beaujolais Day".

A Buffet dinner (accompanied with generously poured Chilled Beaujolais Nouveau) kicks off at 7.30pm and

goes for \$340 per person with advance booking, or \$400 at the door.

A great outdoor evening to spend with friends and colleagues.

Please contact Kenny on 2830 9504 or email: Kenny_chu@hkfc.com for reservations.

◆ GENERAL PROMOTIONS ◆



CHRISTMAS FESTIVE COUNTER – WHERE YOUR SHOPPING BEGINS

The party season is not too far away and to help you stock up your cupboards at home we will be setting up a shop complete with wines, beers and spirits, offering unbeatable prices and products that you won't find anywhere else. Also to make your shopping easier, we will offer a variety of Christmas goodies and presents.

The Gingerbread House will be located on the Ground Floor of the Clubhouse.

Keep your eyes on the notice boards and website for opening times, starting towards the end of November.

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.



Turkey Takeaway Menu from Saturday 13th to Friday 26th November

BRING THANKSGIVING TO YOUR DOOR

Don't have time to roast your own turkey? Don't worry, you can now bring the Club's perfectly roasted turkeys to your home or office for a stress-free festive celebration!

Turkey Takeaway Menu is available from Saturday 13th November to Friday 26th November.

Simply fill out the order form at Reception or download the form from our website and drop it at Reception or fax it back to us on 2576 7598. Your order can be picked up at the Coffee Shop.

Live Standup Comedy Show at the Club

WEDNESDAY 10th NOVEMBER
PAUL OGATA IS BACK!



Paul Ogata worked for years as a top-rated morning radio personality in Honolulu.

He has appeared on several television shows, most notably: Live Gotham, the syndicated Comics Unleashed and CBS's Late Late Show.

He is an award-winning comedian. In 2004, he was victorious in the TakeOut Comedy Competition, earning the title of the "Funniest Asian-American Comedian in the US." In 2007, he won the prestigious San Francisco International Comedy Competition, putting him in an exclusive club with the likes of other comedy greats.

Date: Wednesday 10th November 2010
Time: 8.30pm until 10pm
Venue: Sportsman's Bar
Price: \$300 includes Curry Buffet from 7pm to 8.15pm or \$240 (for Show Only)



SPECIAL GUEST:
VIVEK MAHBUBANI

Funniest Comedian in Hong Kong (2007 in Chinese and 2008 in English)

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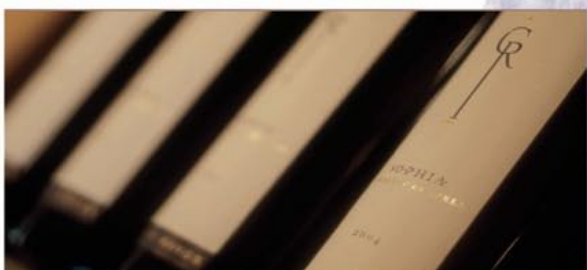
CRAGGY RANGE

CRAGGY RANGE WINE DINNER

Specialising in single vineyard wines, Craggy Range has in a short space of time cemented a position as one of New Zealand's top wineries.

Their flagship wine "Sophia" has been acclaimed by leading critic Robert Parker Jr. He gave the 2007 vintage 95 points, a wine that also outperformed Bordeaux's best in a blind tasting.

Join Terry Peabody, proprietor of Craggy Range and his daughter Mary-Jeanne for an opportunity to taste a selection of their single vineyard wines, including the award winning "Sophia" 2007 served from Magnums at this dinner.



In the Restaurant
 Wednesday 10th November, 2010
 Aperitif 7:30pm
 Dinner 8pm

Please contact the Restaurant for reservations 2830-9562 or email restaurant@hkfc.com

Aperitif

Amuse bouches on Spoon

*Craggy Range Fletcher Family Riesling 2008
 Marlborough, NZ*

Starter

Salmon Gravlax and Kingfish Ceviche with Piquillio Pepper, Baby Cress Salad

*Craggy Range Te Muna Rd Sauvignon Blanc 2009
 Martinborough, NZ
 Robert Parker 90pts*

1st Course

Grilled Scampi with Spice Dukkah crust and Salsa Verde

*Craggy Range Gimblett Gravels Chardonnay 2008
 Hawke's Bay, NZ*

2nd Course

Fig and Pine Nut stuffed Pigeon served with aged Balsamic Reduction and Wilted Spinach

*Craggy Range Te Muna Rd Pinot Noir 2008
 Martinborough, NZ
 Robert Parker 91pts / Wine Spectator 93pts*

Main Course

Herb Crust Black Angus Eye Fillet with Caponata, Celeriac Remoulade, Potato Gratin and Foie Gras Jus

*Craggy Range Gimblett Gravels Syrah 2008
 Hawke's Bay, NZ
 and
 Craggy Range Sophia (Bordeaux Blend) Magnum 2007
 Hawke's Bay, NZ
 Robert Parker 95pts*

Last Course

Mons Cheese Platter

\$598/person

◆ RESTAURANT ◆



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WITH VEUVE CLICQUOT BRAND AMBASSADOR - MR. ARNAUD MIREY**

Cocktail

VEUVE CLICQUOT YELLOW LABEL

Dried apricot stuffed with foie gras mousse
Fried shrimp and pink grapefruit on tart shell

1st Course

VEUVE CLICQUOT VINTAGE 2002

Pacific crab cake with a light wasabi cream sauce

2nd Course

VEUVE CLICQUOT ROSE 2004

Pan seared salt water monkfish wrapped in fresh basil and prosciutto,
aged balsamic black tomato, chorizo caponata

3rd Course

VEUVE CLICQUOT VINTAGE 1995

Nest of hand crafted flat pasta with lobster, truffle butter sauce

4th Course

VEUVE CLICQUOT VINTAGE ROSE RESERVE 1985

Roasted 5 spices duck breast, wild mushroom risotto, foie gras sauce

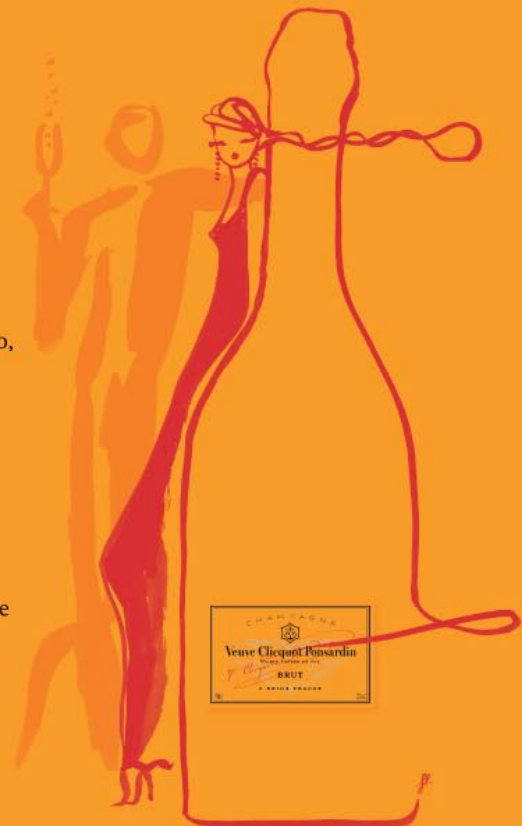
5th Course

VEUVE CLICQUOT DEMI-SEC

Panna cotta and wild fruit purée, topped with crunchy meringue

Coffee or tea

Madeleines



VENUE: THE RESTAURANT "PRIVATE ROOM"
DATE: THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2010
TIME: 7.30PM – COCKTAIL RECEPTION
8.00PM – DINNER

PRICE: **HK\$738** PER HEAD
RSVP: 24 SEATS AVAILABLE ONLY

PLEASE CONTACT THE RESTAURANT AT 2830 9562
FOR RESERVATION OR EMAIL: RESTAURANT@HKFC.COM

◆ RESTAURANT ◆

THANKSGIVING SET DINNER

in the Restaurant
Thursday 25th November
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Celebrate the joy of Thanksgiving with family and friends in the Restaurant.

A Three-course Set Dinner Menu as well as the regular A La Carte Menu will be available in the evening.

THANKSGIVING DINNER SET MENU

Thursday 25th November



Starter

Avocado stuffed with Diced Smith Apple
 Spicy Crab Meat Salad

or

Wild Mushroom Soup
 with Sherry and Thyme

Main

Roasted U.S Turkey with Chestnut Stuffing
 Balsamic Glazed Brussels Sprouts with Pancetta
 Mashed Potato
 Baby Carrots, Gravy and Orange Cranberry Sauce

Dessert

Double Ginger Pumpkin Tart
 or
 Autumn Fruit Pie

Coffee or Tea
 Petits Fours

\$258 per person

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

**SUNDAY SEAFOOD EXTRAVAGANZA
 DINNER BUFFET**

in the Restaurant
every Sunday night from 6.30pm to 9.30pm
throughout the month of November

\$225 per Adult; \$128 per Child (age 12 and under)

Don't miss the Sunday Seafood Dinner Buffet at the Restaurant. The buffet includes fresh shellfish, cooking station featuring prawns and scallops, a raw bar and a fresh oyster bar. A hot prime rib carvery will also be available.

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



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THE HARD SHELL

in the Restaurant
every night, except Sunday
throughout the month of November
from 6.30pm to 9.30p.m

November sees the Restaurant Culinary team creating delicious dishes, starring Lobster, Prawns, Scallops, Mussels, Razor Clams and Crabs.

Seafood lovers, you are in for a treat!

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



RESTAURANT



BRING YOUR OWN WINE

**in the Restaurant
continues until 30th November
available in the evenings**

No corkage will be charged (up to a maximum of four bottles per booking) as long as a minimum of two courses per person is selected from the A la Carte menu and that there is a minimum booking for two made beforehand.

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

SUNDAY FAMILY BRUNCH BUFFET WITH SPARKLING WINE

**in the Restaurant and
Chairman's Bar
every Sunday from 11am to 2.30pm
throughout the month of November**

\$208 per Adult
(with sparkling wine Blanc and Rosé)
\$128 per Child
(with soft drinks and chilled juice)

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

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

◆ COFFEE SHOP ◆



MUSSELS DELIGHTS

**in the Coffee Shop
available daily for lunch and
dinner throughout the month of
November**

Mussels are one of the oldest and most nutritious delicacies in the culinary pantheon. Naturally abundant, rich in calcium, iron, phosphorus and potassium, they have been on the menu since ancient Rome.

This month, enjoy jet-fresh mussels prepared in a number of ways.

Call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 for more details.

WEEK DAYS DINNER BUFFET

**in the Coffee Shop
Monday to Thursday
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

The all-time favourite dinner buffet presents a delightful Salad Bar as well as a wide selection of Mains and Desserts, all served under the supervision of our Coffee Shop Chef.

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



MONGOLIAN BBQ DINNER BUFFET

**in the Coffee Shop
every Friday and Saturday night
from 6.30 pm to 9.30pm**

In addition to the international buffet, a Mongolian BBQ corner will serve a range of meat and fish dishes. Here is your chance to relish the modern version of the great Khan's impromptu feast. Our cooking station brings you hot-off-the-grill pork, beef, chicken, lamb, fish and squid, a choice of seasonal vegetables and a selection of sauces: Satay, chilli, curry, fish, oyster, lime, sweet and sour and black pepper.

Call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 for more details.



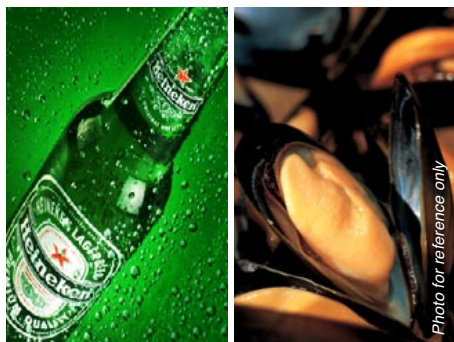
AFTERNOON CRÊPES

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

Freshly baked vanilla pancakes available only between 3pm - 5.30pm.

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

CHAIRMAN'S BAR



MUSSELS AND BEER BLISS

**in the Chairman's Bar
available every night
from 6pm to 9.30pm**

For HK\$110, you can enjoy a steamy portion of Mussel Marinière and a refreshing bottle of Heineken or a glass of selected wine.

Offer is available daily from 6pm to 9.30pm at the 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 bubbly for just \$88 or enjoy 6 oysters for \$100 (minimum order of 6 pieces) or 12 oysters for \$190.



CHAIRMAN'S BAR

WINE CAROUSEL

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

From 6pm until 10pm daily, you can enjoy 2 hours of free-flowing wines from 12 award-winning wineries for a set price of **\$130 per person**. Alternatively you can select any two wines for only **\$68**.



IN THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR

ON THE BIG SCREEN

In Rugby, the **November Autumn International** series between the best of the North against the best of the South starts this month.

In Soccer, we will keep you up to date with all the **Premiership Games** from the UK as the race for the title continues.

In Tennis, there is the **ATP BNP Paribas Masters** in Paris, France from 7th - 14th November, as well as the **ATP Barclays ATP World Tour Finals** in London, England from 21st - 27th November.

In Golf, here are some important dates:
11th - 14th Asian Tour: **Barclays Singapore Open**, Singapore
18th - 21st Asian Tour: **Hong Kong Open**, Hong Kong
25th - 28th European Tour: **Dubai World Championship**, Dubai, UAE



TANDOORI CORNER

**in the Sportsman's Bar
every Friday and Saturday evening**

Due to popular demand, we are bringing back the Tandoori Corner every Friday and Saturday evening. Be sure to show up!

