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The Thoughts of the Chairman



*John J Shanahan,
Chairman*

Dear Members,

I write this article with hand on heart hoping that the newly renovated Second Floor will be open by the time you read this. At the time of writing, we await final Government inspections before we can fully open up the Second-Floor facilities; unfortunately, the timing of those inspections was cutting it very fine as we come into the busiest time of the year at the Club with Rugby Week beckoning!

Apart from the modern look you will all see on the Second Floor, with a new Italian-themed Restaurant for more casual and family dining, along with the new Coffee Shop, Chairman's Bar, Happy Valley Suites and Changing Rooms, a considerable amount of work has gone on behind the scenes. A brand new and state-of-the-art Main Kitchen has been installed and new electrical wiring, plumbing and air-conditioning systems put in place. Having looked at the usage of the Steam Room and Sauna, it was decided to split this into a separate male and female facility and reduce the sizes of those rooms while at the same time increasing the size of the Changing Rooms.

As we come into Rugby Week with the **GFI HKFC Rugby Tens competition on the 4th-5th April**, swiftly followed by the HSBC/Cathay Pacific Rugby Sevens on the weekend of the 6th – 8th April, the Club will be extremely busy with Members, returning Absent Members, Reciprocal Members and Guests using the facilities. As usual at this time of the year, I ask for your forbearance at the food and beverage outlets when they are busy as the Staff try to cope with a heavy workload. If you do have Guests coming to the Club, please ensure that you meet them at the Front Entrance as security during this period will be enhanced.

Finally, some photographs of the Lion Dance held at the Club last month are appended below. Happy Easter!

*John J Shanahan
Chairman*



Photo from the Lion Dance on 25th February

Obituary

We were saddened to hear the news of the recent passing away of longstanding Member **Ray Holstead**. Our thoughts and prayers go to Liz. May he rest in peace.



HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

Race Box

at the Happy Valley Race Course

The Club maintains a Box at the Happy Valley race course which is available for Members to book in advance.

Cost:

F&B Package: \$750 per head.
Admission badge: \$60 per head.

F&B arrangement:

The Race Box is provided with a Buffet and unlimited drinks.

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3 Sports Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong



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From the Desk of Mark Pawley



*Mark Pawley,
General Manager*

As the Chairman has noted by the time you read the magazine there is high expectation that the 2/F facilities will be open and up and running. Whilst it is appreciated that the renovation period has been lengthy and that this has caused some Member inconvenience, it is hoped that the new more modern look with the re-alignment of some of the facilities will be both, well received and last us through the next twenty odd years, or so.

As most of you will be aware Rugby Week beckons and, obviously with this a high degree of usage of the Club's facilities is expected. In this respect I would ask that, in order to assist our Staff, all Members are minded to carry their Membership Cards with them whilst on Club Premises and to show the Card upon request. If you forget to bring your Card then a Temporary Card can be issued from Reception.

Many congratulations are in order to our Staff Employees of the Year who are pictured below and who were presented with their respective awards at the Staff Party. Well done to **Gary, Carol** and **Ming** and also well done to all the other Staff members who received nominations for the Employee of the Year awards throughout the last 12 months period. Next months magazine will show a few photos of the Annual Staff Party which, for information was held at the Convention Centre.

And, finally a date not to be forgotten next month is **Mother's Day** on **Sunday 13th May**.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

*Mark Pawley,
General Manager*



HKFC Staff Employees of the Year



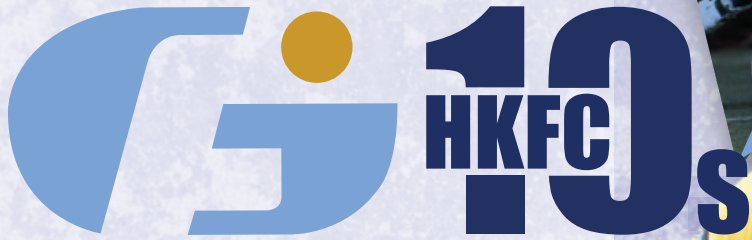
*Leader of the Year –
Gary Lai (Engineering)*



*Supervisor of the Year –
Carol Leung (F&B-Coffee Shop)*



*Employee of the Year –
Leung Chi Ming (Sports-Pool)*



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at the Club 4th – 8th APRIL

IN THE COFFEE SHOP

4 th – 5 th April Wed and Thur	6 th April Friday	7 th April Saturday	8 th April Sunday
Opening Hours 7.30am to 10.30pm	Opening Hours 7.30am to 10.30pm	Opening Hours 7.30am to 10.30pm	Opening Hours 7.30am to 10.30pm
7.30am – 10.30am Breakfast	7.30am – 10.30am Breakfast	7.30am – 10.30am Breakfast	7.30am – 10.30am Breakfast
4 th Apr: 12.00noon – 2.30pm 5 th Apr: 11.30am – 2.30pm Lunch Buffet*	12.00noon – 2.30pm Lunch Buffet*	11.30am – 2.30pm Lunch Buffet*	11.30am – 2.30pm Lunch Buffet*
4 th Apr: 6.30pm – 9.30pm 5 th Apr: 5.30pm – 9.30pm Dinner Buffet*	6.00pm – 9.30pm Dinner Buffet*	6.00pm – 9.30pm Dinner Buffet*	5.30pm – 9.30pm Dinner Buffet*

**Reduced A la Carte menu*

IN THE SPORTSMAN'S BAR

4 th – 5 th April Wed and Thur	6 th April Friday	7 th April Saturday	8 th April Sunday
Opening Hours 10.00am to 12.00 midnight	Opening Hours 11.00am to 12.00 midnight	Opening Hours 9.00am to 1.00am	Opening Hours 12.00 noon to 12.00 midnight
10.00am – 11.00am Breakfast	11.00am – 6.00pm A la Carte Menu	9.00am – 11.00am Breakfast	12.00noon – 6.00pm A la Carte Menu
11.00am – 10.45pm *Reduced A la Carte Menu	6.00pm – 10.45pm *Reduced A la Carte Menu	11.00am – 6.00pm A la Carte Menu	6.00pm – 10.45pm Buffet Dinner*
		6.00pm – 10.45pm Buffet Dinner*	6.00pm – 10.45pm Buffet Dinner*
		<i>*Reduced A la Carte menu</i>	<i>*Reduced A la Carte menu</i>



7days Voyage of Glaciers (Southbound)

Golden Princess | Coral Princess | Star Princess | Island Princess

Anchorage (Whittier), Alaska | Hubbard Glacier, Alaska [Scenic Cruising] | Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska [Scenic Cruising] | Skagway, Alaska | Juneau, Alaska | Ketchikan, Alaska | **Vancouver, British Columbia**

May - Sep (Wed & Sat departures)

Northbound - reverse itinerary; College Fjord, Icy Strait point replace Hubbard Glacier, Ketchikan

BALCONY **11%off** HKD16,373^{up}
 Fare: **HKD14,501^{up}**

7days Mediterranean Crown Princess

Barcelona, Spain | Gibraltar, Great Britain | Marseille (Provence), France | Genoa, Italy | Florence/Pisa (Livorno), Italy | **Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy**

2, 23 Jun | 14 Jul | 4, 25 Aug | 15 Sep

BALCONY **37%off** HKD16,347^{up}
 Fare: **HKD10,263^{up}**

11days Scandinavia & Russia Regal Princess

Copenhagen, Denmark | Oslo, Norway | Berlin (Warnemunde), Germany | Tallinn, Estonia | St.Petersburg, Russia [overnight] | Helsinki, Finland | Stockholm (Nynashamn), Sweden | **Copenhagen, Denmark**

29 Apr | 10, 21 May | 1, 12, 23 Jun | 4, 15, 26 Jul | 6, 17, 28 Aug


BALCONY **26%off** HKD26,866^{up}
 Fare: **HKD19,846^{up}**

12days British Isles Royal Princess

London (Southampton), England | Guernsey (St. Peter Port), England | Cork, Ireland | Dublin, Ireland [overnight] | Belfast, Northern Ireland | Glasgow (Greenock), Scotland | Invergordon, Scotland | Edinburgh (South Queensferry), Scotland | Paris/Normandy (Le Havre), France | **London (Southampton), England**

1, 13, 25* May | 6*, 18*, 30 Jun | 12*, 24* Jul | 5*, 17, 29* Aug

BALCONY **24%off** HKD25,538^{up}
 Fare: **HKD19,220^{up}**

 5, 17Aug departures will feature "Edinburgh Military Tattoo"

*will not stay overnight at Dublin, will call to Orkney Islands *will not stay overnight at Dublin, will call to Liverpool, port order may vary

8days Sea of Japan Diamond Princess

Tokyo (Yokohama), Japan | Miyazaki (Aburatsu), Japan | Busan, South Korea | Sakaiminato, Japan | Kanazawa, Japan | Sakata, Japan | **Tokyo (Yokohama), Japan**

2018 departure date: 25Jun, 11Jul[^]

BALCONY **50%off** HKD17,816^{up}
 Fare: **HKD8,690^{up}**

*Hiroshima and Kanmon Straits replaces Miyazaki (Aburatsu)

8days Circle Japan Diamond Princess

Tokyo (Yokohama), Japan | Ishinomaki, Japan | Hakodate, Japan | Akita, Japan | Busan, South Korea | Kagoshima, Japan | **Tokyo (Yokohama), Japan**

2018 departure date: 4, 17 May

BALCONY **40%off** HKD18,518^{up}
 Fare: **HKD10,952^{up}**



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THE RESTAURANT

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm

Set Lunch with Starter Buffet
2 Courses: 190
Add 25 and enjoy a third course

Saturday to Sunday
from Noon to 2.30pm

Set Lunch with Starter Buffet
3 Courses: 250

THE COFFEE SHOP

Monday to Thursday
from Noon to 2.30pm

Light Lunch Buffet
148 (Adult), 74 (Children age 3 – 12)

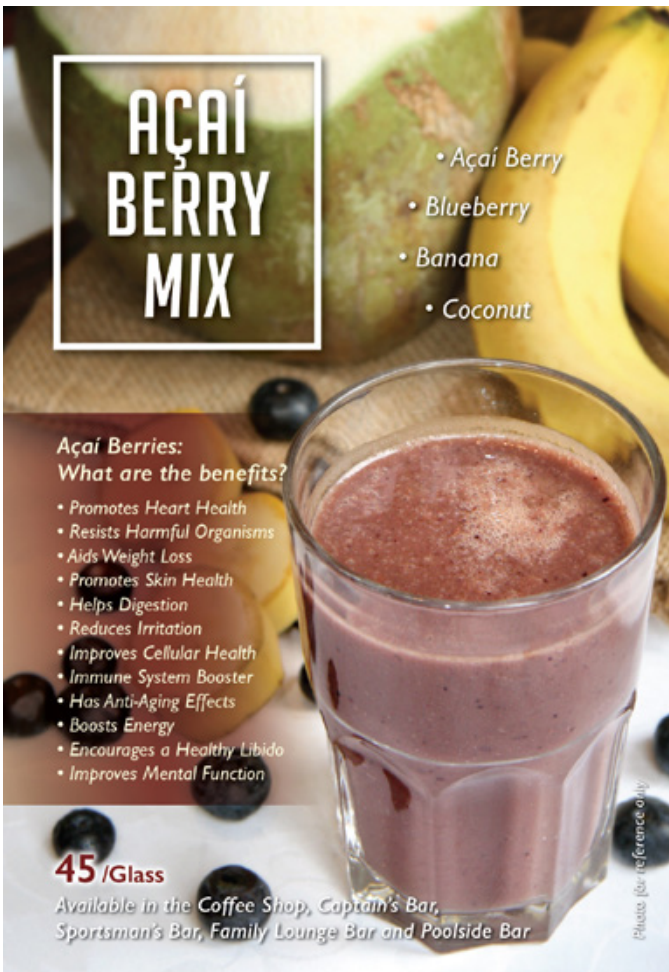
Friday to Sunday
from Noon to 2.30pm

International Lunch Buffet
180 (Adult), 90 (Children age 3 – 12)

THE CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Monday to Friday
from Noon to 2.30pm

"Carvery" Set Lunch
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RUGBY:

In Rugby, right here at the Club we have the **GFI HKFC Tens** on the 4th and 5th April, followed by the Rugby Sevens at the Hong Kong Stadium from 6th to 8th April.

