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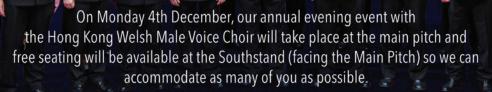
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THE THOUGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

主席的話

Neil Jensen Chairman



The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** took place on 2nd November. Highlights from the Annual Report were shared, new General Committee members were voted in, and several important resolutions were voted on and adopted. Thanks to all of you who attended and to all of you who voted ahead of the meeting. After the meeting, those in attendance tried out the new BBQ stations at the back deck of the Sportsman's Bar. I am happy to conclude that both the AGM and post meeting drinks and snacks afterwards were a huge success and enjoyed by all.

A question was asked at the AGM about the Club not having a formal policy statement on diversity. The General Committee (GC) and myself, do not see a need for a formal policy statement on this as we see diversity, equity and inclusion as being at the centre of who we are as a Club. The Club will not tolerate discrimination or harassment of any kind, including online trolling, against any member or employee and this includes race, disability and sexuality. The GC constantly keeps in mind the responsibility we have for ensuring an all-inclusive Club and we will be transparent about our efforts and our progress in maintaining a welcoming and safe environment for all users of the Club. The GC and myself are, of course, always willing to discuss any ideas for change and improvement that is beneficial to the Club.

Our new **General Committee (GC)** met for the first time at the monthly General Committee Meeting on 14th November. There are some new members and there are some new positions that have been created. We recognise the importance of major sporting and club-related events, so we've created a new position of Major Events which was adopted by the GC and **Mia Williams** was voted on to represent that role. To create this position, we have combined the positions of Constitutional Affairs and Discipline, to be represented by the previous Discipline Officer, **Damien Laracy**. Finally, we are pleased that **Mervyn Jacob** was also voted in as the new Honorary Treasurer and **Kim Kan** joins us as our new Representative for the Rugby Section. Welcome aboard!

The Chairmanships of the 7 Standing Sub-committees have been confirmed by the GC as follows:

Chairman of Policy Working Group	Neil Jensen
Chairman of Finance Sub-committee	Mervyn Jacob
Chairman of the Constitutional Affairs and Discipline Sub-committee	Damien Laracy
Chairman of the Development Sub-committee	Kenneth Ng
Chairwoman of the Major Events Sub-committee	Mia Williams
Chairman of the Membership Sub-committee	Don Rider
Chairman of the Sports & Recreation Sub-committee	John Thompson

I would like to thank the outgoing GC members for giving their time and services to the Club: **Fred Teng**, Honorary Treasurer; **Jeff Lane**, Constitutional Affairs Officer; and **Jason Toms**, GC Representative for Rugby Section have served us well. It's not farewell, but more a case of, until we meet again down at the club.

On 14th November, a very special guest visited our club. **Richard Gough**, a revered football captain and leader, earned 61 caps for Scotland, won multiple league titles and cups throughout his career, was given an Honorary Membership to HKFC, continuing our recognition in the importance of excellence in Sports.

As my family and I are well and truly in the Festive Season mood, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, your family, friends, and team mates all the best. Thanks for a wonderful 2023 and wishing nothing but the best for 2024.

Season's Greetings!

Neil Jensen Chairman 周年大會 (AGM)於11月2日順利舉行·會上除了分享年報重點外·還選出新的常務委員會成員·同時就多項重要決議進行表決及通過·感謝當晚出席大會及在大會召開前投票的大家。大會過後·出席的會員紛紛到Sportsman's Bar的後方露台體驗燒烤站這個新服務。很開心看到AGM及會後餐飲均取得圓滿成功·所有人亦都享受其中。

有會員在AGM中指出本會尚未有任何有關多元的政策宣言。然而,常務委員會(常委會)及本人認為無需要就此發表政策宣言,因為我們視多元、公平及共融為本會的中心。本會不會容忍任何形式的歧視或騷擾行為,包括針對任何會員或員工的種族、殘障及性傾向而發表的網絡言論。常委會積極履行其應有的責任,以確保本會共融,我們亦會為本會所有使用者維持熱情友好及安全的環境,在工作及進展秉持透明。當然,一如以往,歡迎大家與常委會及本人討論任何可以改變的地方及有利本會的改善措施。

新的常委會在11月14日的月度常委會會議上首次見面,當中有些新面孔,亦有些新設立的職位。我們認識到體育盛事及與本會相關活動的重要,因此開設負責大型盛事的新職位,新職位已獲常委會接納,經投票後由 Mia Williams當選。為了增設以上職位,我們將負責政制事務及紀律的職位二合為一,合併後的職位由前任紀律委員 Damien Laracy出任。最後,很高興Mervyn Jacob同時獲選為新任名譽司庫,以及 Kim Kan出任欖球部的新代表。歡迎加入!