HEINEKEN SPECIAL

Heineken draught and bottle are on special throughout the month of November.





Germany vs. Scotland – Penalty Shoot-out Mark II, 1993

Henrik Lorenz is hanging up his goalkeeper's gloves. There is one last task left for them, those big gloves of his – a penalty shoot-out with Walter Gerrard. A rematch. No midnight debacle, not this time.

On Saturday evening, 10 April 1993, Henrik is hosting a slap-up, all-in 'do' after his testimonial match, German All-Stars vs. Club, to mark his official retirement from

'competitive' soccer. It is the moment for revenge. Henrik checks the faces in the Sportsman's Bar, closes in on Walter, sets out the bet.

It is the second such bet; the other time the prize was two bottles of champagne. In the glare of the Club floodlights, hurriedly switched on at midnight for that earlier penalty shoot-out, Walter's challenge was to put two strikes out of three past Henrik to win the bubbly. That time the goalie dug the ball out of the back of the net, not twice but thrice. *Ja*, midnight debacle.

Not this time. And no *lolly-water* wager this time, either. Henrik has a real bet in mind. "If you get three out of five past me, I will make a generous donation to charity." (Walter's recall has it in six figures.) They shake.

Henrik heads off to don his kit. Walter presents himself on the penalty spot in a disguise that includes a kilt, so as not to make identification too hard for Henrik. They crouch. High Noon under the Club floodlights.

Henrik saves two of the first four, can't handle the other two. The fifth is a curling laser – into the corner of the net. Charity wins 3-2. The losing goalkeeper, with a giant smile and a flourish, signs the cheque.

That was Henrik Lorenz – a man whose heart was bigger than his hands. No heart, in fact, could be bigger. As for his hands, his big gloves on or off, they were lent to a worthy cause with no hesitation.

All heart, All hands, All-Star!

THE UNIQUE LIFE OF HENRIK LORENZ

A tall man was Henrik, hard to miss even in a crowd. He kept his sand-blond hair long and stylish, his blue eyes alight with wit and intellect. At the Club he would be in either a snappy business suit or a jacket and slacks, or soccer kit. Waving, greeting all and sundry, pumping flesh, taking on the chin the banter from English mates who never dared let him forget their victories in 1918, 1945 and 1966 (only one had anything to do with soccer), and giving it back as barbed as he could get away with... *someone* had arrived in the Sportsman's Bar. It was Henrik Lorenz. But, how had he got there?

His mother wanted him to be a doctor, a lawyer, a concert pianist, anything but a soccer-player. "Football is for the working classes!" she berated him, his ear crushed between her thumb and forefinger as she dragged him away from the makeshift goal he had been guarding on some neighbourhood *strasse*. It would, his partner Sue Li is convinced, have made Henrik the boy love the game more, have had him sneaking out more cleverly to play it.



TOP: Vintage image of a German goalkeeper in action.

ABOVE: Henrik and Gordon Strachan hold aloft the 'Vets Cup' at the 2000 HKFC Soccer 7s – success at the second attempt!!

BOTTOM LEFT: *The Hope of His Side*. Vintage postcard – a lad emulating the young Henrik in front of goal.

BOTTOM CENTRE: From the picturesque tranquillity of Kitzingen, Bavaria...

BOTTOM RIGHT: ...to the crush of Carnavon Road, Tsimshatsui. This is the Astor Hotel in 1970 – Henrik's first 'home' on arrival that year. The Vietnam War was still flying US and Australian servicemen to Hong Kong on R&R leave, hence the proliferation of bars, etc.



Idyllic character

He was born in March 1943 in Neuern, in the Sudetenland – which in 1938 had been the part of Czechoslovakia handed to Hitler by the appeasing Allies at Munich, not far away. The family, to escape the Soviets, moved in 1945 to Bavaria where they were regarded as outsiders. Henrik grew up in Kitzingen and graduated from college in Murnau where he read Economics. Both communities share an idyllic part of the world with blue crystalline lakes and the snow-capped Bavarian Alps. How could a young man quit such landscape for a concrete jungle on the far side of the globe? Only others who have been trapped by the lifestyle magnet that is Hong Kong would understand.

The environment in which Henrik grew up perhaps influenced his own ‘idyllic’ character. In his early twenties he spent 18 months in the UK learning English, then at 25 ventured farther away, to South Africa where he did ‘various work’ for a year or two. He went back to Germany reluctantly, determined to get a career going in some other distant part of the world. He wrote himself up in concise terms and inserted a ‘position wanted’ classified in the newspaper. *Keen to work overseas!* it would have declared. Somebody saw it.

Poor Man’s Market to Prosperity House

Henrik touched down in Hong Kong in September 1970, aged 27, with HK\$2,000 ‘and a small suitcase,’ to open a buying office for the German mail-order firm founded by Friedrich Schwab in the 1950s. He checked into the Astor Hotel on Carnarvon Road, Tsimshatsui, then moved to a small flat in Temple Street, right by the Poor Man’s Market. His

challenge was to learn, fast, the business of sourcing and exporting of textiles and garments to Germany. He did the learning on his feet, travelling the region. He went to the Trade Fair in Guangzhou when China was a pioneer’s market emerging from the internecine chaos of the Cultural Revolution. His wish had come true – he was working in foreign lands, more foreign lands than he could have imagined, and working hard.

In 1976, Schwab was taken over by Otto Versand. Suddenly Henrik had a new boss. It was time, he decided, to get out on his own. Henrik Lorenz Ltd. started from an office in Prosperity House, Granville Road, TST, and never looked back. “Henrik was a born entrepreneur,” nods Wing Cheung, a close friend since the early 1970s. “Hong Kong was the perfect place for him. He had so much energy that building a successful business without sacrificing any passion for football was no problem.” Henrik joined the HKFC right after showing up there in season 1970-71. On training night he walked to the net, claimed the goalkeeper’s spot, and impressed enough to soon work himself into the 1st XI. It did not take long, either, for him to start working himself into a legend. The best stories about Henrik in front of the Club goal date from the 1970s.

“Don’t let him shoot!”

Wing Cheung tells one: *Henrik was the 1st team keeper and the Club had lost every game in the HKFA 1st Division. We were relegated well before the last game of the season. The only honour to play for in that last game was to try to keep the goals against for the season to less than 100. (97 before the match.) Henrik had another outstanding game, keeping the score to 2-0 with minutes remaining. Then he made the save of the season when our own ‘Irish full back’ let loose a swing that had the ball going*

to the top corner. At the final whistle the team celebrated as if it had won the FA Cup. Henrik later said that he was elected the best keeper in the league that season by one of the local Chinese newspapers – as translated, he says, to him by one of his work colleagues. Nobody else ever saw this article.

Mike Bentley, too, has a stock of Lorenz folklore; this is his favourite: *The SCMP headline read something like BIGGEST SCORE IN HK FOOTBALL HISTORY! I played that game (obviously ineffectively). It was at Club, against South China, in front of a good crowd. The final score was something like 10-0. My abiding memory is of a traumatised Henrik screaming at the Team whenever Wong Man Wai got the ball: “Don’t let him shoot! Do NOT let him shoot!” That would have been fine, except the screaming started when Wong took possession near the Half Way Line! From there even Pele would have had trouble scoring.*

All-Stars and Soccer 7s

1976 was Henrik’s watershed year for more than his business independence. In season 1976-77 he, Wing Cheung and Ian Findlay persuaded the HKFA to set up the Yau Yee (Amateur) League. Henrik’s motives included an ulterior one – the German All-Stars, his first entrepreneurial soccer venture. The All-Stars were *his* team, competing in the new league *he* had helped conceive – all serious stuff to Henrik, as Mike Bentley can testify: *Henrik’s motivational technique was to inspire his troops by being the underdog. In the 1980s he managed and played for the German All-Stars against my side, the Club 3rd team at Club. Before the game he was shouting at his players locked inside the dressing room. I pressed my ear to the door. “Today we play the mighty Hong Kong Football Club!”* (It was in English as there were few actual Germans in the XI.) *“They are top of the league, they*



are younger, they are faster, they are fitter and stronger than us, and they are more skilful and better. But we shall keep running, never give up, keep tackling, and we shall overcome them and WIN!" The All-Stars ran out shaking, looking terrified. Result: a crushing victory for the Club team!

It took a while for Henrik to mould his All-Stars into match-winners; in 1989-90 they won 'the League title (and) the Challenge Cup.' He then shepherded his charges to the annual 7-a-side tournament at the Singapore Cricket Club. His tourists were a mix of Club players, HKFA pros and a veteran or three from the European premier leagues – the entire tab picked up by Henrik. Not simply a soccer entrepreneur, he was a fully-self-financing soccer entrepreneur. HKFC's Soccer 7s was spawned by the SCC example which focused, as far as invited players went, on retired masters. Tony Bratsanos – having toured for Club to Singapore and being HKFC Soccer Section Chairman – stirred up support for a 7s tournament in Hong Kong, one with a difference. International youth teams, as well as veterans, would be invited.

Beyond the pitch

The inaugural HKFC Soccer 7s was staged at the Club in May 1999. Though an immediate success, the tournament's annual perpetuation was in doubt, until Henrik Lorenz increased his involvement. "If not for Henrik and his Lorenz All-Stars," Tony admits, "our tournament would have failed." Henrik subsidised the 7s 'out of his own pocket,' flying in Jurgen Klinsmann, Gordon Strachan, Alan Kennedy and other immortals. Today, after ten tournaments, Tony Bratsanos is convinced the HKFC Soccer 7s is the best in the world.

Despite that 'retirement' of his in April 1993, Henrik continued 'competitive' goalkeeping 'up to his last tournament in Phuket' (a month before he died). By then his philanthropy had grown beyond the soccer pitch. Sue Li recalls: *Henrik always said Hong Kong had been so good to him and he wanted to give something back. He started helping individuals in China and Hong Kong, and in Thailand after the Tsunami (in 2004). His plan was to concentrate on charity (work) once he found a successor for his business.* The institutions he helped set up included an orphanage in Nepal, and the Phuket Youth Football Home 'for under-privileged children from all over Thailand.' In 2005, Henrik was voted an HKFC Life Member. He passed away in his sleep on 16 December 2006, on a flight from Hong Kong to Sydney. Wing Cheung was at the airport to meet him. DVT, with complications, was the cause. He was 63.



Life Member

Henrik's Last Will is a statement typical of the man. It instructs the executors to maintain and finance his charitable institutions in Nepal and Thailand until 2106. Says Tony Bratsanos: "Everyone wanted to do something when word came that Henrik had died." Hands, Henrik-style, reached out to help arrange his funeral and settle his affairs. 'Henrik had built a mountain of goodwill. He was a man, a Club character, of the rarest kind.' He is not seen or heard in the Sportman's Bar these days. But he is there. If anyone is a *Life Member*, it is Henrik Lorenz. ■

By Denis Way

ABOVE: HKFC Mini-Soccer Group gathered on the Club Pitch in May 1993 for a farewell photo, days before the old premises were demolished. Henrik donated the boys' strips and track-suits, and financed their professional coaching. Standing at far left is Iain Macnaughton, who with Wing Cheung got Club Mini-Soccer started in the mid-1980s.

OPPOSITE PAGE – FAR LEFT: One of Henrik's original German All-Stars sides, Yau Yee League c1980.

CENTRE: Henrik and his 'Hong Kong Old Boys' Club side (including Tony Sealy) at the 1994 Singapore 7s, where they clashed with the Euro All-Stars in the quarter-finals.

RIGHT: A star of the Hollywood kind? No, not Jack Nicholson imitating HKFC's Martin Darke at the SCC in 1994, but it could be.

1966 and all that



This unused ticket for the 1966 World Cup Group 1 (England, France, Mexico and Uruguay) match at Wembley Stadium on 19 July bears the autographs of every member of the victorious England side – 4-2 victors over West Germany in extra time in the Final. It is a rare item of world soccer memorabilia.

The autographing started at the 1991 Singapore seven-a-side tournament, when Clubman Brian McIntyre took a veteran HKFC squad to the SCC which included 'Charlton / Hurst / Peters / Banks / Hunt,' and his brother Tony brought from Canada

his ticket-stubs from four of England's matches in 1966, plus this ticket. 'Bobby Moore could not come on that trip,' writes Brian who inherited the memorabilia, 'but he kindly signed them for me and then Alan Ball got the rest of the '66 team to sign the tickets when they all met up for their golfing weekend which was in 1992.'

The four stubs have been on exhibition at the National Football Museum, Preston, England. This fifth ticket, which was given specially to Henrik Lorenz and has been graciously donated to the HKFC in his memory, is itself exhibited outside the Sportsman's Bar.

It bears the signatures of Bobby Moore (Captain), Alan Ball, Gordon Banks, Bobby Charlton, Jackie Charlton, George Cohen, Roger Hunt, Geoff Hurst (who scored a hat-trick), Martin Peters, Nobby Stiles and Ray Wilson.