If you do not have tickets for the **Rugby Sevens** don't worry, you can watch them in the Sportsman's Bar.

If you do have tickets, remember to line up your stomach with a good breakfast at the Coffee Shop before you go from 7.30am on both the Saturday and Sunday of the Sevens.

At the Club, we have the **Taipan's Rugby Challenge** on Saturday 21st April. With top players drawn from across the rugby clubs in Hong Kong, it will surely be another action packed day to watch out for.

SOCCER:

The **English Premier League** heats up as the season draws to a close with some great games on the screen(s).

GOLF:

The **US Masters** will be held at Augusta National from 5th to 8th April.

F1 AUTO RACING:

- Bahrain Grand Prix:** 6th to 8th April
- Chinese Grand Prix:** 13th to 15th April
- Azerbaijan Grand Prix:** 27th to 29th April

TENNIS:

ATP Monte-Carlo Rolex Masters, Monte-Carlo, Monaco: 16th to 22nd April.

With plenty of games and events on this month make sure you see the notice boards for the updated dates and times.

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

F&B Promotion in the Sportsman's Bar

HOT DOG MADNESS

in the Sportsman's Bar

In April, diners can choose from three different sausages and select your preferred style. Come sample those tasty Hot Dogs. There's also a variety of refreshing beers to cool down the April heat and Rugby month madness.



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1st Course

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Risotto with Sicilian Red Prawn and Saffron

"Eclisse" Bianco Venezia Giulia IGT 2015, La Roncaia



2nd Course

Coscia di Coniglio Ripiena con Verza e Pancetta su Salsa di Gorgonzola

Rabbit Leg Stuffed with Savoy Cabbage and Pancetta on Gorgonzola Sauce

Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso delle Venezie IGT 2012, Fantinel



Main Course

Pastissada di Manzo con Polenta e Peperonata

Venetian Style Beef Stew with Polenta and Sauté Bell Peppers

Merlot Friuli Colli Orientali DOC 2013, La Roncaia



Dessert

Semifreddo di Nocciole e Cioccolato Speziato su Salsa di Fragole

Semifreddo with Hazelnut and Spiced Chocolate on Strawberry Sauce

Picolit Colli Orientali del Friuli DOCG 2013, La Roncaia

Date: 27th April 2018

Venue: 2/F, The Restaurant

Time: 7:30-7:50pm (Pre Dinner Drink) | 8-11pm (Dinner)

Price: 538 Per Member

588 Per Member's Guest

Limited Seats Available



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* A la Carte options will not be available that evening.

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Mother's Day

SUNDAY 13TH MAY

COFFEE SHOP

BREAKFAST BUFFET

7.30am to 11am
108 per Adult
54 per Child (age 4-11)

LUNCH BUFFET

11.30am to 2.30pm
180 per Adult
58 per Child (age 4-7)
90 per Child (age 8-11)

DINNER BUFFET

5.30pm to 9.30pm
270 per Adult
74 per Child (age 4-7)
135 per Child (age 8-11)

For more details please contact the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569.

RESTAURANT

SEMI LUNCH BUFFET

Noon to 2.30pm
250 per Adult Member, 288 per Adult Non-Member
125 per Child Member, 144 per Child Non-Member

WEEKEND SEMI DINNER BUFFET

(Pasta, Pizza, Risotto night)

5.30pm to 9.30pm
288 per Adult Member, 328 per Adult Non-Member
144 per Child Member, 164 per Child Non-Member

For more details please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562.

HAPPY VALLEY SUITES

BRUNCH BUFFET

11.30am to 2.30pm
298 per Adult Member, 318 per Adult Non-Member
165 per Child Member, 188 per Child Non-Member

SEMI DINNER BUFFET

(with various lobster main courses prepared from the kitchen)

6.30pm to 9.30pm
388 per Adult Member, 418 per Adult Non-Member
180 per Child Member, 208 per Child Non-Member

For more details please contact the Happy Valley Suites at 2830 9559.



Wing Ding Charity Tournament

The eagerly anticipated HKFC Annual Wing Ding Charity Tournament was held on the 2nd December 2017. This event has been held since 1999 and for the last 14 years, it has supported the charity **Operation Santa Claus**.

Operation Santa Claus (OSC) is the annual charity campaign, jointly organised by the South China Morning Post and RTHK. Over the years, Operation Santa Claus donors have raised over HK\$110 million in funds and encouraged Hongkongers to share their good fortune with the needy during the winter festive season.

The Event was the culmination of six months of hard work by the Wing Ding organising committee ably led by **Steve Gollop**, aided and abetted by his trusted sidekick, Mr Excel himself, aka **David Murray** and there was further support from a select team of volunteers from the Squash Section.

The format of the tournament was no different to previous years but had some additional attractions this year.

For the first time in the history of the event, we included a junior Wing Ding as a warm up to the main event. The teams consisted of members enrolled on the various coaching programmes at the Club.

For the main event, in addition to the requirement for fancy dress, additional points were awarded to the teams with painted faces and to cater for this, we had a face painting set up in the store room; of course,



The Committee

there was a nominal charge for this service, all in the name of charity.

Finally, we had the radar gun challenge running in parallel with the running tournament; this has in fact been running for a few years now and is always popular with the hard hitters.

The junior event was well organised by our coach **Matt Robinson** who managed to shepherd together a total of eighteen juniors into six teams of three, each team being allocated a colour for the dress theme. The kids joined into the spirit of the event with appropriate attire, the best of

them being Darth Vader in disguise as **Shaun**.

It did not take long for the juniors to get into their stride, producing some excellent squash and showcasing the efforts of all the coaches; there were some excellent individual efforts with the best of them being from **Jillian Lam** who was the runaway leader on the points table.

The Red team was the overall winner and the event concluded with awards to the winners, the prizes being sponsored by Blade.



Shaun as Darth Vader



Individual winner – Jillian Lam



Action on the court and plenty of support off it

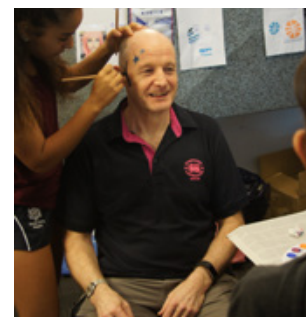
The main event was as usual, a running teams fun squash tournament with twelve teams of ten players competing in fancy dress. Team colours were allocated to each of the teams by the organisers and the teams had the freedom to select their own theme for the fancy dress. The creative geniuses may not be a threat to the Hollywood wardrobe designers but they did a pretty good job for OSC. We had:

Team	Theme
1 Spankers (Silver)	Disco Groovers
2 HKFC (Blue)	Hawaiians
3 ISRC (Pink)	Barbie Dolls
4 American Club (Brown)	Cowboys
5 Utd Services Rec. Club (Turquoise)	Basket Ball Players
6 HK Swingers (Yellow)	Minions
7 Royal HK Yacht Club (Purple)	Spiderman
8 HK Cricket Club (Green)	Christmas Trees
9 Ladies Rec. Club (Red)	Ironman
10 Blade Revolution (White)	Olaf (from Frozen)
11 CWB ALLSORTS (Orange)	Female Prisoners
12 Once You Go Black (Black)	Spartans

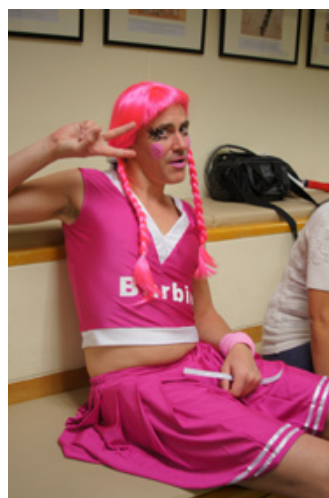
While the outfits earned the teams bonus points which were added to the overall score, additional points were available for those team opting to indulge in face decoration; this was done admirably by our expert team, assisted by some juniors.



The Face Painting Team



In action – a definite improvement



The Barbie Dolls



Junior Wing Ding players and coaches

After all the excitement over dressing up and touching up your eyebrows, the action moved onto the squash courts with six of the courts fully occupied for the next few hours with the Disco Groovers strutting their stuff while the Hawaiians sashayed their way from court to court. The Barbies, not to be out done, fluttered their eyelashes and with a flash of knickers, went in search from court to court, looking for Ken.

The Basket Ballers bounced their balls (what else) but had no hoops and the whole experience was a bit too much for some of the Xmas Trees, who ended up shedding their pines before Christmas.

While the Ironmen and Spidermen were battling it out to save the world (and collect some money for OSC), the Cowboys were up to no good, doing a bit of rustling of their own, for points not cattle. The Minions? Well, they just sat and waited for their orders from Gru.



The Female Prisoners saw their opportunity for a mass breakout amongst the chaos that was Wing Ding but did not make it far over the glass back walls of the squash courts; they were captured having a drink at the Captain's Bar.

The normally feared Spartans tried to plunder points out of their opponents with tantalising offerings rather than spears and swords but it was all to no avail, being pipped to the post by the Olafs, who got their cake and ate it too, coming in at the top of the points table.

And finally, the side show on court 5 – The Radar Gun Challenge, which will continue until the closing date for all donations to OSC.

2017 - Wing Ding Winners

Team Results (Top 3)

- 1. Blade Revolution (White) – 1,221 Points
- 2. Once You Go Black (Black) – 1,200 Points
- 3. Harrow Star (Purple) – 1,449 Points

Wooden Spoon - Spankers (Silver) – 972 Points

Best Player - Paul Simons - CWB AllSorts – 149 Points

Best Kit/Outfit Results (Top 3)

- 1. HK Cricket Club (Green) – 235 Points
- 2. ISRC (Pink) – 230 Points
- 3. HKFC (Blue) – 225 Points

And the most important bit **2017 Funds Raised**

Position	Team	Raised
1	Spankers (Silver)	HK\$78,953
2	HKFC (Blue)	HK\$40,399
3	ISRC (Pink)	HK\$39,050
4	American Club (Brown)	HK\$24,677
5	Utd Services Rec.Club (Turquoise)	HK\$16,595
6	HK Swingers (Yellow)	HK\$10,340
7	Royal HK Yacht Club (Purple)	HK\$10,150
8	HK Cricket Club (Green)	HK\$8,900
9	Ladies Rec. Club (Red)	HK\$7,800
10	Blade Revolution (White)	HK\$6,700
11	CWB ALLSORTS (Orange)	HK\$6,700
12	Once You Go Black (Black)	HK\$5,060
Other Donations		HK\$350
Total Raised		HK\$255,674

And the last word goes to Mr Organiser Murray – mirror mirror on the wall.....Somebody please tell him it is a wooden spoon.

■ **Channi Matharu**



The Winners



The Wooden Spoonists



The Minions



Not forgetting our time keeper who did a splendid job with her hooters



Barbie and her Radar Gun



Mirror Mirror in my hand.....

Wing Ding – A Potted History

During the 1990's a certain thirty something by the name of **Yuen Kam Wing** (Wing) was working at the Urban Council Squash Centre (now HK Squash Centre) in Cotton Tree Drive. Wing served at the small Club Bar and also looked after booking of the numerous courts. All remember with fondness his call of 'You No Pay!' being blasted out at competing players as he patrolled the courts. Despite being severely disabled, Wing was a larger than life character; he was constantly cheerful and had a fine sense of humour. The fact that he spent so much time helping others to run around the courts when he himself could not even walk without assistance was an inspiration to all.

Sadly, Wing passed away in November 1998 and in the Squash Bar after the funeral it was put forward by **Phil Head** and **Nick Ricketts** to hold an annual tournament in his name, to keep alive his memory and spirit. In November 1999, the 'Wing Memorial Running Teams Tournament' was introduced to Hong Kong and the wheels were turning for what was to become 'probably' the biggest Squash Charity Tournament in the world.

The first event witnessed eight teams of eight players producing 56 almost non-stop mini games across four courts. The teams were KCC, HKCC, HKFC, LRC, Police and three Spank teams. The tournament was communicated by fax and in the absence of spreadsheets or user friendly score cards, all was 'recorded' individually and manually. Beer was a feature throughout the whole day, which must have diminished the pocket calculator accuracy in the bar after, and explains why I could not ascertain who won. The spirit of the event was established.

In 2000 the tournament was moved to Island School because the Squash Centre was

being renovated. The now legendary '**David Murray** spreadsheets' were introduced and the incredibly onerous task of recording everything was made possible. Dave has been an integral part of the event ever since, putting in an astounding number of hours.

2001 was back to the Squash Centre and the year when the organisers tried to run it with nine teams. The mistake was realised the night before and the answer was to have one court operating on the day with the spare player sprinting lengths to win points.

2002 saw the most courts ever being used. Eight courts over two floors; result, mayhem! It is also believed that this is the year when **Tim Everest** was seen to be destroying his opponent and a charitable Phil Head leapt on court to switch his racquet for a wooden one.

2003 was a landmark year for the Tournament;

1. It was permanently re-housed in the HKFC, where the Club has been exceptionally generous with its time and facilities ever since.
2. It was decided to make it a charity event and around HK\$34,000 was raised for Home for the Loving Faithfulness, benefitting disabled orphans over Christmas.
3. I believe this is the year when it became a fancy dress event, making it even more difficult to take the squash element too seriously. There are many tales of underwear being displayed just to prove colour and gain extra points. It may also be the year when the name became the 'Wing Ding'?

4. Tim Everest became involved in the organisation of the event, putting incredible time and efforts into the fund raising element. Millions of dollars have been raised and Tim is very much responsible for creating a number of years where over HK\$1 million was raised.

2004 was the year that the partnership with Operation Santa Claus was established and has remained ever since. This charity is run through the SCMP and RTHK, benefitting numerous local charities each and every year with a focus on the Christmas period.

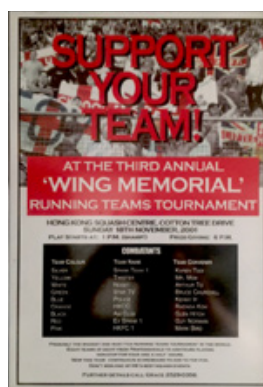
Since 2003 millions of dollars have been raised and every cent donated has been paid on to local charities. The Tournament is played every year in the best possible spirit and presents a time when all levels can enjoy competing in the same event for the purpose of keeping Wing's spirit alive, helping those less fortunate than ourselves and simply enjoying the squash community.

A committee has now been established to secure a strong future for the tournament and both teams and individual players are invited to participate from every level. If you want to become more involved in any way, please contact the below.

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Little has been recorded from the early years and so my apologies in advance for any inaccuracies in the above. Steve Gollop.



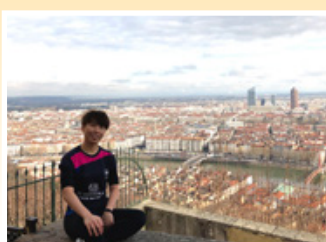
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The latest submission for the competition are:



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Ruby Wong having a relaxing time and taking in the view of Lyon, France.

Ladder Movers of the Month

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Haywood Yat 140

Niki chan 126

Michael Chin 109

Nick Yat 101

Penguins call Kiwis, Samurai fly Fijians for GFI HKFC 10s



Ben Nee and Brad Tucker (right) are set to return from Penguins' victorious 2016 squad.

Turkish Airlines Penguins and Samurai International – both competing at the GFI HKFC 10s for the 12th time – are resorting to old formulas as they try to prise the Bill Burgess Cup off UBB Gavekal at this year's GFI HKFC 10s.

The 33rd edition of the 'World's Best 10s' will be held at Hong Kong Football Club on Wednesday 4th April and Thursday 5th April, which is a PUBLIC HOLIDAY, so come on down for a full day of fun.

Penguins have returned to the coaching duo of former New Zealand Maori flyhalf **Willie Walker** and one-cap All Black **Scott Waldrom** that led them to victory in 2016. Two years ago, they prevailed 5-0 against Samurai in the second period of extra time, breaking the deadlock after over thirty minutes of a brutally hard-fought final.

Walker was a regular for Penguins at the 10s before taking up his role as co-coach as he looked after the backs and former flanker Waldrom looked after the forwards.

Last year Walker continued as a co-coach, with England's **Steve Hill**, and came close to retaining the trophy before Penguins were beaten by UBB Gavekal after a late drop-kick in another hard-fought final.

Walker, 39, and Waldrom, 37, will have a Kiwi-dominated squad list. **Lewis Ormond**, 24, could return to Hong Kong Football Club after helping Penguins reach the Cup final last March when he was among four All Blacks Sevens players in the team.

33rd GFI HKFC 10s, Hong Kong Football Club

Wed 4th April: 9.30am – 8.30pm

Thu 5th April: 9.00am – 7.30pm (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

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Ben Nee Nee, Auckland teammates with **Jerome Kaino**, and **Brad Tucker**, Taranaki teammates with **Beauden Barrett**, both return from the Penguins' victorious 2016 side as the touring club bid to win the title for a third time, having also beaten Samurai in the 2013 final.

Samurai are bidding again to lift the Cup for the first time after losing in the final three times, starting in 2010. And they've chosen to go 'all-Fijian' according to Samurai founder **Terry Sands**, a formula they used in 2013 to great effect when they came agonisingly close to beating Penguins in the final before losing to a last-minute breakaway try.

This year, Sands has chosen an all-Fijian squad to honour the 10th anniversary of the Samurai Fiji Barracudas, which he co-founded with **Sailosi Naitaqe**, a former Fiji Sevens selector, in 2008 in Vanua.

Nasoni Roko, who still ranks among the Sevens Series' top twenty try scorers with 125, was part of the Samurai side who reached the 2013 final but the now 38-year-old – who also played for Fiji XV – will be the head coach this time.

"With the Samurai Fiji Barracudas 10th anniversary this year, it seemed fitting to select an all-Fijian team to play in this year's GFI HKFC 10s," Sands said.

"Sailosi has worked tirelessly for the last ten years to help these players realise the benefits this wonderful game can bring. As the former head coach, he's now deservedly taking up the Chairman's role so it's fitting that Roko now takes up the position of head coach. Roko first played for Samurai almost fifteen years ago!"

Prop Eroni Mawi, captain of Fijian Drua in Australia's National Rugby Championship, and Fiji Warriors captain **Moses Voka** will be Samurai's co-captains, while early players confirmed include **Sitiveni Waqa**, **Livai Ikanikoda** and **Filimoni Seru**.

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UBB Gavekal captain Aorangi Stokes lifts the Cup in 2017.

Classic Wallabies will again field a star-studded team of former Australia internationals including **Wendell 'Big Dell' Sailor** as they return to Hong Kong Football Club, although **Tim Horan** will not be head coach as previously announced.

Sailor, **Morgan Turinui** – 2003 World Cup teammates – and **Stephen Hoiles** return from last year's squad, while newcomers include former Australia internationals **Mark Gerrard**, **Adam Freier**, **Julian Huxley** and the 6-foot 6-inch **Peter Kimlin**, currently playing in the Japan Top League.

American **Sam McGuffie** became a YouTube sensation in high school after hurdling an opponent on the way to his seventh touchdown of a football match and went on to spend stints with NFL teams Oakland Raiders, Arizona Cardinals and New England Patriots.

This year, he was part of the USA bobsled teams at the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang and is now preparing to play for CCIG Tigers – a development partner of USA Rugby – for a second time, having debuted for them in the Las Vegas Sevens Invitational in early March.

Tiger Rugby has trained and fielded many national-team players including USA speedster **Perry Baker**, the 2017 World Rugby Sevens Player of the Year, and five other Olympians.

The other first-timers are Sedbergh School Old Boys team, who will be captained by former England rugby league international **Ewan Dowes**. The 6-foot 6-inch, 20-stone **Dean Schofield**, who won two caps for England and played for Sale Sharks and Toulon, was also included in the provisional squad.

Sedbergh School is renowned for producing over thirty rugby union internationals including long-time England captain **Will Carling** and 2003 Rugby World Cup winner **Will Greenwood**, while Dowes is a rare public school-educated rugby league international.

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Fiji Sevens legend Nasoni Roko helped Samurai reach the 2013 final and will be head coach this year.



Fresh from the Winter Olympics, former NFL player Sam McGuffie will play in the 10s for USA's CCIG Tigers.

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Tom Isaacs: From 10s to Sevens ... to 10s again

Tom, how have you enjoyed Hong Kong so far?

It has been about 18 months now and I've really enjoyed it. I'm enjoying my everyday life with regards to work. My main priority moving over here was transitioning from professional rugby into life afterwards. That side of things has gone really well and the rugby's been fantastic.

I've really enjoyed my first two seasons with the Football Club and this season in particular, we performed very well. We were unlucky to miss out and not quite finish on top of the league and then to lose the semi-final by only a point.

It was a really tough pill to swallow. We'd beaten Valley the last two times and to lose by a point was really disappointing after we'd performed quite consistently over the season, but that's rugby.

We're building something good at the Club. It kind of feels that we improved a lot over the last two seasons in general and it's a good group of boys, so I'm looking forward to the next one.

How have you enjoyed teaming up with Mitch Andrews?

We've been fortunate to both co-captain the 15s this year so it's been great to captain alongside Mitch. He's a great player and certainly one of the best in the league. We both work well with each other and we expect that to transfer onto the 10s field as it has done all season in the 15s.