SQUASH NEWS



TOP LEFT:
Winners, HKFC Captains
- Simon Ho and William
Fan, with Mike Belbin
and Mike Wood



TOP RIGHT:
Individual points winner,
Simon Ng of HKFC
Sporties

Interclub Masters Sixes

The Masters Sixes is a new interclub format comprising six teams of six Masters playing on six courts. The event was held at the Club on Saturday 4th September, and replaced the original format which was to be a three-way Masters tournament involving twelve players each from HKFC, Hong Kong Cricket Club and a combined team from the American Club and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. The teams for the Sixes were:

- HKFC Sporties - **Andrew Town, Julian Harniess, Simon Ng, Marcelo Perez, Mike Belbin and Lam Wai Ming**
- HKFC Captains - **William Fan, Simon Ho, Andrew Cunningham, Neil Roberts, Angie Dickinson and Paul Errington**
- HK Cricket Club
- Royal HK Yacht Club
- Discovery Bay
- The American Club

Each player played a total of five matches, the objective being to win as many points as possible per team over the course of the afternoon. Home

team HKFC Captains won the event beating Hong Kong Cricket Club into second and our other team, HKFC Sporties, into third place. Congratulations to **Simon Ho**, Captain of the Captains! Individual high scores went to Simon Ng of Sporties with 152 points and William Fan of Captains with 142 points. Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club would have won the wooden spoon had there been one!

After libations at the Captain's Bar, the teams adjourned for a curry dinner and prize presentations. Attendees very much enjoyed the event and format, and the firm intention is to hold it again next year.

By Mike Belbin



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Veni, vidi, vici - I came, I saw, I conquered!

The battle in question was a match against the British Army on Saturday 11th September. It wasn't a one-man battle, but involved a team of 11 of us against a touring side, mainly comprising administrative and professional members of the Army rather than those on the 'front line'. The team were in town to play a number of HK-based teams over a period of a week.

I am pleased to report that the HKFC team were victorious in battle, and scored a fairly comfortable win by 8 matches to 3. After the squash, the teams adjourned to the Captain's bar for refreshments. On behalf of the team and HKFC, Phil Head presented the touring side with a memento to mark the occasion and accepted a gift from the British Army in exchange. Thanks to Phil for organising.



Handicap Tournament

The Annual Handicap Tournament was played during September and, by its nature, puts all participants on an equal footing - that's the theory! Losers in the first round go through to the Plate competition. The format is slightly different from our normal matches as the preliminary rounds are the best of three games, each to 21 points, PAR scoring (point-a-rally). This is to accommodate a wide range of potential handicaps, ranging from negative 18 for the top players, to positive 15 for the less experienced players. This means that a game could start -18, +15, and so in order for the stronger player to win the game, he or she would have to win 39 rallies, whereas the weaker player would only need to win 6. It is an interesting format, but can make each game very much longer than the more usual games to 15 points. The Finals revert to the normal best of five to 15 format.

The Cup and the Plate Finals were held on Saturday 25th September, and in the main event **Patrick Choi** (handicap -18) played **Tim Fan** (handicap -15). Earlier that afternoon, Tim had played and won the Men's A Grade final of the Tecnifibre Cup 2010 at HK Squash Centre, and had only managed to take a very short break in

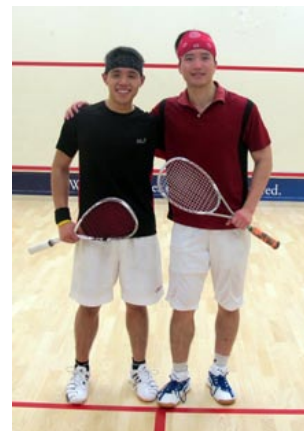
between finals. Tim had had to claw back from 2-0 down to take a long and hard match by 3 games to 2. Not too long afterwards Tim walked onto court against Patrick Choi at the Club to challenge for the HKFC Handicap title. Both players played exceptionally well. Tim took advantage of his 3 points advantage over Patrick, and eventually overcame Patrick by 3-0. Congratulations to Tim for his afternoon of achievements.

In the Plate Final **Adrian Ng** (handicap -10) played **Andy Ho** (handicap -6), with Adrian eventually taking the Plate title. See separate article regarding Pre-Season fitness training.

Once again, the Handicap Tournament was tremendous fun and a great success. Our thanks go to **David Murray**, Tournament Convenor, for the considerable time and effort required to run the event.



The Plate and Cup winners, with Dave Reeve



Cup Finalists, Tim Fan and Patrick Choi



Plate Finalists, Adrian Ng and Andy Ho



Start of Season (SOS) Party “Short skirts and sunnies”

This year’s event took place poolside at the Club on Saturday 18th September. There was understandably some confusion as to whether the publicity material contained a typo? Surely the theme was “Shorts, skirts and sunnies”? Whatever the original intention, it provided the necessary encouragement and ample opportunity for sartorial self-expression!

Music was provided by two excellent bands - English electro-rock band, Black Mariah, and HK-based, 9th State. The Club laid on drinks and a sumptuous buffet, and as the evening progressed, the Sirens from

the swimming pool started to call out to attendees, luring them away from their food to a watery demise.

Thanks go to **Adam** and **Jo** for once again putting a great deal of effort into organising the SOS party, including arranging the bands, catering and publicity, etc. We also thank the bands, and HKFC for food/drinks and for hosting the event.

Watch out for details of the next big social event, the *Christmas Party on Saturday 11th December*.



Pre-Season fitness training

One way to build stamina and get the body into shape, ready for the new Season, is to embark on a Sowers Action charity cycle tour, covering 194km over 5 days. Adrian Ng, Squash Section Vice-Captain and Andy Ho, Squash Section member did exactly that. Adrian had good sense to take with him his prized HKFC Squash Section shirt.

Forthcoming Events

Please see the HKFC Squash Section website for details of forthcoming events. The address is <http://www.hkfcsquash.com/index.php>

In particular, please mark your diaries for the annual Christmas Party on Saturday 11th December.

A champion in our midst

Whilst a number of Squash Section members took part in the Meco HKFC International 3's team competition over the weekend of August 27th to 29th, **Tim Fan** chose to enter the China Closed event in Guangzhou.

Tim had a tough time en route to Guangzhou - first having to stand on the MTR for an hour, and then having to endure a long walk to the venue in a very hot and sunny 35 degrees. Not long after he arrived, he was on court and played his first two matches, winning both convincingly, without having to expend too much energy. This put Tim through to the quarter finals.

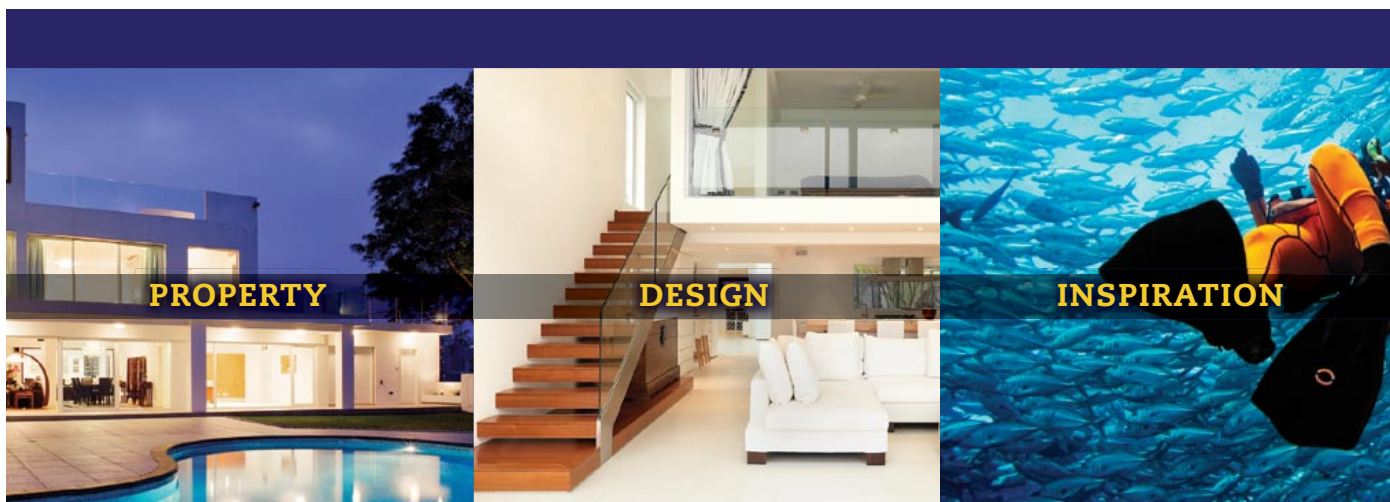
Fresh from a good night's sleep, Tim next played a tough competitor in the form of Hong Kong's third ranked Junior (under 15). Tim wore his opponent down with a combination of long and tight rallies. Although the score line of 3-0 might imply an easy passage to the semis,

this was not the case, and each game was closely contested. This put Tim up against Armando Amante, the current Macau no 1.

The first game was exploratory, with both players trying to understand each other's game. Amando took the first attempt to attack and won first game 11-9. Tim then got into his stride, and won the second game 11-4. Both then reverted to a safer, more cautious approach, and both won a game each, making it two all. In the final game, the supporters really started to get into the spirit of the match, with each side cheering their respective players after every point. Both players were exhausted from the long rallies in the previous games. It came down to shot making and occasional risk taking to determine the outcome of each rally. At the same time, neither wanted to make a mistake and give away a point. Unfortunately (for Armando), there were a few questionable calls against, and a conduct warning was awarded, which meant that Armando lost a number of points in quick succession. Not long after, Tim took the match winning the fifth game 11-7 after exactly one hour.



In the finals, Tim was up against a well known player from Hong Kong who he had met previously in the Hong Kong Squash Summer leagues, although they had not played before. Tim approached the match in a similar way to his game against Armando, forcing his opponent to make errors. Tim won the final 3-1 to take the title. A ceremony was conducted in the same manner as for the Asian Games (a pre-Games rehearsal), with Tim stepping onto the podium to collect his gold medal whilst listening to the National Anthem. ■



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MINI SOCCER NEWS

Mini Soccer Coaches go 'Typically Tropical' at Middle Island



Mini Soccer Mums with Party Organiser Christy Tarala (2nd from right)



HKFC Mini Soccer Head Coach of the Year 2009/2010: Philip Chan



Limbo Champion Thomas Tarala carried aloft by Tim Stiles

On Friday October 8th the HKFC Mini Soccer Coaches donned the most colourful attire in their wardrobes to attend the 'Typically Tropical' themed, Annual Start-of-Season Coaches' Party, held this year at ABC Middle Island. Organised by Social Convenor **Christy Tarala** the night was a great success and gave thanks to all the Committee Members, Head Coaches, Coaches and, most importantly their partners, who give their time and energies free of charge to keep the HKFC Mini Soccer programme running so well.

In order that all funds generated from sponsorship and registration fees go entirely towards the benefit of registered players, all attendees were paying guests but all certainly got good value for money with an open bar and a superb barbecue, in a fantastic seaside setting on Middle Island.

Hosted by Mini / Junior / Youth Soccer Programme Chairman, **Chris Plowman**, the event is also an opportunity to present awards to people who have contributed significantly to the programme. The first of these was Coach of the Year for 2009/2010 season and this went to **Philip Chan** who impressively has coached from P4 to Year 9 age groups, then coached P3 and P4 age groups before taking up the Head Coach role of the P1 group (now P2) – a deserved winner of the

award. The efforts and contributions of **Elsbeth Penny** as Programme Administrator plus the substantial work and involvement of husband **James Penny** were acknowledged, followed by a special presentation of a tankard and a 'Prince Philip look-a-like caricature', to **Nigel R. Merritt**, Chairman for the past three years, for all of his hard work and development of the Programme.

Following a video of their footballing exploits, the Crusaders programme for special needs players, which has now been adopted into the Mini Soccer set up, was featured and **Kevin Browne**, the man who originally started the sessions some eleven years ago, acknowledged the support that Mini Soccer is now giving to the development of this very worthwhile programme.

A focus for the evening was provided by P5 Head Coach **Phil Cook** who put together and hosted a quiz that not only tested the football knowledge of the guests, but also their knowledge of Hong Kong's history as well as signature tunes of TV programmes from the 70's and 80's. Although the Penny's displayed an unhealthy recall of three decades' old TV series, the eventual winners were the footy experts, led by

Head Coaches **Mick Lonergan** and **Peter Cairns** on the Year 7 / Under 15 table.

The evening finished off with a spot of limbo dancing that uncovered another previously undiscovered talent when **Thomas Tarala** managed to limbo his way down to ridiculously low levels to eventually win the contest, despite being spun in the air and used as a human air guitar by **Tim Stiles** every time he cleared a new low!

Once again thanks to Christy Tarala for organising the event and it was good to see all the coaches at the Club early the next morning (and some at King's Park for 7am!), ready for more HKFC Mini Soccer action! ■

Chris Plowman

Chairman – HKFC Mini / Junior / Youth Soccer



Chris Plowman presenting a Prince Philip look-a-like caricature to ex-Chairman Nigel R. Merritt

MINI RUGBY NEWS

All-Black Great Christian Cullen 'plays' Mini Rugby at HKFC



On Sunday October 10th the HKFC Youth Rugby Programme welcomed a superstar of the world of rugby to its morning coaching sessions. All-Black great **Christian Cullen** dropped in on the various age groups to check out what was going on and occasionally to lend a hand with the coaching.

Cullen won a total of 58 full international caps for the New Zealand All Blacks scoring 236 points and 46 tries. Many Hong Kongers will know Cullen from his performances at the Hong Kong International Sevens through the years, where his blistering speed saw him score many a sensational try.

“It was great to see such a rugby star of recent years come down and meet the Football Club

players and coaches” remarked HKFC Mini Rugby Chairman, **Kevin Taylor**, “Christian Cullen was an inspiration for many young people in Hong Kong from his performances at the Sevens and we hope he can inspire our own young players to enjoy the game of rugby”.

Cullen ended up taking to the field with the HKFC Under 12s in their end-of-session practice match, showing glimpses of what made him one of the most devastating attacking full-backs in the game. “I’m not sure many of our young players really appreciated the greatness they were playing with but I know that the coaches were watching in awe from the sidelines,” said **Chris Plowman**, Under 12s Head Coach. ■

ABOVE LEFT: High fives all-round with Christian Cullen

ABOVE RIGHT: All Black Christian Cullen with fellow Kiwis, Steve Niven (ex-Wellington College and current HKFC Mini Rugby Coach on the right) and Shane Page (ex-Wellington and Caterbury Crusaders player).

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SOCCER NEWS



Captain's Corner

Well the month has flown by and having looked at last month's interviews with the team managers; their predictions have been very realistic.

In this month's packed edition, there is an update from both the first team and Lucky Mile, so I won't steal any thunder from them, whilst in the Yau Yee League Division 1, Albion have come flying out of the traps again and at the time of writing have won four games out of four and top the table, with Wanderers not far behind, having won three out of four. The Colts are sitting comfortably in mid-table and **Bobby Lawson** and the team will be happy with the early season banana skins, as the new players gel.

I got caught up with the Ladies team rep **Kelly Clark** to find out how things are going, and this month's player's profile feature is on **Tony Hamilton**. As well, we have an update from our esteemed Soccer Section Chairman **Francis Chung**.

Be sure to check out the fixtures section, as November offers some cracking games, including the 1st team against the mighty South China on the 26th and also two Yau Yee League derbies with the clash of the titans (Wanderers v Albion) on the 14th and Wanderers v Colts on the 28th.

Finally, if you have any comments, or wish to contribute in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at growler11@yahoo.com

Neil Jensen – Soccer Section Captain

1st Team, Season Overview

It's been a tough start to the 2010/11 season for the 1st Team who have only managed one point in four games since their return to Division one football and now competing with the professionals.

Despite a positive start on the first day, in which the boys drew 1-1 with Wofoo Tai Po away from home, the next 3 games proved to be very tough for the Sports Road side, where the gap between professional and amateur level was clearly exposed.

The 2nd game away saw Club losing 5-1 to PSW Pegasus in a match where some would argue that the score line did not reflect the team's performance overall. 2nd half substitute **Allan Fraser** pulled a goal back from the penalty spot after new boy **Pierre Olivier Bakalag** was fouled in the box.

At 2-1, Club looked to still be well in the game, that was until **Jack Sealy** picked up an injury in the last 25 minutes, after all 3 subs had been used, leaving 10 men to finish the job, which simply proved to be too much. In the end fitness proved to be the deciding factor as Pegasus were able to grab another 3 goals inside the last 8 minutes.

Away game 3 saw Club play against Fourway Rangers who were top of the table when the sides met on a hot and muggy afternoon. A 7-1 defeat and another step in the learning process from a quality side that will be seen as one of the contenders for the title this season.

Game 4 also away against Kitchee saw a Club side who by now were lacking in self belief on the back of two heavy defeats. **Jaimes Mckee**, who spent a couple of seasons with Kitchee, had a couple of very good chances towards the end to grab a consolation goal after some good work from 2nd half substitute

James Ha. But with an own goal just on half time and 3 deflected goals in the second, this was the team's lowest point of the season and a much welcomed break was needed.

After 4 games away from home, Club were finally set to play at home in the 1st Round of the Canbo Senior Shield where they faced off against Wofoo Tai Po again, the team whom they drew with in the first game of the season. It was the first home game of the season and well supported by Members of the Club. It proved to have a profound affect on the team as they put on an inspiring performance. **Liam Brannan** was putting on the captain's armband for the first time and his performance in the middle of the park alongside **Jack**

Sealy and **Freek Schipper** set the tone and tempo of the match. **James Beacher** came close to opening the scoring for Club after just 3 minutes by hitting a post after some good

work down the left from **Jaimes Mckee**, while **Jack Sealy** was putting in some hard tackles and providing good service for the attacks of **Mckee** and **James Ha**.

New boy **Martin Rainer** also came close on a couple of occasions with his Beckham like looks at set pieces. And another new boy **Gergely Gheczy** alongside **Ken Kwok**, **Hung Jai** and **Kwok Hei Ng** in goal, put in a solid performance at the back.

Unfortunately for Club, the game ended 1-0 and saw them out of the Cup at the first hurdle. However, after a morale boosting team performance, **Tony Sealy's** men will now be looking to put all their focus into their next home game and survival in the First Division.

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MILNE 100 not out

Lucky Mile started their campaign with 4 away games in the first 5 fixtures as a precaution against the new Main Pitch not being ready in time. The first weekend against newly-promoted Southern proved an anti-climax as a passing Typhoon put paid to the fixture so it was straight in at the deep-end in Week 2 against a strong Pontic side who are widely tipped for promotion. And so it proved, as LM were beaten 5-0 underlining the step-up in class the team would face this season in the HKFA Division 2. The following week we faced Biu Chun Rangers with the team taking the field boosted by several new signings including impressive 17 year old **Kento Kurasako** and Goalkeeper **Matt Nuttall**, Captain **Jamie Milne** returning from a one-game ban, and coach Lane's words ringing in their ears to show more heart. And heart we got as the team kept a clean sheet and scored two late goals in a fine 2-0 victory with goals from subs **Tom Wu** and **Kenneth Cheng**.

LM were hoping to follow this up with a victory in their first home fixture of the season, but came unstuck 0-1 against Yuen Long as a harsh handball against captain Milne resulted in an early penalty for the visitors. Despite pressing for an equaliser and both teams hitting the woodwork including a good effort from **Mike Morton**, Mile couldn't find an opening. Mile then took on Wing Yee at the new and incredibly windy Po Kong facility, a game that marked *Jamie Milne's 100th game for the Mile*. The team did well in the early exchanges and going into half-time looked to be playing much the better football but as so often happens in Div 2 football, the referee intervened to affect the game giving a harsh red card to **Mike Sadler** for an innocuous tackle. Lane shuffled the pack to give returning **Peter Harrod** a 2nd half run-out and Mile defended well to keep Wing Yee out until a Wing Yee player beat keeper **Nuttall** from just inside his own half with an incredibly skillful or lucky wind-assisted shot! At 1-0 down it looked an uphill struggle for LM but the ref intervened again, sending off an opposition player for a 2nd yellow card, again a harsh decision. Mile took advantage of being back to parity and pressed in the final 15 minutes and were rewarded in the 91st minute as sub **Matt Paterson** headed home a Morton corner to give Mile a point. Lucky Mile lie 8th in the 12 team standings with 4 points in what is likely to be an incredibly tight league.

Graeme Lane, Lucky Mile manager

Ladies Team



Neil Jensen (NJ) - How long has the team been going and how many players do you have?

Kelly Clark (KC) - This is our second season as an official part of the football club and we currently have 18 girls signed on the roster.

NJ - What league are you in and what's the standard like?

KC - We currently play in the HKFA Ladies league and the national team members play in this league so talent level is quite high.

NJ - When does the season start and how are things looking?

KC - Our season started in September we finished in 6th last year but firmly believe will be able to finish in the top 5 this time.

NJ - Who are the stars in the team, can anyone bend it like Beckham?

KC - We have several new rising stars on the team, however we also have strong veterans though in players like Kristin Siano, Emily Chan, Olivia Andrade, and Yumi Tomei.

NJ - Are there many bad tackles in a game?

KC - We have more tackles that are called bad, than ones that actually are.

NJ - Which player spends longest in front of the mirror after the game?

KC - Caitlin Price by far spends the most time in front of the mirror after games.

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Player's Profile: Tony Hamilton



Tony, present day

PERSONAL:

Full name – Antony Mark Hamilton-Bram
Age – 21 again and again and again
Place of Birth – Stepney (London)

ON FOOTBALL:

HKFC teams represented Albion , Lucky Mile and 1st Team

Position – Striker

Favourite Team – Arsenal

Standard reached as a youth –

Southampton School Boys, Bournemouth Reserves (scoring 2 on my debut which included the winner) and making the last 72 for England Schools and colleges

Best goal scored – There are too many in the archive to single one out

One of the best goal seen – Dennis Bergkamp 2002 v Newcastle

Most memorable HKFC moment – Still being able to perform and compete with the best of them.

Least memorable HKFC moment – Going into the final game of the season unbeaten only to lose it and in-turn lose the league title by 1 point.

Boyhood hero – Kenny Dalglish

Pre match meal – Jam and toast or pasta

FAVOURITES:

TV Show past and present – Friends and Entourage

Music – Progressive House, Soul, RandB, Chillout

Best Artist – Mary J Blige

Film – Once upon a time in America

Holiday destinations – Cape Town and Barbados

Any Food - Confit de canard and a good gratin dauphinois

Any Drink – Leeuwin estate art series, chardonnay (it doesn't get any better)

What would be your perfect day?

Breakfast with family and friends, a round of Golf, chilling on Copacabana beach before heading off to watch England win the world cup in 2014 (I have a dream!)

If you could have any 10 guests for dinner, dead or alive who would they be?

Nelson Mandela, Danny Dyer, Robert de niro , Mary J Blige, Al pacino, Halle Berry, Marilyn Monroe, Jennifer Aniston, Richard Pryor, John F. Kennedy.



SOUTHAMPTON BOYS, Oct 1980. Back (from left): John Gatley, Rowen Smith, Simon Martin, Iain Heath, Mark Seward, Martin Lambert, Dean Beckett, Graham Walsh, Jimmy Harris. Front: David Fear, Paul Vincent, Tony Hamilton, Tony Slack, John Lambert, Dean Beckett, Jack Joseph, Oliver, 11072211

BELOW: Tony in 1980 (check out former club player Martin Lambert in the back row)

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

DATE	COMPETITION	TEAM	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME
6th November	HKFA 2nd Division	Lucky Mile	Kwai Tsing	HKFC	20:15
7th November	YYL 1st Division	Wanderers	816	HKFC	15:00
7th November	YYL 1st Division	Albion	KCC Dragons	HKFC	16:30
7th November	YYL 1st Division	Colts	USRC	HKFC	18:00
13th November	HKFA 2nd Division	Lucky Mile	Sham Shui Po	HKFC	20:15
14th November	YYL 1st Division	Wanderers	Albion	HKFC	15:00
14th November	YYL 1st Division	Colts	KCC Dragons	HKFC	18:00
21st November	HKFA 2nd Division	Lucky Mile	Happy Valley	Po Kong Village 2	15:15
21st November	YYL Cup 2nd Round	Wanderers	TBC	HKFC	15:00
21st November	YYL Cup 2nd Round	Albion	TBC	HKFC	16:30
21st November	YYL Cup 2nd Round	Colts	TBC	HKFC	18:00
26th November	HKFA bma 1st Division	1st Team	South China	HKFC	20:00
27th November	HKFA 2nd Division	Lucky Mile	Shatin	HKFC	20:15
28th November	YYL 1st Division	Wanderers	Colts	HKFC	18:00
28th November	YYL 1st Division	Albion	816	HKFC	19:30

Update from Section Chairman, Francis Chung

As I'm sure anyone who has served on any committee will appreciate, the role is a thankless task, however, when one sees the results that we saw last season, HKFA 2nd Division Champions (and promotion to the professional 1st Division), Yau Yee League Champions and runners up, Lucky Mile promoted back to 2nd Division and the U15s winning their Nike League, thereby qualifying for the Asian leg of the Manchester United Cup, the tireless work of the Section is made worthwhile.

Objectives for the forthcoming season

This season the committee has set a number of objectives. The HKFA has given us unprecedented concessions which not only increase our chances of retaining 1st Division status, but by allowing us to play with a full foreign contingent, it has allowed us to retain the majority of our squad from last season. Ensuring our 1st Division status, retaining our Yau Yee League title, raising the already high standard and profile of our showcase Soccer 7s event, and developing our youth pathway are key objectives for the forthcoming season.

Youth Pathway

Our Pathway, while in its infancy, is an investment in the Section's future and I'd encourage all Club Members to come down during the week and observe the squads train. The Pathway has been an initiative of the Section. It brings together the Mini Soccer programme, the future plans of the HKFA, as well as formalising the Section's coaching and talent identification structure to ensure we identify and cultivate talent early from both within the Section as well as the community. We have taken the deliberate policy of blending children from different age groups, consistent with the HKFA age groupings. Naturally, there is a temptation to simply invest our limited time and resources on the oldest, biggest, fastest kids in each age category

to maximise immediate success. The primary objective of the Pathway however is to identify and nurture the technical ability of players at a time when children generally benefit unfairly from relative age and development. It is our hope that the Pathway will produce footballers who will best serve our Section over the long term.

Sponsorship

Notwithstanding the concessions afforded to us, the costs of running a team in the BMA HKFA 1st Division and the associated pathway are not modest. I'd like to reserve special mention to **David Steinglass** and **American Capital** for their sponsorship this year. This is in addition to **Regus** and **Prudential** who are sponsoring Mini and special needs soccer as well as a number of personal sponsors whose interests are selfless, reflected in their wish to remain private.

Hopefully by reading this article you get a small sense of the magnitude of the work of the Section. These efforts come with a cost, and as always we continue to look for sponsors that we believe would be in the best interest of the Section and its members. If you are at all interested (or know of any organisation who may be interested) in sponsoring initiatives of the Section, please do not hesitate to contact either the Club Captain, **Neil Jensen** at growler11@yahoo.com or **Martyn Russell** at martynrussellhk@hotmail.com

Support the 1st Team

To all Members, I ask you to support your HKFC in the BMA HKFA 1st Division this season. This team truly is your Club and Section's team. We are the only amateur team in the highest level of football in Hong Kong. Our next two home games are on 26th of November and 3rd December respectively against the Manchester United of Hong Kong soccer, South China and the fallen giants Sun Hei. Both games will be vital for us. It has been three years since we were last in the 1st Division. Come and support your friends, your players and your team. They deserve



it, and we deserve to see the best level of Hong Kong soccer played at Sports Road. Regardless of which Section, DSA or mini-programme you belong to, our team is your team, and the HKFC needs your support.