Are you looking forward to the GFI HKFC 10s?

Yeah, especially as I was injured last year. I actually played in the 10s back in 2006 and 2007 with Cardiff University when I was 18, 19. I've got some real fond memories of the tournament back then. We had a pretty good team and we lost in the [second-tier] Plate final on both occasions so that was pretty disappointing,

Now I'm really looking forward to having a taste of it again, especially representing the hosts, so I'm hoping we can pick up some silverware this year.

I was fortunate to play professional rugby and to represent Wales in the Sevens Series. However, it wasn't until ten years after I first came to Hong Kong to play in the 10s that I had the opportunity to play in the Hong Kong Sevens for Wales.



Tom Isaacs is looking forward to the GFI HKFC 10s after missing out through injury last year.

Did you guys start preparing for this year's 10s earlier than before?

Yeah, definitely. I think everyone will agree it was pretty disappointing from us last year. We recognise how far the tournament has come in regards to the standard of players that are

playing for other teams. We've got the quality of players in our squad so it's been a real push to make sure that everyone is available for selection this year and with a couple of others coming in, we'll definitely be giving it a good crack.

How do you think Natixis HKFC will do this year?

Among our boys alone, we've got some real talent in our squad. There are some exciting boys that have earned call-ups to Hong Kong teams and boys that have really shone this season for the Club, so we are a tight group. We all get along together, we're a good group of friends, so we're looking forward to playing with each other. It should be exciting.

According to a provisional draw, Club were grouped with Penguins, Projex Waterboys and Irish Vikings. Do you know much about them?

Penguins have always come with a strong team. Last year, they had a lot of the New Zealand Sevens boys coming back from injury, guys I remember playing when I played for Wales Sevens. We actually lost to Irish Vikings in the Plate final back in 2007, so I remember having a tough battle with those guys.

I know it's a very high quality tournament. People come to Hong Kong for a good time but they also come to enjoy the rugby. The Hong Kong 10s is quite a prestigious tournament, so we're excited and expecting tough battles across all the games.

After the 10s, will you go onto the Sevens and support Wales?

Of course, definitely! I'm looking forward to catching up with the boys. I did last year and I look forward to catching up with them again.



Tom on Mitch: 'He's a great player and certainly one of the best in the league.'

■ Group A

UBB Gavekal (HKG)
Classic Wallabies (AUS)
A-Trade Overseas Old Boys (HKG)
Hunter + Boo East Africans (RWA)

Recent highlights

Cup winners 2017
Bowl semi-finals 2017
Plate winners 2016
Bowl semi-finals 2015, 2016

■ Group C

Tradition YCAC (JPN/NZL)
King's College at UQ (AUS)
CCIG Tigers (USA)
Devil's Own Shanghai RFC (CHN)

Recent highlights

Cup finalists 2014, 2015
Plate runners-up 2016
Debut 2018
Shield winners 2017

■ Group B

Penguins (UK)
Projex Waterboys (SCO)
Irish Vikings (UK)
Natixis HKFC (HKG)

Recent highlights

Cup winners 2013, 2016
Plate semi-finals 2015, 2016
Bowl runners-up 2017
Shield winners 2012, 2016

■ Group D

Samurai International (UK)
Kir Club Pyrenees (FRA)
Taikoo Place Scottish Exiles (HKG)
Sedbergh School Old Boys (UK)

Recent highlights

Cup finalists 2010, 2013, 2016
Plate winners 2017
Cup semi-finals 2015
Debut 2018

Format

Day 1 (Pool Stage): Teams compete in four round-robin groups; top two in each advance to Cup quarter-finals, bottom two to Bowl quarter-finals

Day 2 (Knockout Stage): Cup quarter-final winners advance to Cup semi-finals, losers to Plate semi-finals; Bowl quarter-final winners advance to Bowl semi-finals, losers to Shield semi-finals

DAY 1

10:55	B	Projex Waterboys	Irish Vikings
11:25	C	Tradition YCAC	Devil's Own Shanghai RFC
11:45	C	King's College at UQ	CCIG Tigers
12:15	D	Samurai International	Sedbergh School Old Boys
12:45	D	Kir Club Pyrenees	Taikoo Place Scottish Exiles
1:10	A	UBB Gavekal	A Trade Overseas Old Boys
1:40	A	Classic Wallabies	Hunter + Boo East Africans
2:05	B	Turkish Airlines Penguins	Irish Vikings
2:35	B	Projex Waterboys	Natixis HKFC
3:00	C	Tradition YCAC	CCIG Tigers
3:25	C	King's College at UQ	Devil's Own Shanghai RFC
3:55	D	Samurai International	Taikoo Place Scottish Exiles
4:20	D	Kir Club Pyrenees	Sedbergh School Old Boys
4:50	A	A Trade Overseas Old Boys	Hunter + Boo East Africans
5:15	B	Irish Vikings	Natixis HKFC
5:45	C	CCIG Tigers	Devil's Own Shanghai RFC
6:10	D	Taikoo Place Scottish Exiles	Sedbergh School Old Boys
6:40	A	UBB Gavekal	Classic Wallabies
7:05	B	Turkish Airlines Penguins	Projex Waterboys
7:35	C	Tradition YCAC	King's College at UQ
8:00	D	Samurai International	Kir Club Pyrenees

DAY 2

9:00	Bowl Quarter-final
9:30	Bowl Quarter-final
9:55	Bowl Quarter-final
10:25	Bowl Quarter-final
10:50	Women's Exhibition
11:15	Cup Quarter-final
11:45	Cup Quarter-final
12:10	Cup Quarter-final
12:40	Cup Quarter-final
1:05	Shield Semi-final
1:35	Shield Semi-final
2:00	Bowl Semi-final
2:30	Bowl Semi-final
2:55	Mini Rugby
3:20	Plate Semi-final
3:50	Plate Semi-final
4:15	Cup Semi-final
4:45	Cup Semi-final
5:10	Shield Final
5:40	Shield Presentation
5:50	Bowl Final
6:20	Bowl Presentation
6:30	Plate Final
7:00	Plate Presentation
7:10	Cup Final
7:40	Presentations for: MVP, Best & Fairest, Try of The Tournament
7:50	Cup Presentation

Message from Mini-Rugby Chairman

By the time you read this, we will have had our own Mini-Rugby Festival at the Club. Many people will have volunteered and helped with making the Festival success that, as I write this, I know it will be, but I must single out for thanks **Richard Lingard** and **Evan Moore** for their considerable and invaluable efforts: thank you both.

Many of our young athletes enjoyed the training clinic arranged around the Natixis Cup match at Aberdeen Stadium, and obtaining autographs from **Dan Carter**: Saturday 3rd February.

We survived the cold and "flu" outbreak to enjoy a day at King's Park for Tai Po's Festival Sunday 4th February.

Again, as I write this, we have on the horizon:

- training clinics at the Club kindly run by teams visiting to participate in the Hong Kong Sevens;
- the showcase games at the Hong Kong Sevens, with representative teams from U7 up to U12 playing on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th April;
- a Minis Tour to Macau for the Macau BATS Festival, Saturday 14th April with several year groups sending a team;
- Taipan Day matches on Saturday 21st April: Main Pitch, HKFC;
- Club's Mini-Rugby Tour to Singapore for U6 to U10 to participate in the TRC Tournament, with U11 playing a number of "friendlies" around that tournament (my thanks to U11 Head Coach, **Simon Cooke** for scheduling those matches).

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



Under 12B Girls

Round 5 of the Kim Lam Cup presented another set of challenges for the squad. Many of the players were now in the A Squad and we were left to rise to the challenge. With 1 loss, 1 draw and 2 wins, the squad, parents and coaches were very proud of the girls' efforts! **Seirra Legge** led the way with solid defence and plenty of footwork! **Adeliade Green** stepped up and led from the front, along with team foundation members of **Lizzie Stanton** and **Ainie McCoig** and a wonderful try from **Momoka Watanabe** against a combined USRC/Kukris team. **Lara Mahubani** showed how true determination can make you stand out! We now look forward to the final tournament on home soil at the Club!

■ **Pete Hudson**

Under 12 - FC1

FC1 had another strong showing in the **Richard Hawkes** Round 5 tournament, to secure their position as first seed for the finals in March. Their first match was against a spirited Valley side, who went 1-0 up and looked really strong. However, we showed great character and resilience to come back. It started with a superb miss pass from **William** to put Mitch into space. He still had a lot to do though, weaving in and out, and varying his pace before going over in the corner. A strong run from **Seb** and then **Tomas** secured the 3-1 victory.

In our second match, we allowed Discovery Bay's big centre to run through us three times.

Despite being unlucky not to score in the corner on two occasions, and a good score from **Luke**, we lost 1-3. Our defensive effort wasn't good enough and we learnt from it. Against Sai Kung, we played very well, **Seb** scoring again with another of his bulldozing runs and **Tanner** scoring a very well worked try, to win 2-0. Against Sandy Bay, the defence held firm again and we played some excellent passages. Going a little too laterally at times, but a try from Seb, an excellent solo effort from **Matthew** off the kick off, a second for **Tanner** and a last ditch run down the wing from **Samson** saw us secure that all important bonus point with a 4-0 victory. The team can be proud of the way they bounced back after their defeat to DB and go into the finals with confidence, but knowing that there is still much to work on if we are to achieve our potential.

■ **Barney Durrant**

Under 11 Cobras

On a freezing cold day at King's Park, Cobras brought some cheer to parents and coaches by having their best outing of the season so far, recording three wins from three.

First up was a convincing six try victory over Sai Kung Stingrays, with solid performances from all players. Following a longer than ideal break, and perhaps too many snacks, the guys were slow out of the blocks against SCAA and found themselves two tries down almost immediately. Pleasingly for their coaches, and more importantly themselves, the team showed great spirit and endeavour to come back with four unanswered tries to seal the win. Even better was the manner of doing so, where our physically small team negated the opposition's significant physical advantage by moving the ball quickly and intelligently.

Cobras' third game was against a Sandy Bay team who would have expected to win, but again great team spirit and endeavour was combined with a willingness to move the ball through the hands and a win by four tries to two was the deserved outcome.

So, a happy and rewarding day for all concerned. Our boys aren't often name checked, so let's do it now: **Tristan Cook, Tim Hamilton, Austin Leung, Mike Slotema, Griffin Peck, Ben Zavou, Admes Hung, Rainier Mandel, Hajime Matsumoto, Max Fyfe, Aiden Sullivan, Simon Carmichael, Gus Coleman** and **Theo Lam**. All saw plenty of game time, played well and contributed to the team. They seemed to enjoy it too, so what's not to like!