All the best for the season. ■

*Francis Chung, Soccer Section
Chairman*

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RUGBY NEWS

Newedge

Captain's Message



Peter Tattersall
Rugby Section
Captain

Horse, Bolland and **Ian Ridgeway**, our scrum was dominant throughout the game. The penalty count conspired against us unfortunately. Welcome back **Jamie Hood**, away for a year at Cambridge, and **Mike "Smokey" McKee** who was back at Watsonians. Drags lost 29-3 to CWB Rams firsts. **Alistair "Badger" Frost** doing a nice impression of a punching bag with the help of the opposing front rows fist.

Scorps lost 34-22 to Kowloon II's and Sequins won 41-14 over Select. This match must have been something to behold - **Mark Sullivan** reliably informs me he had the longest try in the history of Sequins rugby (anything over about 5 metres would win that) and septuagenarian **Gary Hamp** scoring an intercept try..... actually, glad I wasn't there.

Ice lost 33-15 to Valley.

Many thanks to **Dave Nazer** for doing an outstanding job organizing the Captain's Dinner. It was the best in a very long time. Speakers were ex Welsh skipper **Mike Spikey Watkins**, and ex All Black and World Cup Winner Mr. **Terry Wright** (funny how you don't have to ask which World Cup that was?) Section Skipper **Tatts** showing an entirely new interpretation of black tie.....All the sponsors were invited, and it appears they enjoyed themselves immensely. One sponsor who shall remain anonymous so enjoyed the company of our Ice girls, that they are buying a table for them at the

Bledisloe Cup Brunch, provided it is right next to their's.....well done girls?

The second weekend of the league produced a very different outcome on the field against our rival neighbours Valley. Sequins trounced Valley 55-0. Bulls were on the losing end of a 13-12 battle against the red men. Behind 3-0 at the half, they had a quick try at the start of the second half from **Conrad Wong**, unconverted, putting them up 5-3. Valley penalty puts the Valley boys up one 5-6. **Elmo** gets a yellow for a high, albeit soft hit, and the lads absorb pressure for 10 minutes, not giving up a point. 10 minutes left Valley score and convert, 13-5. A last minute try by Skipper **David Kerr**, his first in 25 years I am reliably informed and skips has a massive touchline conversion leaving the boys one short at 13-12



Ice 12-10 CWB. Ice Beat League and Grand Champ winners CWB 12-10 at Kings Park, with **Kim "I really want to be a back Kan"** scoring both tries. Monster conversion from Hei as well.

Select 17-34 Kowloon.

Dragons 36, Valley 0. We absolutely crushed their scrum. First try was a penalty try off the scrum, **Adam "Rain man" Raby** converted. Valley playing with 2 in the sin bin. Raby has a brace of tries in the corner, converts one, giving the Drags a 19-0 half time lead. Full of confidence, the Drags stepped it up a notch in the second half.... **Marcus Neill** collects two well deserved tries. Newby **Jonathan "The Mouth" Whittle** has a lovely try off the back of the scrum. 36-0 full time.

Excellent, entertaining game to watch, and the boys showed lots of discipline throughout the game. Special note to **Ant Phillips**, leading from the front. We also

got our first glimpse at **Jake Phelps**, who came on in the second half, and made a solid impact.

Club 34-11 Valley. Valley gets up early 3-0, and we equalize with a **Jamie Hood** penalty 30 minutes in. Try at the half, no conversion, 8-3 Footy Club is up at the half. Valley start the second half with a strong charge, rewarded with a penalty, 8-6. Minutes later Club responds, with a **Tommy Bolland** try and double duty Raby conversion, 15-6. Raby then blocks a kick, chases the ball down, hands it off to **Baz Perkins** for a try beneath the posts, Raby converts 22-6.

The ref then awards us another penalty try for Valley collapsing the scrum under pressure, 29-6. Valley sneak in a try, miss the conversion 29-11. With not much left on the clock, **Baz Perkins** collects a loose ball on our 10 metre line, takes it right about 60 metres before handing off to **Dave Tibbot** to score beneath the posts, final score 34-11.

The tight 5 put great pressure on Valley, and created a solid platform for the backs to perform. **Hone Patrick** had a solid afternoon all over the park, getting well stuck in.

It upsets me to inform all members that **Adam Wooliscroft** broke his neck playing on Saturday 9th October and was rushed to hospital, he has been operated on and we are awaiting the results but from initial indications, the break is less serious than **Ben Kende's** and he will be in a neck brace for 6 weeks and should make a full recovery. These two very serious injuries just add further fuel to the importance of insurance for all players, don't take the chance, make sure you are covered. Be reminded too, that the Club does not provide sports injury cover. Ben's condition is improving continuously and by the number of people going to see him, he is getting more visitors than Madame Tussauds, even getting a visit from **Christian Cullen** and **Terry Wright** (both ex-All Black players) who presented him with a signed shirt. By the time this goes to print Ben will have moved to Australia to carry on his treatment, good luck mate, we are all very proud of the way you have dealt with this whole episode.



Pretty in Pink Ball

SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

Please be reminded that the Pink Ball will once again be held at the Club on the evening of Saturday 20th November. After the success of the 2009 Ball this is a must for the social calendar and no better way to support the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation. Tickets are HK\$1,350 a head or HK\$13,500 for a table of 10. The ticket plus playing shirt deal is available again (HK\$1,500) and there is the option to buy the leisure shirt again. Any questions of ticket requests please mail prettyinpink.hk@gmail.com or call Ant on 6698 4383.

Walton Brunch

The Walton Brunch was once again a huge success, we are still awaiting the final verdict on how many bottles were consumed, however, we gave it a typical Rugby Section push. **Clive Walton's** parents Jack and Lilian and sister Jane were all in attendance, with Jack taking the stage for a few words to thank the Section and the Club. Jack was followed by **Bill Morrison** who recalled the way the Club pulled together on hearing the devastating news, some funny notes on the Club Members we lost and his thoughts on "The Rugby Community" in which we are fortunate to be a part of. ■ *Tatts*

Zen and the Art of the Oval Ball

BEING BULL-ISH ABOUT HONG KONG RUGBY

The Bulls, or Club VI, started the season emphatically with the 69-0 (or 67-0, depending on who you listen to) win against the East Kowloon. We then missed a win by the smallest margin against Valley, 12-13, the following week. All in all, the Bulls started the season in a typically enthusiastic manner under the inspirational leadership of the coaches, **James "Munster Dog" Riordan** and **Karl "You-play-for-the-Bulls-because-I-can-hide-a-lit-cigarrette-in-my-mouth" Rowe**.

I started my career at the Club in the Rugby Section with the Bulls in 2003-2004 season. Looking back, it was probably at the tail-end of a difficult transitional period for the Bulls, though I was, as ever, supremely clueless at the time.

The Bulls joined the Section as part of the HKRFU's adoption programme for the local HK rugby teams by the more established rugby clubs. I have been told that the Section was, at one point or another, considering adopting Gai Wu, the team with, say, a certain distinctive sushi flavour. In the end, however, **Andrew Sum**, to his eternal credit, successfully led the Bulls into the Section fold. Thanks to him, I now enjoy this stranger-in-paradise status, rather than being confined to the prisoner-amongst-one's-own-kind circumstances.

Nevertheless, following the adoption, some of the original Bulls members felt uncomfortable being a Club Member, which was inevitable as well as understandable. In particular, the need to pay the Club and Rugby Section subscriptions did not sit well with the players who had enjoyed playing on public pitches. The benefit of the Club facilities was also not so apparent to some. Thus, the Bulls suffered some haemorrhaging of the original players.

The difficult situation, however, provided some old timers, including yours truly, with opportunities to play the game once again.

On a personal level, the Section's structure gave me an opportunity to be trained properly, as I had only played rugby socially up to that point. I have been incredibly lucky. I have played for all the rugby teams, including a 5-minute blood-subbing for **Nigel Hobbler** for the First, except for the Ice, for obvious reasons, and the Sequins, which has the long waiting list for the short-and-round types with no discernable necks.

The Bulls now enjoys arguably the most solid player base in the Section, as it benefits from the less volatile turnover of players, and the turnout at training sessions are consistent and exemplary.

Some cynical observers disparage the current state of the Bulls and say that it has failed to play its role in the development of rugby in HK, as it features less "young" HK players as it was originally intended at the time of adoption. I respectfully disagree. We are more of a rugby team than some of the competitors in our division who seem to field their more senior players when it comes to the finals, replacing the faithful and enthusiastic local players with those who party like it's 1997 in the nether region of HK night life.

The Bulls has found its place in the Section and we contribute to the HK rugby community in our inimitable way, because the team has managed to develop organically within the Section over time. After all, no team is bigger than the Section, and no rugby club is bigger than the game itself. I would like to go even as far as saying that the Bulls are a prime example of rugby's successful development in HK, from a colonial game to "A Game for All".

One small personal complaint is that no Bulls have so far followed Andrew Sum, who served as the HKRFU Development Officer, in serving the game in an official capacity, although **Colin Wong's** ascendency to the post of "Secretary" on the Rugby Section Committee is an encouraging sign. Good on ya, Colin!

By *Yutaka Yazawa*

Men's B team

After electing to stay in the 1st Division, the Men's B team started the season at the bottom of the league on -5 points. On top of this penalty, the B team were also losing many of its championship winning side; to university (**Ollie Roberts**); to travel (**Fabian DePrey**); to the A team (**Ravi Dillon**); to the C team (**Chappie**); to Stockholm hockey league (**Allard Boer**); and by Christmas, to Love (**Luke 'Romeo' Ryan**). However, the Membership Secretary has been kept busy over the summer and we were able to welcome a bright new bunch of players into the side - **Andy Young**, **Carl Cousin** (Germany's answer to Callum Giles), **Zac Davis** and welcome back **Dom Orchard** as well as getting the skills of **Brad Munt** from the A's. At time of writing, the mighty B's have returned to positive territory with 4 wins out of 4 with an average of over 5 goals per game. Despite the personnel changes, some things have not changed - **Beeks** shouting at umpires, **Jasper's** one touch passes to the centre forward, **Luke** hugging the left post when not stick-blocking and **Rik Van Donk** hitting the side of the goal...Cheers, **Rick**

Men's C Team

Donnie's Done it!

Sunday 10th October
HKFC C Team vs KCC B (5 - 1)

The Cs started the match against KCC Bs already one man down as our courageous captain, **Sim**, was on his sick bed with bird flu/swine flu/man flu/hangover...or given the cool weather was it simply a 'tickly cough'?!
Regardless, **Sim** was calling the shots from the sidelines and the rest of the team seemed to be up for the match. We needed a big win having had a mixed run of results over the last few games. KCC

started strongly and seemed to have a host of new, young and skillful players that simply wouldn't stand still. Despite this, the defence seemed to be up to the task and bar a few mazy runs by opposition individuals the defence seemed to mop up any of the serious threats. On the odd occasion that an attacker did squeeze through, the defence's dedication to the cause was evident with **Nick** all but body checking one attacker that was unlucky enough to get half past him.....either way, he didn't score. The work at training the week before seemed to pay off with a better amount of transferring going on from the back which helped the midfield free up some space.

The midfield seemed to dominate large parts of the game with **Chappie & Co.** causing KCC problems all over the place. **Matt** was proving to be a handful down the right hand side which helped the attackers get round the back on a number of occasions to create real goal scoring chances. That said, the deadlock was broken from a short corner with a thumping shot hitting the bottom left of the backboard. More attacks led to more gaps and the goals started to flow. Half time was brightened up with a retro-style bag of oranges (thanks **Sam**) and the team went back out looking to seal the victory.

During the course of the second half the attack seemed to show both how easy it is to score goals as well as how easy it is not to score goals (read: **Dan's** big swing and a miss)! Something seemed to click in the last 30 mins and despite KCC sneaking in one goal, the C's had racked up a total of 5 by the final whistle!!

All in all it was a good performance against one of the better teams in the league. More is expected this Sunday!!!

P.S.. It should be mentioned that **Donnie** did not score a SINGLE goal.....**he scored ALL 5!!!** The first came from a short but the rest we're well worked and well slotted chances which I'm sure he'll be talking about in the bar for a long, long, long time to come. A real man of the match performance from **Donnie** which leaves us all asking if the race to be top scorer could be over before it's even started?



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Ladies A Team

Well let's start with a summary of last season. During the first game one of our key players – Dawnie – was taken out by a sniper. No one was near her, but she was down and unfortunately out for the full season (she currently has a PI on the case to discover what really happened!). We also had another freak injury to our ladies section captain – Miss Russo – who seems to prefer tarmac to astro when wiping out - which also meant we were without her for the season. Pre season training had also taken one of our own and Netty was out and due to face knee surgery that would keep her out until almost the end of the season. On top of which Mel and Kate decided that babies number 2 were due to make their appearance. That was alright at the beginning of the season, but mid way through the season, Katy decided that the heat and humidity of Hong Kong needed to be traded for the heat of Dubai!