■ **Rob Carmichael**

U10G FC1 Girls

A rough and tumble performance by our U10 FC1 girls in the last festival before the Chinese New Year at the Tai Po Festival. The FC1 girls had a tough schedule against challenging opponents. In their first match against the Sai Kung Stingrays 1, they were up against a strong squad who arrived ready to play, who set the tone early with 2 quick tries. A quick pass out to **Sophie Aranha**, led to a break-away run to get FC on the scoreboard. SKS proved too strong with a final score of 1-3. Next, FC1 went up against DBP1, a big and strong team. FC1 rallied from their earlier defeat and with strong running from **Brigid Warde** and support play and rucking by **Lucy Guest** and **Saidhb Martin** FC1 smashed 2 tries against DBP before conceding 1 try on a break-away run from DB. The FC1 girls returned fire with 1 more try, winning the match 3-1. Next, FC1 went up against HKU 1, in a rapid-fire offensive shootout, with both teams driving in tries in succession. Solid ball handling by **Claire Robertson** and good tackling by **Mia Wong**, led the team to a 3-3 draw. Finally, our girls went up against their perennial rival Valley Fort 1 in a fierce competition. Our girls were revved up for the match, with solid gameplay and passing. VF managed to get on the scoreboard first, and then FC returned fire with a series of passes and a final smashing try by **Brigid Warde**. **Alyssa Schoonmaker** and **Vincy Chan** put in good support tackling to prevent a VF attack on the try line. Ultimately, VF managed to overcome our defences, with a goal line charge. FC returned with a strong run from **Sophie Aranha** to tie the game up. In rapid-fire succession, FC and VF then alternated tries, with time just running out on FC1, allowing VF to eke out the win, 3-4. The U10G FC1 can be proud of their solid performance against a set of top competitors, and continued to improve their game throughout the festival. Great job girls!

■ **Allen Schoonmaker**

FC10 FC2 Girls

The U10 FC2 Girls team had a stellar performance at the Tai Po Festival at King's Park on 4th February. For the second festival in a row, the girls won all their matches against tough opposition. At this festival FC2 faced the Sai Kung Stingrays, DB Pirates, Flying Kukris and USRC Tigers. Their dominance on the pitch was a product of fantastic teamwork. **Lucy Duncan** and **Vincy Chan's** solid passing set up big runs by **Claire Robertson**, **Lainie Ashbrook**, and **Mia Wong**. **Natasha Headerd** and **Karina Farquhar's** grit and determination resulted in some beautiful tries. Good defensive play by **Alyssa Mok** on the wing, helped to

drive opponents to the centre. **Brigid Warde's** aggressive attack on kick-offs and powerful rucking kept the opponents under pressure. Together the team defended their field position well, allowing very few points to be scored against them. They showed progress in their passing, often getting the ball out to the wing to set up some strong runs. Overall the U10G FC2 team showed their strength and tenacity as a team to get the job done. Well done to all the U10 FC2 girls!

■ **Kelly Warde**

Under 9 FC3

Another festival and another great showing of the U9 teams. This was the first festival where we implemented the new format of mixing the teams together. For this we entered 6 teams, 3 x A and 3 x B teams. Each team was carefully selected on ability and level and all teams played excellently. A few small changes needed but over all a very fine performance by all.

This was one of the stronger A teams we had and this showed in the games especially the first one against the old rivals of Valley Fort 2 where we won 9-0. We dominated this from start to finish and everything clicked. Especially good was the strong running up the middle. Some great rucking and passing from the ruck which is what the lads had been raining on

Second Game: again, strong and dominant against USRC 1 - Won 5-1. Our guys were good on the pass/support part of the game in this one. This is usually a team with some very good players but today with the new format we seemed to be the best in the bunch. Again, great tackling and some great rucking with some very fast passing to move the ball around the field.

Third Game versus SKS 2 - Won 5-2 Probably one of our more impressive games, because our guys were down 2-0 (almost 3-0) but kept our heads and showed great character to storm home and win 5-2. Brilliant to come back from 2 down and clinch a very good win. SKS have really improved over the last few months and this win was a great result of the hard work we have put in.

Fourth Game versus DBP1 - Won 2-1. A close one, but we were running away with it at the end. DBP 1 probably have some of the biggest boys in the competition, so our guys took a bit of a bruising, but our ruck was superior and our tackling top class. This was a cracker. DB have some very large boys so this was a test of resilience and hold on as a tight unit. A great result for the boys.

Best players were **Matthew Suntay, Zach**

Hamilton-Dick, Kai Potgieter, Ben Camilleri, Caspar Chan and **Jack Cooper**. These guys were great in the tackle, the ruck, and support play. Never went missing and always fronted up. Our overall continuity and support play was excellent. The team got to the ruck first and owned the contest. Everyone had a lot more confidence in each other because the standard was higher by combining the Panthers + Pumas. The level of tackling was much better which made a huge difference.

This is the way forward and all the coaches and players had a much more fun afternoon especially in beating their rival's VF.

■ **Robin Zavou**

Under 8

Hats off once again to Tai Po MRFC for having laid on truly authentic British rugby-playing conditions for their festival – as in years gone by it was cold, grey and miserable, requiring more will power than ever to relinquish the warmth and comfort of our beds to make the trek to King's Park. The U8 Hawks, however, positively thrived in this environment and were challenged by the shorter-than-usual pitches which limited the customary "banana runs" around the back of their team to the other side of the pitch and encouraged more running forward and passing than had been seen in any of the tournaments to date, which was pleasing to see. The Hawks players delivered some fantastic performances and came away from the tournament unbeaten, with notable performances by **Peregrine Beardson** for his darting runs forward, **Henry Russell**, with his steadfastness in defence and **Zachary Chin** for the brace of tries that he ran in during the competition. Solid tackling was demonstrated by the entire team and the defensive wall looked seemingly impenetrable. The showdown with Valley yielded a hard-fought and satisfying victory and overall the advances in skill and passion for rugby shown by these children both during the tournament and throughout the season bodes extremely well for the Hawks moving forward.

■ **Chris Guest**

Under 7

The Tai Po Festival was held at King's Park on Sunday 4th February. It was a terrific day, very well organised and there was a great spirit amongst the players and supporters alike.

Club U7 fielded eight teams, and competed in 33 games (one of the Pumas teams picking up where another club forfeited to ensure Sandy Bay didn't miss out)! The Tigers, Lions, Pumas and Cheetahs were split into 2 teams as is

convention, ensuring all of the players had lots of opportunity to participate. There were as always more smiles than not, and in almost every instance there were at least enough players to provide for a sub! The Club teams all showed great sportsmanship regardless of results, and there were handshakes all round at the end of each game.

There was real improvement shown across the boys and girls in each of the teams, with some great running and passing really beginning to feature. In defence there is genuine development of understanding of the team dynamic, and those aeroplane arms are almost beginning to fly themselves. Also really rewarding to see a much improved understanding of the offside law!

Special mentions:

- **Charlie Wannemacher** put a long distance pass out to **Shiv Mohan** who had found some great space and duly ran in for a try in the corner!
- **Iola Cairns** and **Naomi Chan** for their outstanding attack and defence on the flanks, and to **Gus Grewcock** for listening and showing biggest improvement
- **Lawrence Jones** for scoring 8 tries!

- Some excellent defence from **Simon Fischle** and **Sholto Bulloch** and some strong running from **Ayden Au**, **Amber Bourne** and **Gus O'Collins**. Pumas player of the day was **Ellen You** who never stopped running in defence or attack
- **Taylor Gardner**, **Will Foyn** and **Toby Warr** for great willing, running and sidesteps, and **Archie England** for his mountain of tackles
- **Lucas James** for a couple of outstanding tries, and for bringing his best game face to the day

■ **Mark England**

Under 6 Raptors

Mighty Raptors' tour de force!

The U6 Raptors have had a fantastic season with lots of fun and the Tai Po Festival was no exception – smiley faces and immense enthusiasm from our players, with cheering parents in support despite the cold!

The Raptors got off to a terrific start in game 1 against South Lantau Buffaloes. Coach **John Norris** lead the raptors to a convincing win with 3 tries to 1. (**Liam Moore**, **George Brock** and

Jean Pouezat – who scored a total 7 tries on the day!) Some very impressive ball-carrying skills displayed by the youngsters.

Under the guidance of coach **Denis Brock** and **Graeme Cameron**, we went on to win 4 - 1 against HKU Sandy Bay, with great tries from **Oscar Cameron**, **Archibald Leleu** and **Jean Pouezat**; and 3 - 1 against Tsuen Wan Rhinos - where we saw some terrific tackles from an all-girls defence with **Lauren Loo**, **Scarlett Lau** and **Georgina Norris**.

In the 4th and final game we were up against a very solid Macau Bats. A 1-1 draw was a fine achievement, with lots of strong performances, building on the close-support-play we have been working on in training.

Players **Eleanor Hartwright**, **Hamilton Shaw**, **Max Randall**, **Michael Wannemacher** and **Nicholas Kenyon-Edwards** were “on loan” to other teams along with Coaches **Andy Randall** and **Chris Kenyon-Edwards**. I was told they did the Raptors proud!

Well done to all and thank you to Tai Po Rugby Football Club for a very enjoyable day!

■ **Evan Moore**

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Five Clubs, One Squad, Two Teams, Two Trophies!



So, on 2nd to 4th March the U11 Hong Kong Barbarians toured to Calcutta to compete in the Future Hope tournament. This squad comprised seven players from the Club, plus four from Sai Kung Stingrays, and one from each of USRC, Valley (though now living in Beijing) and Manhattan RFC (yep, Paul Dally flew from New York to join his mates). The format was Sevens so we entered two teams: Team Spartan and Team Trojan. Each team being selected from the squad to ensure balance and not along legacy lines.

The squad (or at least those who were available) had benefited from four pre-tour training sessions led by **Steve Jones**, assisted by **Mark Blumberg** (SKS), **Leo Stemp** (USRC) and **Tony Falso** (Club) to understand “the mystical art of Sevens”.

Friday morning our hosts unleashed the Hindu festival of “Holi” upon us: the festival of colours. It signifies the victory of good over evil, the arrival of spring, end of winter; a festive day to meet others, play and laugh, forget and forgive, and repair broken relationships. That meant a free-for-all festival of colours, where players, coaches, and others smeared each other with coloured powder. Happily, our hosts chose to avoid unleashing water guns to drench everyone. What better way to start a rugby tour!

The afternoon was a session on the training paddock ... literally a horse exercise paddock.

Day one was group phase: Team Spartan drawn in group A were unbeaten and won the group. Team Trojan encountered two local teams where age regulation was plainly

a challenge (some opposing players being chest, shoulders and head taller and seemingly sporting facial growth). After protests to the tournament director some safety measures were imposed. Trojans, notwithstanding a head injury requiring a HIA and numerous high tackles, defeated the first team of “giants” (“bigger they are, the harder they fall” was heard being shouted across the field) but lost by a try to the second team of “Hagrids”. Resulting in a group second place. And that led to an all Barbarians Cup Semi-Final.

Day two: last words spoken to the squad in the changing room, before the semi-final: “we are running hot, we have no finishers, do not damage each other”. Within a couple of minutes there was a crunching tackle, a Spartan went down and off, and off to hospital with a fractured shoulder. Trojans won and were Cup Runners Up to the first team of “giants” they had defeated in the group phase. Spartans progressed to win the Plate.

So, the squad came, in the tournament, second and third. Silverware is now progressing around NY, Beijing and Hong Kong for numerous “show and tells” at various schools.

The squad: **Sam Blackburn** (Beijing & Valley); **Ben Blumberg** (SKS); **Alfie Carroll** (SKS); **Oliver Brock** (HKFC); **Paul Dally** (Manhattan RFC); **Dominic Falso** (HKFC); **Alby Giradello** (SKS); **Gustavo Hendricks** (HKFC); **Thomas King** (SKS); **Lleyton Lam** (HKFC); **Eliot Marshall** (HKFC); **Ciaran Pollard** (HKFC); **Felix Spooner** (HKFC); **Haruki Stemp** (USRC).

■ **Denis Brock, Team Manager**



Message from the Soccer Captain



Robbie Bacon,
Soccer Section
Captain

Hello all,

I hope you have all had a great March, with the Easter break upon us the HKFA Leagues and Yau Yee League take a break for a week or two respectively. The Club's sides are holding strong with the HKFC 1st Team still atop the HKFA 1st Division. Wanderer's suffered their first defeat of the season in an enthralling end-to-end match against Spartans, going down 2-5 but remain on course for a cup and league double, while Albion and Colts compete for

best of the rest and we hope the Club can retain it's 1,2, 3 in the Yau Yee League come the end of the season. The Soccer Sevens is fast approaching so make sure you have 18th – 20th May in your diaries.

This month we have an article on the Colts season to date, and a brief article on the HKFC Cricketers latest last ball defeat at the hands of HKCC.

Robbie Bacon

Tables

HKFA 1st Division

Position	Team	Game	Win	Draw	Loss	Goal Gain	Goal Loss	Goal Diff	Point
1	Hong Kong Football Club	18	14	4	0	62	15	47	48
2	Sha Tin	17	11	4	2	33	17	16	37
3	Eastern District	19	11	3	5	38	23	15	36
4	Sparta Rotterdam (Mutual)	18	10	5	3	35	20	15	36
5	Double Flower	18	10	3	5	41	26	15	33
6	Wing Yee Property	19	10	3	6	46	22	24	33

HKFA 2nd Division

4	Wing Go Fu Moon	17	9	3	5	22	17	5	30
5	Sham Shui Po	17	6	7	4	21	16	5	25
6	Kin. City	17	6	5	6	23	19	4	23
7	Sun Source	17	7	2	8	28	31	-3	23
8	Kwang Wah	17	6	3	8	19	20	-1	21
9	Fukien	16	4	7	5	14	13	1	18
10	Lucky Mile	16	4	6	6	24	27	-3	16

HKFA Ladies Division

2	Citizen (Women)	11	10	0	1	66	4	62	30
3	Happy Valley (Women)	11	10	0	1	76	4	72	30
4	Shatin (Women)	11	7	1	3	18	15	3	22
5	HKFC (Women)	12	6	2	4	34	16	18	20
6	Tai Po (Women)	11	6	2	3	22	14	8	20
7	Chelsea FC Soccer School (HK) (Women)	10	4	3	3	15	16	-1	15
8	Wing Go (Women)	12	3	2	7	9	41	-32	11

Yau Yee League

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
(Inc. 19.03.18)								
Club Wanderers	18	17	0	1	60	10	50	51
Club Albion	18	13	2	3	71	25	46	41
Club Colts	18	10	5	3	44	24	20	35
Baker Tilly Spartans	18	10	3	5	53	33	20	33
German All Stars	18	9	1	8	47	46	1	28
Azzurri	18	7	3	8	34	44	-10	24
AFC Squadron	18	7	2	9	37	49	-12	23
Carnegies Boca Seniors	18	5	5	8	44	50	-6	20

Legal League Legends (Vets)

Pos	Div	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Legends	DBFC Vets	11	10	1	0	44	9	35	31
2	Legends	HKFC	12	10	0	2	43	20	23	30
3	Legends	USRC 1911	10	5	1	4	22	22	0	16
4	Legends	BTDT	10	3	4	3	24	18	6	13
5	Legends	KCC Vets	11	4	1	6	22	22	0	13
6	Legends	Spartans Masters	10	4	0	6	26	29	-3	12

Colts Mid Season Report

Under pressure from the Section Captain to produce a mid-season report, I would advise that the Colts to date have been having a satisfactory season. As happens each season we lose key players either to our 1st Team/Lucky Mile or to further education and we need to bring in younger less experienced players, who have to adapt to the physical pressure of playing in a men's league.

Liam Herbert left us to become a "contracted rugby player" which often seems a shame whenever I see him sitting on the bench, but I am sure he won't regret his decision. It has seen a new defensive partnership with **Ollie Muh** and **Tim Chan** showing an excellent understanding. The loss of **Rory Lonergan** and **Callum Beatty** to the 1st Team has

seen **Raphael Merkies**, **Tiaman Neville** and **Gabriel Ignacio** given the opportunity to step up and despite some difficult days, mostly they have shown great maturity. We are fortunate that **Jack Daniel** and **Charlie Stewart** have remained the main nucleus of midfield, but we have an exceptional talent in **Liam Doyle** who was only 13 at the beginning of the season and although now 14 shows great promise and has the confidence to be a very fine footballer. Both **Erik Wihlborn** and **Leo Mimasu** continue to be a big threat in front of goal, but we have been quite fortunate this season to have extended playing time from **Terry Harris's** son **Calvin Harris**, who at times was simply unstoppable in scoring 13 goals in just 6 games....sadly he is now back in further education in New Zealand but another great prospect.

We are presently third in the table and have had some excellent performances, notably against the Germans and Albion, but also some very poor performances particularly against Swiss. We have also progressed to the cup semi finals and we take on KCC Dragons on the 18th March and as the Cup holders we hope that we will have the opportunity to defend our trophy on 5th May.

More to follow later in the season.

■ **Bobby Lawson**

HKCC Taverner's v HKFC Soccer Section 2nd Test



Following on from two wins in the 16/17 season, one victory in our regular fixture and the other victory coming as a late replacement for a drop out, our friends at the HKCC kindly offered us a two game series.

Back at Wong Nai Chung Gap Road ground, the second game was a near carbon copy of the first with the Section posting a target of around 180 for our hosts to chase from 30 overs.

Notable performances with the bat from debutant **Jamie Green**, **Robbie Bacon**, **Tony Hamilton**, a **Jos Buttler** like cameo from **Dave Shaw**, the first HKFC player to play the Dhoni helicopter shot and **Ned Millington** with the most earnest correct defensive technique seen since **Francis "Boycott" Chung** graced us with his un-Australian play many years ago.

Back skippering the side, Chairman **Tew** elected to bowl first and decided to open with himself and his unique pie throwing...with more variation than Greggs...Tew's decision proved fruitful as he ended his spell with 3 wickets for only 15, or so, runs.

HKCC were put under run rate pressure, with wickets falling at a regular rate, two that were run outs, one a direct hit from the covers by **Robbie Bacon**, but how the other occurred no one knows as the throw was one of the worst seen, but **Tony Hamilton Brown** showed his cat like skills as a keeper to collect the ball and take the wicket.

On came the HKCC ringer 'lent' to HKFC to complete our XI, and he promptly delivered a dreadful 8-ball over that went for over twenty runs. Tew in generous spirit offered him a second over that deceived with it's mediocrity earning a third over that proved more damaging than the first and bringing HKCC back into the game. Into the last two overs with only one wicket remaining for HKCC and around 15 runs to get...now if this game was on TV the pundits would have blamed the captain for not closing the game out...however, we went for the last wicket and in doing so we suffered a umpiring decision similar to one of JC's decisions with a whistle in hand, as a full toss called as a no-ball off a spinner left all bemused.

This, as the first game did, went down to the penultimate ball with HKCC needing a couple to tie the match and edging through the slips for the winning runs with a ball to spare...a heartbreakingly, for HKFC,



similar ending to the first game.

MOM: Robbie Bacon 30+ runs, 5-0-28-3 bowling figures and 1 run out.

The game coincided with the birthday of one of Hong Kong Cricket Club's legends, **Rodney Miles** "The Grocer", 70 years young. Happy Birthday!

We look forward to next season's games and many thanks to our hosts.

■ **Tewy**



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Men's C Team

Strong post-Christmas form (unbeaten at the time of writing) has seen the Men's C team consolidate second place in Division 1, with the highlights being a win over the previously unbeaten SSSC and revenge wins over Valley and KCC. The feature of the second half of the season has been the ability for a number of players to step up and create an environment where, regardless of illness, injury or holidays, every team we have put out has been strong.

We are now left to rue the dropped points earlier in the season, which will mean catching SSSC at the top of the league unlikely. With second place sewn up, focus will now move onto the cup competition where we hope to go one step further than last year and gain some silverware.

Crossing the Divide

From time to time we take a gamble at the Club and undertake a 'project'. For the C's in 2017-18 this has been **Stephen 'Rookie' Rook**, damaged goods who had spent his formative Hong Kong hockey years with the 'others' in red and black at the other end of the Valley. Like a moth to the flame, he was attracted by the bright blue pitch to the North. We caught up with Rookie to see how things were going at the top of the racetrack.

Rook, how long was it before you saw the light?

Five years with the others

Playing position?

Striker

And what brought about the decision to move?

Ever since I started playing against HKFC, it had been my dream to play in a strike partnership with **Charlie Poulton**. To have the opportunity to do this was too much to resist. It has only been four to five months



since my arrival but by simply watching the professionalism that Charlie applies to both training and matches, I feel my game has gone to a new level. I still have a lot to learn and a long way to go but I am still young.

How old Rook?

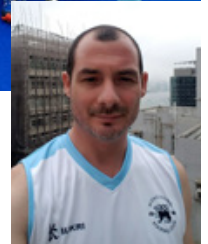
Forty-two.

Best thing about the Club so far?

Fluffy towels and a decent shower after the game. I've also heard that there is a mysterious second floor to the Club so looking forward to getting there one day.

Hopes and aspirations?

Just to keep learning and developing under Charlie's tutelage..... and to give my shiny new card a bit of a workout in the Sportsman's after we win the knock-out cup.



Stephen 'Rookie' Rook

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Men's D Team – Meet the Captain

Earlier in the year, we met with **Gwen Loat**, the D Team Captain and, at the time, the youngest men's team Captain in the Club. Since then, Gwen has moved on up to the Bs, although being a premier league player doesn't stop him enjoying a pre-game chocolate milk and croissant.



With Gwen moving on, new leadership was needed, and **David Evans** (aka Hulk Junior) answered the call. At rug-rat age of 15, he has surpassed Gwen as the youngest men's team captain in HKFC history. Hulk Junior also represents Hong Kong at U18 level and is a promising player to keep an eye on for future Premier Division honours. With this in mind, we took the time to ask him a few questions.

How long have you been playing hockey for?

I think I first picked up a hockey stick when I was four and would try to knock a ball around while my brother would have his training at Valley. Since no one would play with me as I was a lot younger than everyone else, I would just end up dribbling on my own which somewhat reflects on my playing style right now. When I turned six or seven, I joined the Club and have been here ever since, even after getting offers from other clubs such as Khalsa and HKCC.

Who is your hockey hero?

Without a doubt **Chappie** and **Shep**. Chappie has for nearly ten years helped me improve so much and I have learnt many valuable lessons from him. Shep has also supported me for a number of years and given me invaluable opportunities to represent the Hong Kong U18 team in overseas competitions.

Your favourite pre-game meal?

Not much to it, I just eat what I want. An energy bar or fruit or anything along those lines.

What Hockey have you learned since becoming the youngest captain in HKFC history?

The title you hold isn't nearly as important as experience and respect because even though I'm captain, the more experienced (but perhaps less agile) players such as **Stu Mayo** and **Will Glover** still command the game and serve as the backbone of our team. However, the experience and respect I gain will hopefully make me a better captain and help me improve as an individual and as a player.