So, let's track back.....4 defenders down our season started off very well with lots of goals being scored and no one really being able to touch us. We had a couple of very tricky games against Valley where we managed to lose a 2-0 lead and come out of the game with just a single point. So with 2 draws and 1 loss to KCC A, the end of the season was drawing close and we weren't making it easy on ourselves. The only good news was that KCC A and Valley were dropping points the same way we were. 2nd to last game vs Shaheen – we win, we win the league. Did we?! No – we drew. 60/70 minutes was in their half with probably 20+ short corners..... I guess we wanted the last game of the season to be it....the one....the ultimate showdown.... and it was. 1st vs. 2nd in the league.....HKFC A vs KCC A. And we came out winners in another great team effort. So league won – we moved onto the cup.

Now – the cup didn't go as planned and we ended up losing to KCC A in the final...all I can say is bring on this year's cup because it'll be coming back to Club!!

Ladies G Team

Are You A Fast Learner? Can you incorporate shoe gossip, Greys Anatomy recaps, glances at rugby team training and still be able to listen to Chappie and Rob's coaching? Did you attend bartending school – this is not a necessity, but is looked on very favourably! Are you committed? - commitment usually is discovered in the midst of adversity. Do you surrender easily? Will you queue from 5am for the Lane Crawford sale? Are you a risk taker? A person who is not fearful of uncertainty and can enjoy the risky, speculative situations we tend to get our selves into during a match. Will you take a chance or gamble in hopes of winning? Do you know how to say 'Cheers' in several languages – very important for getting the full benefits from the tours. Are you enthusiastic - enthusiasm is contagious! Have you seen Sex and the City – throw in some hockey sticks and trainers and voila – Women's G team!

Does the above apply to you? If so the Women's G team may be for you!

Goalkeeper: One of the most important field hockey positions, the goalkeeper is assigned the responsibility of guarding the goal. The goalkeeper has to be quite agile, have eagle eyes and definitely saves the day!

Lisa Davies

Defenders: Defence being one of the most crucial aspects of the game, the players playing in this position need to be agile, need to stay alert, to mark up and block any chance of the opposition getting even close to our goal. Crazy erratic hitting comes hand in hand with being in G team defence!

Wandy, Laura, Summer, Parminder, Winnie, Catherine, Christina, and Pamela.

Midfielders: These players need to have an exceptional stamina, as they are expected to play in both the halves of the field. They also have to actually use skills to move the ball around rather than just wildly hitting it like the defenders!

Grace, Shirley, Vanessa, January, Sarah, Mihika, Karen and Louise

Attackers: Needs to have a good coordination with the fellow attackers, as well as the midfielders. Good job all our top women can multi task, they could even retouch lip gloss if the need arose!

Ashley, Denise, Terri, Kathryn, Fiona, Jane, and Cristina

Captain / Vice Captain: This years G team is being led by **Summer** and **Terri**. Looking forward to carrying on in brinkmanship style!

See you at the pitch!



LAWN BOWLS NEWS

The Lawn Bowls Section Chairman's View

THE APPEAL OF THE GAME

When I go to England to see relatives and friends I go to play lawn bowls at a little club in a sea side town. It is largely a retirement town and most of the members are in their twilight years.

The club has a flag pole and whenever a league game is being played the club flag is proudly hoisted. I thought this was rather quaint until I discovered it is also hoisted for another purpose. It is hoisted to half mast when a bowler from the club dies. One member sadly told me that it had been hoisted eight times in the previous year. The problem, he went on to say, was that the club was finding it difficult to get new bowlers and bit by bit the membership was dwindling. This is true of many clubs around the U.K.

In Hong Kong the sport seems in a healthy state, with new teams joining the league each year. But one look at the teams and you will see they are hardly full of teenagers champing at the bit. Lawn Bowls has an image problem. It is seen by many as a sport for the old, yet most of the top world ranking positions are taken by players still in the prime of their lives.

If, for one moment you consider the appeal of the game, you will reach the conclusion that very few sports can match it.

It is a sport that can be played indoors or out. The physique of the bowler is not important, so a slight Asian girl can play

against a burly man on equal terms. It is a sport that can be played from a very young age until the end of your life. A set of woods costs very little, when you consider the length of time they will last. It is a game that can be played and practiced alone or as part of a team. One six rink bowling green can accommodate up to 48 bowlers at a time for a league match, so it is reasonably space efficient. It is also a game that has a following in countries all over the world.

As a teacher, I have discovered one other aspect of the game that has yet to be fully appreciated. There are an increasing number of children growing up with a condition known as Aspergers syndrome. Aspergers children among other things find social interaction difficult. They become startled by sudden loud noises. They also like order and consistency in their lives. Most sports do not appeal to these children yet I have witnessed more than one who has taken to lawn bowls because it offers them an environment where there is relative quiet, an absence of body contact and a consistency to what they are doing. Here is perhaps one sport that may allow these children to "belong".

At the Club we don't have a Section flag that flies from a flag pole when we play league games but I think it is time that all Section bowlers proudly see our Club shirt as a flag we are flying to promote the game of bowls and to promote our Club.

By Mark Mahoney

DANNY HO BECOMES THE INDOOR SINGLES CHAMPION FOR THE THIRD YEAR RUNNING



Danny Ho won Indoor Singles Championship once again

The National Indoor Singles competition is probably the most popular lawn bowls competition in Hong Kong. This year there were 238 players from 26 local clubs participating in the competition. The competition started in early July 2010 and finished on the evening of 20 September 2010 at the Club's indoor green. Once again Club's **Danny Ho** successfully defended his Champion title.

In his road to Champion, Danny beat six players, including two of his Club mates; **CT Wong** in the fifth round and **Luis Fernandes** in the quarter-final. In the semi-final, Danny met one of Hong Kong's top bowlers – Ken Chan from the Kowloon

Bowling Green Club. Ken is famous for his delicate and precise drawing shots. Both Danny and Ken won a set and a three-end tie-break needed to be played to decide who would proceed to the final. In the last end of the tie-break, Ken was leading 2-0 on the score board, Danny was holding one shot on the green, the second shot was Ken's and the third Danny's. With his last bowl Danny needed to get at least two shots to draw in the tie-break and three to win. After studying the head Danny came back to the mat to play his last bowl. He played a delicate "yard-on" shot to nudge out Ken's bowl and leave another of his own woods as second. Unfortunately, Ken's bowl was not pushed far enough to let Danny get

the three shots he needed to win. The final score after the tie-break was 2-2 and an extra end had to be played. Danny came out the winner of this end.

After a tough game with Ken, many spectators anticipated Danny would have an easier game in the final because his opponent was KH Li – a not so “famous” bowler from the City Lawn Bowls Club. Surprisingly, KH out-bowled Danny with his fine drawing shots and won the first set. In the second set KH continued to put pressure on Danny, drawing in shot after shot. However, Danny managed to turn most of the heads, often with the last shot of the end. He sometimes did this with a drawing shot and other times by firing. Eventually he beat KH 10-3. Once again the game went into the tie-break stage, but this time Danny beat KH with relative ease.

Danny was the Indoor Singles Champion of 2000, 2005, 2008, 2009 and now 2010. He is the bowler who has won this title more than anyone else. He is also the first bowler to win the title three years in a row.

IRC INVITATION TRIPLES

The Indian Recreation Club (IRC) invitation was held on a fine sunny Friday (1st October). 36 teams, including the host and local bowling clubs, joined this annual competition. It started early in the morning. The teams were divided into nine sections, with four teams in each section. There was a round robin in the first round. **Bernard Young, Johnny Tsang and CT Wong** represented HKFC to participate in this invitation competition. **David Tou** played as a substitute for Johnny in the morning session.

HKFC team played quite well in the round robin, with 1 draw and 2 wins. A total of five points to rank in 7th position, and it allowed the team to enter the Plate competition in the knock-out stage. In the semi-final, the Club team played against one of the host teams, IRC-C, which was skipped by a very strong skip, Dhillon. There was a great show by the two skips. The heads were turned continuously. In the early stages the score was 4 to 4. However, HKFC skip CT Wong bowled brilliantly with his last wood to take the opponent's shot away in two consecutive ends and score three shots each. Club finally won



HKFC team at IRC Invitation Triples – C T Wong, Johnny Tsang and Bernard Young

by 13:4 and entered the final to play against Golden Bauhinia Lawn Bowls Club (GBLBC). There was not as much pressure in the final. Club was at one point leading 9:0 and ended up 10:4 to win the plate. Congratulations to Bernard Young, Johnny Tsang and CT Wong.

The prize presentation was held in the late evening on the grass field in front of the IRC clubhouse. All bowlers had a wonderful day which included the famous curry buffet of IRC. A vote of thanks should go to the organizing committee of IRC for holding this wonderful event.

HKFC PAIRS TO JOIN HK INTERNATIONAL BOWLS CLASSIC 2010

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Classic Qualifiers Competition. It was a hard fought competition spread out over a long period of time and made more difficult by the weather and the need to continually rescheduled games.

The Men's competition ended with semi finals and finals while the Ladies was a round robin affair with the winner decided on the highest number of points.

Both Men's semi finals were decided by the last wood of the last end which showed the closeness of this competition.

The eventual winners of the Men's competition were: CM Chan and Shu Wing Chan. The winners of the Ladies competition were: Camilla Leung and Winnie Au.

Congratulations to both pairs. They will now go on to represent HKFC in the Hong Kong Classic competition. We wish them well.



Men's Winners of the Classic qualifiers



Women's Winners of the Classic qualifiers

A FOCUS ON THE LADIES C TEAM

The Ladies C team has had a very busy season with twelve matches played. They have won six of these, drawn one and lost five. They are currently fourth in the league.

The game on 2nd October against the A team from CCC was typical of their fighting spirit. CCC were top of the second division at the start of the game and it was obvious that they came hoping for a maximum 8 points from it.

The C team however had different ideas. The game ebbed and flowed with our ladies never giving an inch. The team spirit and determination never faltered.

After just over four hours of play the distribution of points all came down to the last ball of the last end. It ended up as 4 points each.

This was a great result for the C team and they can be well pleased.



The Ladies in the photograph who played in the C team against CCC are: **Terri Tsang** (Captain), **Flora Ni**, **Regina Lui**, **Evelyn Chan**, **Gigi Nam**, **Katherine Leung**, **Charlene Lui**, **Irene Muk**, **Karen Li**, **Fonda Law**,

Calinna Chan and **Lita Lee**.

Other members of the C team are: **Ida Grimshaw**, **Cecilia Young**, **Josephine Wong**, **Anne Gately**, **Cecilia Tso**, **Irene Chan** and **Sarah McGrath**.

CdeR GB OPEN PAIRS 2010

This tournament, jointly organized by Club de Recreio and Golden Bauhinia Lawn Bowls Club, is to qualify a men's and a women's pairs to enter into the HK International Bowls Classic which will be held by HKLBA later this year.

HKFC fielded one men's pairs and four women's pairs. Two of the women's pairs (Wong Yee Ming and Wanis Sze and Clarissa Wong and Rita Tsui) were winners in their respective section of the round robin stage. Both pairs entered into the Quarter-Finals held at CdeR on Sunday afternoon (Oct 10).

Wong Yee Ming and Wanis Sze, won their quarter-finals and went into the Cup competition. They then won the semi-finals. In the final they lost to a team from USRC, and therefore missed the chance to play in the Classics 2010.

In the other quarter final Clarissa Wong and Rita Tsui lost and therefore went through to the Plate competition. They had to play on the rain-soaked and muddy lower green, with no lighting facilities. Play continued into the evening, and in view of the insufficient light and continuous rainfall, all 4 pairs in the semi-finals agreed to stop play and to decide the winner by the toss of a coin. Luck did not fall on the HKFC pair.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to both CdeR and GB for their organization and hospitality extended to all players, and look forward to a similar event next year.



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NETBALL NEWS

Comments from the Chair



Karin Looram,
Division
Chairperson

Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving!

The first month of netball got off to a good start. With teams playing together for the first time in the league, we had some good results.

The Commonwealth Games are now underway after much bad publicity. I was lucky enough to catch a 'closed-training' session between New Zealand and the Singapore Team in Singapore, where the Silver Ferns were based in their lead-up to the Games.

The Silver Ferns put on amazing netball and from a coaching perspective, there was a lot to take away from the session. After the session, I was able to meet the players on court during their warm down. As you can see from the photos below, I was in my element! Irene Van Dyk was very obliging by squatting down slightly as not to insult me.

Enough about the Silver Ferns, let me move onto the exciting news of the HKFC Junior Netballers! Saturday saw the start of the HKNA Junior League in which we have entered 2 teams. The HKFC Rockets and HKFC Comets played outstandingly and after such a short time together showed some amazing netball. The Rockets won all 3 of their games convincingly and the Comets won 2 of 3 games. I must say, the coaches were very proud, as the girls braved hot, windy weather, playing outside 3 games straight, that's one and a half hours of netball! Great Job Girls. We look forward to hearing more about them all.

Keep an eye out for the up-coming socials that the conveners are working on. We will soon be having our 'Nations Cup' Tournament. Usually the kiwis win that but that might change this year, there you go I have put the challenge out there!



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MATCH REPORTS

Monday 4th October

Typhoons 36 - HKCC Devils 30

Typhoons started the season with a match against HKCC Devils. An early game resulted in a quick warm up, a few players out of position and a fast first half meant we were 5 goals down at the break. We settled into our pace in the last part of the game, and ended up winning the final quarter (with a final score of 36-30). This year our team is VERY different to previous years, with a mix of players from different teams and from different sports backgrounds. The combinations on court will gel throughout the season, and as we become accustomed to each others play our game play and communication will develop. A good solid start to the season with room to improve, but that's what training is! *By Paula Ferrick*

Whirlwinds 29 - Aussie Redbacks 29

An exciting (if a bit too tense!) start to the season for the new look Whirlies. Normally we are notoriously slow starters in matches, but we raced ahead 5 - 0 in the first few minutes. However we let it slip and went behind after the first quarter by one goal.