Best moment as Captain?

I have only been captain for four games so far, and am missing a couple over the CNY break so there haven't been any particular special highs but winning my first game out of four was definitely a relief because I didn't want to go into CNY with a 0% win rate.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time?

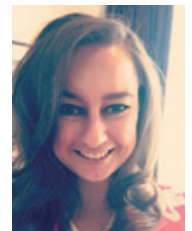
I have absolutely no idea but I do want to continue playing hockey and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Message from the Ladies' Captain

March has been a busy month for the HKFC ladies, with the Premier Division teams getting back into the swing of things after their very long winter break and the other teams all kicking off their knockout cup competitions, with the league competitions in Divisions 1 to 5 finished for another season. The Cs finished their league campaign with an impressive 7 wins out of 7 after Christmas and a spot at the top of Division 1. The Ds were hot on their heels, finishing second. Congratulations to both these teams for "winning gold and

silver" in Division 1 since my last update. Good luck to all our teams in the knockout competitions (and, of course, the As and Bs in the league) – there will undoubtedly be some feisty matches ahead, and I am looking forward to watching them!

■ **Lynsey Edgar, Ladies' Captain**



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Ladies' C team

The Ladies' C team are celebrating early in the season. Following a successful run of wins post-Christmas and prior to Chinese New Year, it is now official – the league has been won! Skyers A were first up after Christmas. Happy Valley pitch two was enjoying perfect conditions on the day and despite our perfection-seeking coach **Ishtiaq Ahmed** being disappointed with the way we played ("you play like school kids!" was his post-match analysis!), we managed to take home a win. With Ishtiaq's comments ringing in our ears, we began to look more like a team in our next match against Dutch B, passing the ball around, creating space and scoring three beautiful goals that were straight off the training pitch. We carried the improvements of this game onto the next as we faced Valley B. Ishtiaq was now smiling as he saw his hard work really beginning to pay off. He has emphasised space and team shape throughout the season and it was in this match that we finally managed to execute the things he has been reiterating since September, culminating in an impressive 6-0 win. The HKFC D's were up next and although we enjoyed a lot of possession, the rock solid D defence made it very difficult to penetrate their circle. We did however manage to clinch the win by a single goal.



Champagne showers after our 5-0 win against KCC B

On Saturday 10th February, as we geared up to face KCC B, we were aware that a win would secure us the gold and the champagne could be popped! However, it was necessary to remember that we had only managed a draw against them in the first match of the season so this was the real test – how much improvement had we really made? The answer – lots! We played our best game to date and won convincingly 5-0. Furthermore, our youngest player **Chloe Sik** can certainly make a strong claim for having scored the goal of the season! She drove the ball into the circle down the left and, with an extremely tight angle, smashed a reverse-stick shot that ended with the ball clattering the backboard – boom! With our spirits at an all-time high, a team social had been arranged for that night. Due to various factors, attendance was low so it was left to a dedicated few to celebrate twice as hard for the rest of us... and a good job of celebrating they did too! Rightly so, a lot of love was had for Ishtiaq that night.

As the league draws to an end, the C's are now focusing their attention on the much-contested cup competition. We are hoping our improved structure and more cohesive team play will continue as we face our opponents in the battle for silverware!

Ladies' D team

The second half of the season has gone from strength to strength for the D team. Bolstered by our younger talent, the average age has definitely been lowered even further and subsequently the goal tally raised. After losing a few of our key players earlier this season due to departures, injuries, weddings (congratulations **Lauren Edgley**) and to create the next generation of hockey players (Welcome **Saskia Mann** and **Scarlett Mellor!**), we were lucky enough to gain Cubs players **Anna Aiello** and **Sophie Bater**, who have added additional skills and strength to run us nicely in to the knock-out cup.

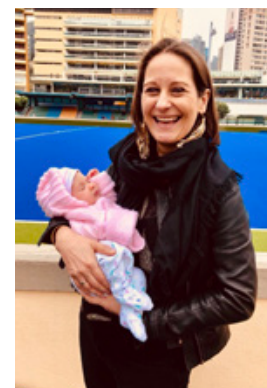
Goal of the month (and arguably of the season) goes to **Amelia 'Millie' McColl** who single-handedly carried the ball from the halfway line, past six of the opposition and fired it into the goal to give us our 2-1 win against KCC. Check



Lauren Edgley and husband Jimmy Richards at their wedding in South Africa – congratulations!



Dream teamers Katie Potter and Christina Matula-Hakli with newborns Scarlett Mellor and Saskia Mann



Aisling Dwyer and her new bundle of joy.

out @hkfchockey IG to see for yourself! Also a huge shout out to **Fiona Squair** who scored our winning penalty corner goal against Skyers on February 24th, securing us 2nd position in Division 1 for the season. However, it's been a huge team effort as always and we now have high hopes for the cup and are looking forward to bringing home some silverware to add to the

trophy cabinet / drinking vessels.

Finally, another huge shout out to coach **Dev Dillon**, who has the patience of a saint and has somehow managed to bring out the best in us individually and as a team - #TeamDev all the way! In terms of who will receive this season's golden pineapple, watch this space...



Red side



Blue side



Year of the Dog Fat Choy Cup

What a joyful start for the new lunar year of the Dog! Fifty-six bowlers exchanged their blessings and Lai See whilst bowling competitively for the annual Fat Choy Cup on 18th February 2018. Players were divided into two sides – Blue vs Red – and further streamed into rinks of four players. Seven teams on each side played against each other for 3 games of 6 ends each.

The Blue side was the lucky one winning the Cup and the generous Lai See for their players.

The Best Team award was captured by Team Johnny Tsang, May Poon, Gigi Nam and Katherine Leung.

Team **C T Wong, C S Suen, Peggy Fai and Tonia Yiu** won the special award for scoring the highest number of “touchers”.

Special thanks went to **Daisy McNie** for wearing the best outfit in celebration of the special occasion.



Best rink



Most toucher team



Daisy



HKFC's Hopeful in National Mixed Pairs Competition 2018

HKFC lawn bowls team jersey will appear in the Final of this season's National Mixed Pairs when our top players **C T Wong** (skip) and **Dorothy Yu** successfully gained their well-deserved places in the final duel. The open competition attracted a total entry of 192 teams from the local lawn bowls clubs.

The Final is provisionally scheduled for Sunday 1st July. Save the date and show your support to our fellow players.



Section Players Voted for their new Committee at AGM



The Section's Annual General Meeting was successfully held on 28th February with a new Committee being endorsed in accordance with the Section Bye-laws. The office-bearers of the Lawn Bowls Section Committee 2018-19 are as follows:

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Let's continue to contribute our staunch support to our Committee.



Division 1 - Champion team



C Team

History in the making – Ladies' A Team Tops Triples League 2017 and C Team in the same title fight next season

Another legitimate reason for our Ladies' Teams to take much pride in their uncompromising training for the Triples League 2017/18 – the A Team bagged the champions title in Division 1 and the C Team will be promoted to Division 1 for the same podium fight next season. In a nutshell, HKFC will be the only club which put forward two teams in the top division of the Triples League's women section in the season 2018/19.

What's more, our podium regulars – **Camilla Leung** (skip), **Vivian Yip** and **Dorothy Yu** – as a rink in Division 1 has won the Best Rink title in the top division of the Triples League 2017/18.

Let's pop more champagnes in celebration of the big harvest this season!!



Best rink



Men's Triples C Team Achieves Two Consecutive Promotions

“Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.” Men's Triples C Team exemplary team spirit has truly lived up to this famous quote and made the wonder of gaining two promotions consecutively over 2 seasons of Triples league (2016/17 and 2017/18), which essentially will put them in Division 2 of the winter league next year.

Well done to our big boys!



Men's team C

Friendly Games with Singapore National Team

The Singapore National Team contingent for the Commonwealth Games recently sent their team of national bowlers to Hong Kong for lead-up games. As a leading lawn bowls club in Hong Kong, HKFC was invited to host two friendly games with the Singapore National Team at our new indoor carpet on Saturday 3rd March 2018. Selected players from the Men's A and B teams were invited to represent the Club for the occasion. The results were in favour of the Club with 21:12 and 14:9 for the first and second games respectively.





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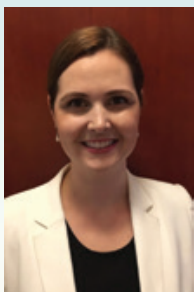
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*Tassie Brakenridge
Netball DSA
Chairperson*

Chairwoman's Report

As the season has now finished, I hope the teams enjoyed the finals series, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our end of season AGM event on 5th May. I wish everyone an enjoyable off-season to rest, recover and get fit in preparation for season 2018-2019. We will have trials again in August, selecting players across all competitive teams.

Although the teams get a rest until August, the off-season is a busy time for the committee, planning and preparing for the next season. The Netball

DSA relies on people volunteering their skills and time to share the workload around, and to ensure all teams are contributing to the running of the DSA. We are currently looking for two people to join our Junior Sub-committee (parents welcome!) to assist with the management of the Juniors. Several roles on the DSA committee are also up for nomination at the AGM, so please think about what skills you can offer to help our sport continue to flourish. If you are interested in a position on the committee, have sponsorship enquiries or can offer umpiring or coaching skills, please get in contact with us at info@hkfcnetball.com

Match Reports

Tornadoes vs Sai Kung Stingrays

Round 3 saw the Tornadoes playing against the Sai Kung Stingrays for the second time this season. The first quarter was a close one and the Tornadoes were down by one goal. The girls had to fight back hard in the next quarter and with some good team work and slower passing, the Tornadoes were up by two goals at half time. After some encouraging words from their coach they were confident and ready to go back onto the courts and give it their best shot. With our new star shooter and some excellent passes the Tornadoes were able to win with a convincing score of 28 v 36. A good game by both teams and a great win for the Tornadoes.

Whirlwinds vs Valley Tigers

It was going to be a tight match with Whirlies playing the Tigers who were tied with us on the point table. Since the Tigers had come down from the higher division, we had never played them but expected a tough match. After a shaky start losing the first quarter 4-11, we started to take control with strong leadership in the centre court from **Gina Henderson** and **Catherine McPhillips** to end the 2nd half with a 15-20 lead. In the 3rd quarter led by **GA Nic Wong** sinking some impressive shots and aggressive defence by **Stella Abraham** and **Leanne Barbaro** we outscored the Tigers 13-4 for a 28-24 lead. Making sure we kept our lead, the whole team played as a unit in the 4th quarter securing a well deserved win of 39-32.

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Most Valuable Player for Hong Kong - Kate Jolly, Kalani Brown, Veronica Arnold, Tassie Brakenridge

2018 Hong Kong Four Nations Tournament

Congratulations goes out to our very own HKFC ladies proudly representing Hong Kong again at the 2018 Four Nations Tournament held in Kowloon Park from 8th -11th February 2018 playing against Grenada, Ireland and Singapore.

Our very own **Kate Jolly** (C,WD), co-captaining the team with **Tassie Brakenridge** (GD, GK) **Kalani Brown** (GK, GD) and **Veronica Arnold** part of the coaching squad. The ladies played incredibly well, with commanding wins over Grenada (48 : 38) and Ireland (43-32) to reach the final. In a tightly contested game, the ladies only narrowly lost to Ireland 31-27 clinching 2nd place in the tournament.