There was some sharp shooting from **Elaine Morgan** and **Charlotte Thompson** to catch up to the Redbacks and the second, third and final quarters saw both sides level all the way to end the match 29 - 29!

There were some fantastic defensive intercepts from **Lynette Ryan** at GD and then GK and great shooting and understanding in the circle between Elaine Morgan and Charlotte Thompson.

All in all a steady start to the first match and we can definitely get better! *By Kathryn Curley*

Tornadoes 13 - Valley Leopards 23

Well done Tornadoes! Being our first game of the season and most of us having not played together before we did pretty well.

We kicked off with some sloppy play/passes in the 1st Quarter, but by half time, we were only 5 goals down. **Michelle Robinson**, **Marie Farry** and **Kayleigh Leonard** did some fantastic defending and intercepting in the goal circle but were unlucky with some rebounds.

There were some great passes/intercepts in the centre court with **Michelle Cairns**, **Hayleigh Davies**, **Abbie Dixon** and **Rachel Corthorn** working hard to get the ball into our goal third. Once the ball was in the goal circle, there were no stopping **Allyson Ko** getting in those goals.

Unfortunately during the 3rd quarter, Allyson got injured and Michelle C stepped in as GS. Great shooting Michelle! In the last quarter we managed to score a few more goals to end the game with the final score 23-13 to the opposition. Overall, it was not a bad loss and I'm sure Tornadoes will do well this season.

By Dawn Cheng


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Monday 11th October

Hurricanes 36 - Shimmer 19

We had a storming match to really build on a very impressive start to the season with last week's victory against Ruby's. We went into the match thinking Shimmer would be a hard team to beat - given their fast paced game, but we got off to a great start with some fantastic shooting from **Jodie Price** and **Wilma Donnelly**, supported by feisty defence at the other end and some great mid-court play. We were in the lead as we neared the end of the first quarter when unfortunately injury struck. Poor **Ari** took the full force of a shoulder barge and went down in agony. We all wish Ari a speedy recovery and at least her efforts weren't in vain as we went on to increase our lead during the rest of the match - with a final score of 36 - 19. An impressive result, which is testament to great teamwork and everyone managing to maintain control and play our own game; rather than being swept away by Shimmer's furious pace. Thankfully it also means your new captain is off the hook, as the pressure mounted not to let the team down after missing the first match and then coming on at half time - phew! *By Katie Gearing*

Tornadoes 25 - Ruby 16

Great stuff everyone, well done a first win for the season! With a final score of 25-16 we can all be very proud of our individual and team performance.

We started off a little slow, but soon picked up scoring a few quick goals. This set the tone for the game as we remained in front for the remainder. Well done to **Penelope Hamilton** as this was her second game for the evening having filled in for the Whirlies earlier in the evening. Well done to **Michelle Cairns** also in this regard and a fantastic job at shooting. Michelle is really proving herself in the goal circle, great work.

Our defence managed to hold them off with some decent intercepts and passes, with everyone working together. **Marie Farry** got her hand to some nice deflections as did **Dawn Cheng**, **Kayleigh Leonard** and **Michelle Robinson**.

Rachel Corthorn had a strong game completing some great passes, feeding the ball forward, well done. **Hayleigh** worked hard, passing the ball down the court and into the right position for shooting, well done. **Abbi Dixon** also put in a great effort.

Allyson Ko worked on the scoring whilst still out injured, she managed to cheer everyone on and fulfilled her role as a real team player.

By the third quarter we were well on our way. We managed to secure some penalty passes enabling us to score some more.

We worked well as a team tonight and managed to spread out and move down the court a little better than last week. With room for improvement we can continue to work together and achieve a successful season. Go Tornadoes! *By Michelle Robinson*

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SWIMMING NEWS

September saw HKFC Swimming Society members (and their off-spring) in action in various races around the territory.

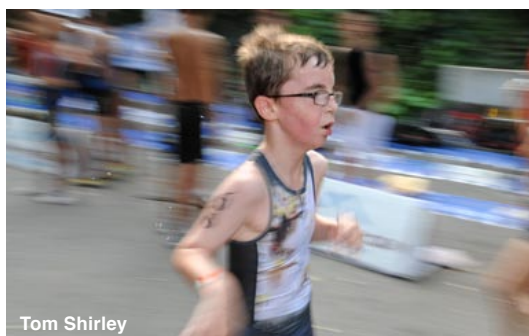


Hugo Christopher, Freya Horne and Tom Lipton post Splash 'n' Dash

“ The art of a good swimmer in these races, is to draft. This means to slip-stream close enough you get another swimmer to pull you with their forward motion. ”

The *Splash'n'Dash Series* continues to grow in popularity. Over eighty 8-14yrs olds competed in the September 18th race at South Bay consisting of a 375m swim and 1km run course. A great introduction for youngsters with longer distances for adults. HKFC Club members children excelled. **Freya Horne** took 2nd in the Girls 10/11, **Hugo Christopher** 5th in the Boys 10/11 and **Tom Lipton** and **Tom Shirley** close behind that. Sea-swimming is a lot different from the flat water of a swimming pool so a great achievement by all.

The inaugural 5km *Pier-to-Pier* from Repulse Bay to Stanley Murray Building Pier on September 25th was an invitation only race. The route took

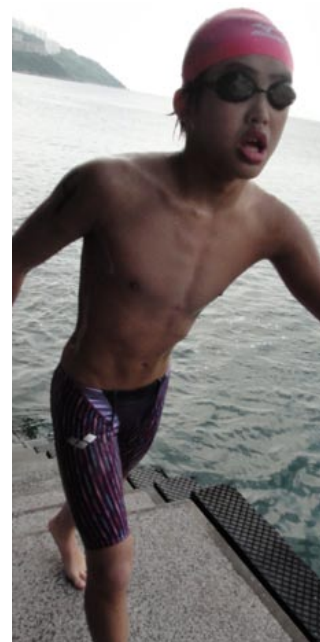


Tom Shirley

us out past Chung Hom Kok and the Cheshire Home, round the Headland, always with a surprising bouncy swell into the wind and tide and then a long 2km swim into Stanley Market.

The whistle blew and all the advice about pacing yourself over the next 100 minutes seemed to have evaporated with the sea spray. The art of a good swimmer in these races, is to draft. This means to slip-stream close enough you get another swimmer to pull you with their forward motion. Consequently, everyone went hard to stay with any pack that formed. The other skill is that of navigation. Choosing a marker; a distant headland and allowing for wind and tide, swimming the shortest distance to it, whilst still maintaining head-down good technique. Neither skill comes naturally and there was a fast and brutal learning curve for myself as a novice to long-distance ocean open-water races.

Meanwhile at the front of the pack, 12-year old **Cody Chan** had blitzed the field in 68 minutes for 5km. 13 yr old **Fiona Chan** was 6th and our ironman **Richard Hall** came in 80 minutes and took 8th place. **Catherine Sen** had the swim of her life for a magnificent 95 minutes and 21st place. I was back in 28th place and 110 minutes and **Phil Shirley** in 30th place and 120 minutes. We were all delighted to finish and thank **Lloyd McBean** and **Ian Polson** and the Open Water Swim Club of Hong Kong for a fantastic race.



Cody Chan



Cat and Lloyd with two Chilean miners



Pier to Pier start

The Swimming Society organized fully coached swimming sessions on Mon 06.30-08.00am, Tues 20-21.00pm, Thurs 06.30-08.00am. Our session coach is **Lloyd McBean** and Head Coach is **James Shortis**. We also have a run session on Tuesday's 7pm-8pm on Happy Valley track led by **Stuart Elliott**. Any queries, contact Club Captain **Guy Horne** on horne@netvigator.com or 90922752. ■

Upcoming Event Dates:

Friday 5th November

LRC vs HKFC Swim Gala at Ladies Recreation Club

Sunday 28th November

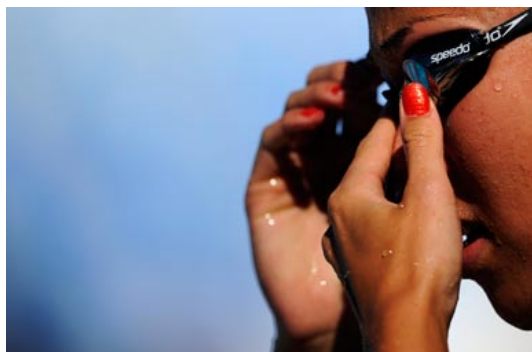
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TENNIS NEWS



Ladies B Team



Men's D Team

And They're Off!

Despite a few rain delays, the new evening league season finally got underway with a mixed bag of fortunes for our three men's and one ladies team.

The A team under the captaincy of **Simon Cheung** got off to a cracking start with a narrow 5-4 victory over HKCC on 4th October. Special mention goes to the B squad players, **Ben Dickinson** and **Marcelo Perez**, who stepped up to help out the A team. They managed to pick up the crucial deciding set with a nail-biting win in their third set tie-break to help clinch the match.

The B team, co-captained by **Winston Leung** and **Colin Butterfield**, had a narrow 3-6 defeat in their first match away at Kowloon Tong Club. Nonetheless, confidence among the 16-man squad is high, bolstered by regular coaching sessions and lots of team practice. Competition for team selection is intense!

The Men's D team, led by **Duncan Spooner** and **Vincent Chan**, have had two close losses to start the season and will be no doubt looking to chalk up their first win in the not too distant future, while the Ladies B team, with **Yoke Ming Ong** and **Rosemary Soo** at the helm, won their first match against PTC 5-4 but lost their second match against Hong Lok Yuen 3-6.

ATA on the court

The ATA junior tennis programme is in full swing, now with over 100 children regularly playing in the programme since the start of the school term, it is building from strength to strength both in popularity and in the improvement seen in the youngsters on court. We cater to all ages from tiny tots through to players working towards performance. If interested in registering your child in the tennis programme do email australasiatennis.hkfc@gmail.com.

The ATA coaching team had a great time working with students from the Nesbitt Centre in preparation for their charity coaching clinic with Roger Federer at the Country Club on Thursday 7th October.

Ladies morning tennis at HKFC weekdays from 9-11am is taking off and gaining in popularity. Midweek adult evening group classes are also being offered from 7pm. So if you are interested in joining a group to get a workout, improve your game, and get a greater understanding of playing points then email: australasiatennis.ladies@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

NATIONS CUP COMPETITION

To celebrate the opening of the new courts in style, the ATA coaching team will be running a Nations Cup event open to all HKFC Members.

When: Sunday 7th November 2010

Time: 10am-5pm

Where: HKFC Tennis Courts

This is a fantastic multi-cultural social event where players compete in teams based upon their nationality, so individuals will not only be competing for their team but representing their country. Coaches will group individuals or accept entries of pre-arranged teams of 4 players, reserving the right to increase team numbers based upon registrations.

There will be teams from Australia, England, France, Hong Kong, India etc, so come and sign up and do your country proud. Feel free to go all out and coordinate team outfits.

Tennis, food, drinks and prizes will ensure everyone has a great day. For registration and for further details please email australasiatennis.hkfc@gmail.com

PARENT CHILD CHALLENGE

Kids, get your Mum and Dad out onto the tennis courts for this fun event. And adults, if you have no kids, maybe you can adopt one for the day! To sign up, please email Kristin at australasiatennis.hkfc@gmail.com.

When: Saturday 20th November

Time: 1-5pm

Where: HKFC Tennis Courts

Keep your eye out for more details about this fun event.

HKTA 2010 LEAGUE TROPHY PRESENTATION CEREMONY

For the second consecutive year our mixed doubles team won the HKTA 'Mixed Doubles Spring League, 2010'. On 16th September our team captain **Job Tang**, together with assistant captain **Mary Soo** and team members **Helen Ormerod** and **Therese Beresford** attended the prize presentation ceremony to collect the trophy. Congratulations to the whole team on another great season.

General News MAJOR MILESTONE REACHED

The Tennis Society now has over 200 members and continues to go from strength to strength. We are especially pleased to see how well the junior programme is taking off under the guidance of the new coaching team from Australasia Tennis Aces.

NEW LIGHTS IN DECEMBER

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.



Junior Team Notches up first League Victory

Our first ever junior league team won their first team match 6-3 on September 17 against Fairview Park Country Club. It was a fantastic performance by the whole squad, with special thanks to the parent helpers and coaches for their support and encouragement. However they came down to earth with a bump, losing their last two matches 1-8 against Hintin and 2-7 against Chinese Recreation Club, two of the strongest sides in the league. But with nine more matches to go there's plenty of time to notch up a few more victories.

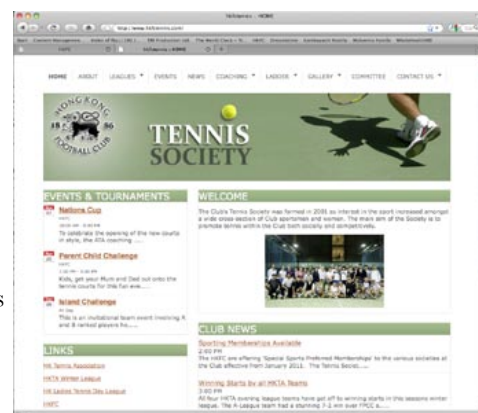
SINGLES LADDER

If you are interested in joining the new men's or ladies singles ladder, simply click on the Ladder heading on the home page of the new Tennis Society Website (<http://www.hkfc.tennis.com>) and complete the details. One \$500 sporting voucher will be up for grabs for any player who has participated in two or more ladder matches during the month of November. Players who achieve this will go into a draw, with one winner being drawn at the end of the month. The ladder will also be used for seeding players during Tennis Society competitions, as well as helping team captains with team selection, so it's well worth getting involved.

NEW TENNIS SOCIETY WEBSITE

Be sure to check out the NEWLY REVAMPED Tennis Society website which is updated regularly with lots of news and information about the goings on at the Club. Go to the HKFC website (<http://www.hkfc.com.hk>) click on tennis and then proceed to the link.

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



GOLF NEWS



Andy Ho,
Golf Society Chairman

19th Hole with the Chairman

This is the official last message during my second term as your Chairman. It has been both an honor and a pleasure. Again, I have learnt a lot more about golf, and indeed, had a few more rounds than I normally would!

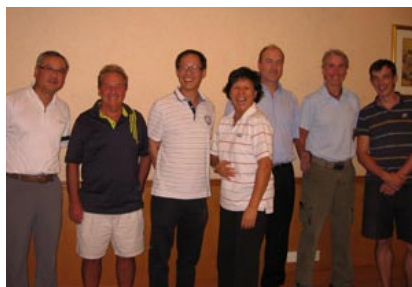
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Golf Society Committee (*especially to those of you who will not be able to help again next year*), all Club Staff members and all Society members in making this a great year for the Society. **Adie** will be leaving us after her 9 years of service to the GS. Thank you Adie, we shall miss you greatly. The incoming Fixture Secretary is **Jacky Tso**, and I believe many of you already know Jacky, for he is a keen golfer.

By the time you read this, the **Golf Bag Tags should be ready for pick up at Reception**. Please pick them up and put them on your golf bags!

October has been a very busy month for the Society; we just had a very well attended weekend of golf at Lotus Hill, and the Walmsley Cup was held on 22nd October followed by the Golf Society AGM. Right after this, there will be the Re-Unification Cup at Lotus Hill on 23rd and 24th October, where the HKFC Team will be under the leadership of Captain **Dallas**. Results to follow in next issue...

We are trying to schedule another **Equipment Day** in December or early 2011 at the Club, as we have received many requests from Society members who were not able to join last time. Please stay tuned.

I wish the new incoming committee every success and I look forward to meeting more of the Society's members on the golf course.



Lotus Hill Outing 1st and 2nd October

Instead of a usual weekend in China, the Golf Society took the advantage of the Chinese National Day holiday on the 1st and visited Lotus Hill for a two-day trip.

On the first day we played the usual individual stableford after travelling almost three hours in the morning to get to Lotus Hill. The stableford winner for the day was **Mike Lamont** with 40 points followed by **Jonathan Li** with 39 points (more handicap adjustment is needed!) The best gross winners were **Shane Harmon** scored 72 and **William Taam** scored 77. Nearest pins went to **Allan Hay, Des Hastie, Martin Wright, Shane Harmon** and **Paul Cheng**. Longest drive winners were **Allyson Ko** and **Berny Ng**.

On the second day we played Team Texas Scramble. Two teams came back with an excellent score of 66. After count back, the winning team was **William Taam, Elaine Taam, Allan Hay** and **Aggie Hay**. Runners up were **Berny Ng, Brian Taam, Jacky Tso** and **Paul Cheng**. Longest drives were **Allyson Ko** and **Berny Ng** (again!). Nearest pins winners were **P.W. Poon, Martin Wright** x twice, **Jacky Tso** and **William Taam**.

Congratulations to all the winners and it's always enjoyable to have a weekend away for golf!

Chairman Collects His Dog Licence 18th September

Keen to build up the psychological advantage before the forthcoming Ryder Cup, our intrepid golf team headed off to Lotus Hill to take on the American Club in our annual "Ryder Bowl" Challenge. Admittedly we had conceded victory to our transatlantic cousins the previous year (this was so stunning to me that I had in fact spent half an hour scouring our trophy cabinet for it to bring to the event before the horrible recollection of last year's loss dawned on me). However obviously this was viewed as a one off aberration set against an almost clean slate of victories for the Society team.

Another slight wobble hit the morale when I received their team list and found that for possibly the first time, the team we were facing held on average lower

handicaps than us. On the other hand, how bad could it be to actually be receiving shots than handing them out?

The final worry was that on their team sheet there was clearly a typo as one of their 8 handicap players had been put down as a lady – clearly not possible.

As it turned out, apparently it is, and worse than that, the lady in question was lined up to play me in both the pairs and the Sunday singles. Quickly taking an executive decision, I decided that the risk of losing to the fairer sex twice in one weekend was not something to be trifled with, and accordingly the pairings were slightly massaged with my justification being that the Captains should go “mano-a-mano” on the Sunday which rather neatly allowed me to hand the dubious honour of this match to **Nick Rickett**.

I would like to say that we were brutally unlucky; that the opposition cheated right left and centre; or even that we were

plagued with injury.

However, all I can report is that we ran into a very good team who over the weekend played very well and handed us a fairly thorough 5 ½ , 9 ½ beating. Their lady player did indeed beat me with her partner on the Saturday, and then played the last 10 holes one under par to comfortably win her match on the Sunday.

By and large our team played well and stuck to their guns under severe pressure (for example I had to hole out from 40 feet on both 16 and 18 just to scrape a half on the Sunday). **Chad Sunde** also deserves a mention for winning both his matches.

At the end of the day solace was hard to find. But there is always a silver lining, and in this case two:-

Firstly, on the way to the match, the American Club boys, with an admirable failure to grasp the law of gravity, put the majestic crystal trophy on the X-Ray

scanning machine at Panyu and watched as it trundled through and then fell off the end, smashing into pieces so there was not more than about 30% of the trophy to lose anyway.

Secondly, those with long memories of the UK, were able to happily explain to anyone who cared to listen, that the original price of a dog licence in the UK was “seven and six” (ie seven shillings and six pence in the old money system) which admirably summed up our Chairman’s loss on Sunday.

Notwithstanding the result, it was an outstanding match, with lots of very good golf being played, and an excellent friendly competitive atmosphere all weekend. I would like to thank **Henry Hon**, the American Club Captain, as well as **Wicke** and **Remy**, their support staff, for such a great match, and look forward to next year’s event. Hopefully despite the sinking dollar they will be able to replace the trophy by then. ■ *By Dallas Reid*

RYDER BOWL SCORE SHEET

Sep 18, 2010 Round 1 - Four Ball (5 points)

Group			AMERICAN CLUB			FOOTBALL CLUB			
			Name	Handi	Point	Name	Handi	Point	
1	12:04	1	Henry Hon (Captain)	7	1	Dallas Rield (Captain)	7	0	
2			Jacqueline Cheng*	7		JP Cuvelier	11		
3	12:11	2	Richard Lo	8	1	Malou Ferrier*	12	0	
4			Nicholas Lock	12		Andrew Wood	8		
5	12:18	3	Ben Jenkins	3	1/2	Nick Rickett	9	1/2	
6			Jonathan Shih	9		Phil Head	6		
7	12:25	4	Edward Leung	12	1	Andy Ho	14	0	
8			Hutchins Hung	18		Gilbert Collins	13		
9	12:32	5	Alex Mackintosh	9	0	Chad Sunde	7	1	
10			Doug Thompson	9		Kevin Tse	11		
					3.5				1.5

Sep 19, 2010 Round 2 - Individual Match Play (10 points)

Group			AMERICAN CLUB			FOOTBALL CLUB			
			Name	Handi	Points	Name	Handi	Points	
1	7:03	1	Ben Jenkins	4	1/2	Phil Head	8	1/2	
2			Henry Hon (Captain)	9	1/2	Dallas Reid (Captain)	9	1/2	
3	7:10	3	Jacqueline Cheng*	10	1	Nick Rickett	9	0	
4			Richard Lo	10	1	Andrew Wood	11	0	
5	7:17	5	Alex Mackintosh	12	0	Chad Sunde	12	1	
6			Doug Thompson	13	0	JP Cuvelier	14	1	
7	7:24	7	Jonathan Shih	13	1	Kevin Tse	15	0	
8			Edward Leung	16	1	Malou Ferrier	15	0	
9	7:31	9	Nicholas Lock	16	0	Gilbert Collins	17	1	
10			Hutchins Hung	23	1	Andy Ho	19	0	
					6				4

Day 1 (Sep 18) Nearest to Pin : Nicholas Lock (#14)	Day 2 (Sep 19) Nearest to Pin : Ben Jenkins (#11)
Longest Drive: Dallas Reid (Men) Malou Ferrier (Ladies)	Longest Drive: Chad Sunde (Men) Jacqueline Cheng (Ladies)

Two days total:

9.5

Two days total:

5.5

BADMINTON NEWS



1. Group photo taken with participants of all 6 clubs after the prize presentation

2. The preparation/ support team with Chairman Phillip (5th right back row); Competition officer – Steven (1st left middle row), Captain Ben and Paul (4th and 3rd left back row); Committee members – Colman (4th right back row) and Tommy (2nd left middle row); Official referees- Bon, Alison and Lawrence (1st and 2nd left back row and 1st right front row); Official photographer – Patrick and Rita (2nd and 3rd right back row)

3. Steven and David – after playing a tough Men’s Double that kept the Club in the 2nd runners up

4. Brian and Coleman, smile only after making a narrow win in the men’s 100+

5. David (1st left) congratulating Derek (middle) and Tommy making it through the 1st round

6. Ryan (1st left) and Matthew with Chairman Phillip before playing the Men’s double

THE ANNUAL SIX BADMINTON CLUBS TOURNAMENT

After much preparation by **Steven**, our Competition Officer and Captain **Ben** the annual tournament finally took place on Saturday, 2 October 2010. Participating clubs including players from HEC, HKICPA, JBC, KCC and LRC. Near to 100 participants and supporters showed up at the sport hall on the day.

With such a big number of participants we could not run it smoothly without the support of our committee members and support team. A big thank you to **Steven**, **Paul** and **Ben**, the organising committee and all members who helped to make the tournament a successful event.

The following members representing the Club :-

MIXED DOUBLE :-

Eugenie and **Jason**, Eugenie and **Colman**, Eugenie and **Philip**

LADIES DOUBLE :-

Yoke Ming and **Pui Yee**, Eugenie and Pui Yee

MEN’S DOUBLE :-

Jackie and **Jason**, **Derek** and **Tommy**

OPEN :-

Ryan and **Matthew Wong** (father and son)

80+ :-

David Chow and **Steven Ng**

100+ :-

Brian and **Colman**





7. 1st timer - Ken and Eugenie (father and daughter)

8. Jason (with mum Alison) stayed in good momentum in every matches

9. TK Lam (1st left) , Philip and Alison

10. Jackie and Philip relaxing before the big match

11. Eugenie and Colman in action

12. Jason and David in action

The result was overwhelming with players from HKICPA scoring in every games that they played on the day and becoming the Champion team for this year. HEC came very close this year as the 1st runners up and FC stayed close at 2nd runners up just beating JBC. LRC, the Champion of last year got squashed by KCC and became the 5th runners up.

As in last year, the tournament was followed by a buffet dinner where all participants had chance to mingle. ■ *By Alison Wong*

- 13. HKICPA – 2010 Champion
- 14. HEC (1st runner up)
- 15. HKFC (2nd runner up)
- 16. JBC (3rd runner up)
- 17. KCC (4th runner up)
- 18. LRC (5th runner up)
- 19. Group dinner after the tournament





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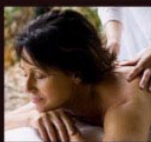


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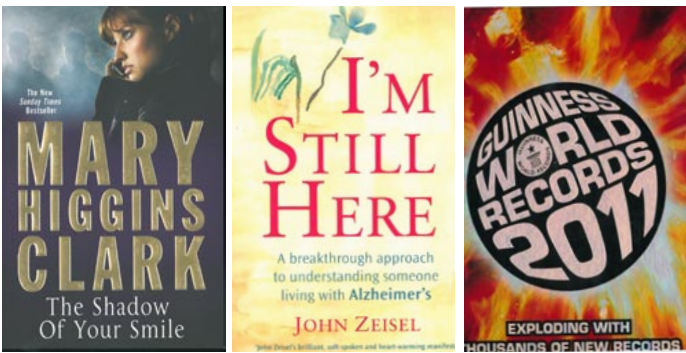
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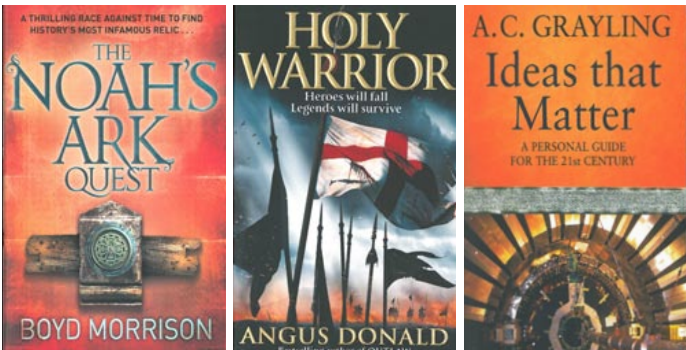
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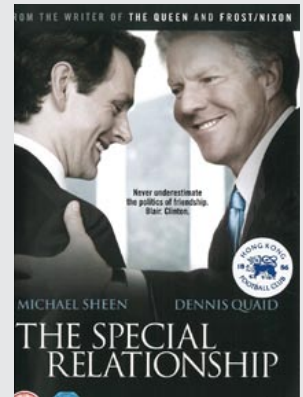
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