End of Season Standing

The ladies league is almost at its end, with one week left until the finals. The league standings are as follows:

- PREMIER DIVISION: Club - 1st Place
- DIVISION 1: Typhoons - 1st Place
Monsoons - 4th Place
Whirlwinds - 5th Place
- DIVISION 2: Hurricanes - 6th Place
Tornadoes - 8th Place
- DIVISION 5: Cyclones - 6th Place

Our end of year AGM is scheduled for 5th May - a lovely lunch to recap and celebrate the year's achievements.



Charity Cup and Start of Season BBQ

The Tennis Society will host its' Annual Charity Cup and Start of Season get together on 29th April. Play will commence at 9am with players and lunchers retiring to the patio by the Sportsman's Bar for a 1pm BBQ buffet.

The entry fee for the tournament includes a \$250 donation to the Hong Kong Guide Dogs Association (HKGDA). The HKGDA was established in 2011 and its' mission is to breed, train and facilitate the introduction of seeing-eye dogs within Hong Kong to assist the visually impaired. It's a worthy cause given that of the estimated 170,000 people living with some degree of visual impairment in Hong Kong around 1700 could benefit from the assistance of a guide dog. It's surprising to learn that until seven years ago the last time a seeing-eye dog had walked the streets of Hong Kong was 1975. For more information about the HKGDA please visit <http://www.guidedogs.org.hk>.



As for the tournament play will be social, but competitive, with the more social amongst us having the opportunity to pair with A+ and A sporting members.

Details:

Charity Cup + Start of Season Lunch

Date and Time: Sunday 29th April, 9am-1pm

Cost of Entry: Members \$300. \$250 to be donated to HKGDA
Non-members: \$350. \$250 to be donated to HKGDA

Register: <https://kar3nthorn3.wufoo.com/forms/q13i7wm51u797if/> or email hkfctennissociety.gala@gmail.com

Start of Season Lunch

Date and Time: Sunday 29th April, 1pm

Venue: Patio by Sportsman's Bar.

Cost: Members \$150. Non-members \$200. Children (4-11) \$100.

Register: <https://kar3nthorn3.wufoo.com/forms/q13i7wm51u797if/> or email hkfctennissociety.gala@gmail.com

Junior Tennis Programme

Junior A League

The spring season of the Junior Tennis League was held over January and February. Once again our A team performed magnificently only losing one match for the season. The match was lost to the eventual champions NUTC, a team which draws the majority of its players from the National Training Squad.



Other than the one loss the A team dominated most other matches played this season. This was a remarkable feat considering that the team's number one seed **Kellan Ching** sat out the season with an ACL injury. It's a testament to the resilience and determination of the squad that they rose to the challenge. For a number of our senior players: **Kellan Ching, Justine Tam, and Mason Lee** this was their last season with the A's before heading off to college and the next chapter of their lives. We wish them all the best, and offer them thanks for all the time and effort they have given to HKFC Junior Tennis.

Junior B league

With the 3 courts out for renovation, only two junior league teams were entered this season A and B. As a result many of our younger C team players (U12 stepped up to the U14 Junior B league squad for invaluable match practice and

experience. The B's usually faced older and stronger players, and while they didn't win a match this season two matches were lost by the narrowest of margins (4/5) and but for the rub of the green could easily have been wins. Well done to all the players who represented the Club and competed this season.

Prince Challenge

The Prince Challenge Inter Club event was held at the Ladies Recreation Club on Sunday 4th March. HKFC sent a young U14 team with a few of our players competing outside of the Club for the first time. The kids performed really well posting a few outstanding wins in the singles and doubles. However, at the end of the day this was a team with a view to the future as most of our players will compete in this event for the next 2 to 3 years. HKFC will host the next Prince Challenge in November of this year, and with almost another full year of training and matches behind them the team will be sure to push higher than their 6th place finish.

Kau Sai Chau North Course

Tuesday 27th February 2018

This is the first event right after the Chinese New Year. It is always challenging to play in Kau Sai Chau North Course especially as everyone has gained some weight after CNY! Spectacular weather with big blue sky and warming sunshine. A good day to score some scores!

Sixteen players enrolled in this event however **Owen Davis** and **James Riordan** had to pull out with 'flu. Get well soon! The fourteen remaining players played in four groups with the first group tee off time 10:05am and giving us plenty of time to enjoy our breakfast since the range is closed every Tuesday.

The first group to tee off were **Phil Head, Jonny Brock, Dallas Reid** and **Andrew Wood**. Phil played solid golf to win 3rd place with 32 stableford points and Nearest to the pin in hole 3. Hole 3 is a very challenging hole with 166 yards with strong head wind and such a small green to hit! Well done Phil for his gross 83 which set the standard for the rest of the field.

The second group to tee off were **Jennifer Chapman, Helen Hayward, Michael Button** and **Nicola Button**. Michael showed deadly accuracy with his iron shots to win 2 Nearest to the Pin with hole 7 and hole 11! And, Jennifer managed to hit a big drive on Hole 10 to win the Longest drive even with no warm up on the first hole!

The third group to tee off were **Andy Ho, Johnny Lam, Jonathan Li** and myself. Jonathan played some wonderful golf with one chip in and a long range putt off the green. Three bad shots and one good shot, you still make a par. I think that's what Jonathan is trying to tell us! Never give up on any shots, rewards will come eventually.

The last group to tee off were **David Lindsay** and **Alastair Murray**. Both players are living in Sai Kung so they travelled to the KSC on their own. Only two players in this group so they could play very relaxed golf! David managed to break his personal best record on KSC North course shooting under 100 on this challenging course. He also became the winner of the competition with 39 points! Congratulations!

Kau Sai Chau North Course, Tuesday 27th January 2018 Winner

1st Place	David Lindsay 39 points
2nd Place	Andrew Wood 33 points
3rd Place	Phil Head 32 points
Best Gross	Jonny Brock 88 points

Nearest to the Pin

Phil Head	Hole 3
Michael Button	Hole 7
Michael Button	Hole 11
Dallas Reid	Hole 14
Alistair Murray	Hole 6

Longest Drive

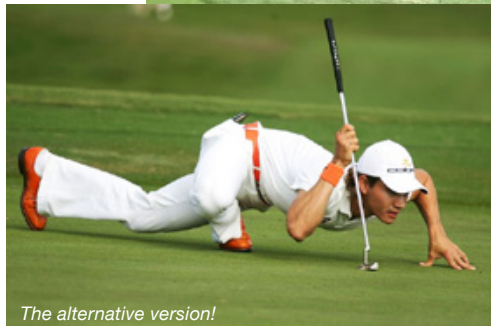
Andy Ho	Hole 10
Jennifer Chapman	Hole 10

We managed to keep the old tradition which is the winner has to pay for the beer on the way back to the Club. Thank you David for the beer, we all enjoyed it very much! Once again, Thank you for your support and we will, hopefully, see you all at the next event.

■ **Ted Li, Golf Event Organiser.**



Dallas doing his own version of the Villegas "Spider" technique to line up his putt



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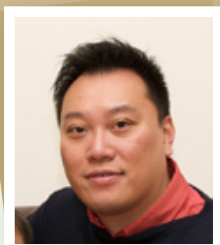
David Gething competed in the ultramarathon “Run the Rann”, a quadruple marathon back-to-back, 165km of non-stop running, with running partner **Mayank Vaid**. This is a race that took nearly 28 hours to complete. They ran through all day, sunrise to sunrise.

“Run the Rann” takes place in the remote Dholavira region on the border of northern India and southern Pakistan, and is essentially an off-road GPS guided adventure from border military checkpoint to checkpoint. David describes the experience as a “a handful of unforgettable

experiences out on the race course: the savage, primitive beauty of the wilderness; the friendliness of both the military and civilian locals, despite their confusion and bemusement with these foreign running fools; and the mind-bending experience of running for over a day without sleeping, descending through absolute exhaustion, and then climbing back out.”

The race was full of both high and low moments that truly rewarded pacing/conservation but more than anything teamwork.

Ten Pin Bowling



*Raymond Chan
BIG Convener*

BIG Report

All our bowlers enjoyed the CNY holiday and the match we played at home immediately after the holiday against HKC on 1st March, all our players did very well. They brought back a flying colour score sheet 20 to 2 on scratch and 16 to 6 on handicap. After this match, we secured 3rd place in the scratch league with less than 1 average point away from the 2nd position Ladies Recreation Club, and less than 2



average points away from the leading team Kowloon Tong Club. Please give big applause to **Tracy Tam** who performed steadily on all 3 games with an average score of 185; **Adrian Li** contributed 2 games with score over 200. He has also earned himself a record high of 195 average game points as an individual player during the season. We are looking

forward to winning some group trophies as well as individual ones.

Keep it up team, we have 4 more games to go before the season ends in May!

■ **Raymond Chan**
BIG Convener

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A Great Win for HKFC Mixed Doubles Team in Hong Kong Badminton Association (HKBA) Doubles Leagues 2018



Emily and Chun Tin preparing to receive a serve



Coco and Mat in action

On 11th February 2018, the HKFC Mixed Doubles Team, which won second runners-up last year, had their third match in the HKBA Doubles League B Division. The three mixed doubles pairs of our team

are: **Mat Shuker** and **Coco Choi** (a newly joined Sports Member), **Chun Tin Lam** and **Emily Chow**, **Ivan Ho** and **Hoey Mak**. The opponent team, the "All in One", was known to be very strong, with a few professional coaches

included in its line-up. Yet our team went to the match fully prepared and confident to prevail in the 9-game round robin contest after numerous weeks of intensive training.

Our team played brilliantly. Mat and Coco won two of their three games by 21-18 and 22-20 respectively, only losing to the strongest pair of the opponent team. Ivan and Hoey did the same, taking two of their games by 21-19 and 20-17 respectively. Chun Tin and Emily won their first two games quite comfortably by 21-11 and 21-16. Having the advantage of observing the strongest pairs of the opponent team playing in the earlier games, Chun Tin and Emily formulated a very effective tactic against this pair and beat them as well by 21-17. With good strategy and preparation, our team secured a very convincing victory 7 games to 2.

Drinks Gathering to Celebrate the Start of the New Season and Chinese New Year



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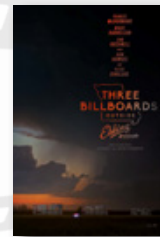
To celebrate the beginning of the new season and the Year of the Dog, the Society organised a social drinks gathering in the Sportsman's Bar on 23rd February after our regular Friday Badminton Night session. More than thirty Society Members, including those in our Doubles League teams attended. We were delighted to have Club badminton coach **Mark Constable** joining us on the occasion.

1. Some of our Doubles Leagues players.
2. More badminton fans, including lady players Chris, Yeuk Sxe and Vivian (from left to right).
3. A wide spectrum of badminton enthusiasts, including Mark Constable (first left) and our young player, Jamie Man (sitting second from the right) with his always supportive father, David Man (behind Jamie with the V sign).



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New Movies and Books in the Library



New Books

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Horrid Henry Tricks The Tooth Fairy by Francesca Simon
My Sister Jodie by Jacqueline Wilson
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The Demon Crown by James Rollins
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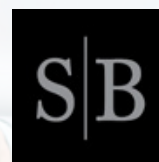
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