常委會已確認委任以下7位常設小組委員會主席:

政策工作小組主席	Neil Jensen
財務小組委員會主席	Mervyn Jacob
政制事務及紀律小組委員會主席	Damien Laracy
發展小組委員會主席	Kenneth Ng
大型盛事小組委員會主席	Mia Williams
會籍小組委員會主席	Don Rider
體育及康樂小組委員會主席	John Thompson

另外,有部份常委會成員即將卸任,很感謝他們在任期間為本會付出時間及服務,卸任成員分別為名譽司庫Fred Teng、政制事務委員Jeff Lane 及欖球部常委會代表 Jason Toms。這不是告別,而是後會有期,相信大家會在本會再次相見。

11月14日,有位特別嘉賓到訪本會,他就是受人尊敬的足球隊長及領袖 Richard Gough · 職業生涯中曾代表蘇格蘭國家隊上陣61場,贏得多個聯賽及盃賽冠軍,而藉着向 Richard Gough 頒授港會榮譽會員名銜,本會繼續表揚在體壇有卓越成就的重要人物。

隨著本人及家人已經全情投入聖誕的歡樂氣氛,在 此想祝大家與身邊的家人、朋友及隊友萬事如意。感 恩我們度過了美好的2023年,希望2024年一切都平 安順心。

致以季節的問候!

主席 Neil Jensen

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

RECEPTION FOR THE LONG-STANDING MEMBERS OF THE CLUB











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GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

總經理的話

Randal Linhart General Manager



After a busy first half of the sporting season, December is the time for a little break before going ahead to more intensive training and more challenging games in the new year. All the best in 2024! Meanwhile, there will be several children's Christmas Camps available in the Club, with lots of sporting fun and excitement during the festive season. Please pay attention to the corresponding promotions in the **Weekly Update** emails and on the Club's website. Here are some highlights so you can mark your calendar now:

Saturday, 16th December	Junior Golf Club Championship
Tuesday, 26th December	Boxing Day Soccer Festival – Junior Tournament Boxing Day Hockey – Festive Family Fun
Monday, 1st January	New Year's Day Youth Rugby Tournament

By the time you read this, I'm certain that the **Sportsman's Bar annual Christmas Quiz night** has been fully booked. If you still want to join, it doesn't hurt to ask. It will be held on Thursday, 7th December, just follow the sound of laughter. Also, this month in Sportsman's Bar, the last of the outdoor cooking equipment will arrive, completing the **BBQ stations** at the Back Patio. Meanwhile, back in the main club house, **Chef de Cuisine Roy** has launched all new set lunches at the Restaurant and **Maître D' Cathy** told me that a whole new ala carte menu will follow shortly.

The Club holds two much loved events, at the end of every year. On Monday 4th December, we welcome back the **Welsh Male Voice Choir** to the main pitch where everyone can sing along to their favourites carols and then enjoy some hot mulled wine and Christmas tarts and cookies. It's a heart-warming way to kick off the Christmas season and the air is filled with Club camaraderie. A few days later, it's time to join friends and family down at the **Party on the Pitch** on Saturday, 9th December. Whether its last-minute Christmas shopping, sipping, and sampling from the food and beverage vendors, or just looking for bargains and discovering something new, there are over ninety booths to browse through.

Since last month, I hope you'd noticed a little hut set up in the main lobby, under the grand staircase. The club is looking to gather any of your toys that can make some children in need happy this Christmas. Everything will be collected on 10th December and donated to our charity partner, **YMCA of Hong Kong**. The donated items will be distributed to underprivileged children in the city under the Toy Bank Programme.

Echoing the sentiments of our Chairman, my team and I would also like to wish you and your loved ones a very happy festive season and Good Luck, Good Fortune, Good Health, and Happiness in the year to come.

I look forward to seeing you down at the club soon!

Randal Linhart General Manager 經歷了忙碌的上半個賽季·12月是時候休息一下,保證於新一年有充足精神接受更高強度訓練及面對更高難度的賽事,祝大家2024年事事順利!與此同時,本會將舉辦多個兒童聖誕營,令今個聖誕充滿運動樂及快感,請留意「每週快訊」電郵及本會網頁的相應活動詳情。以下節錄幾個精彩活動,讓大家馬上在日曆上記下這些大日子:

9月15日(星期六)	青少年高爾夫球會錦標賽
9月15日(星期二)	拆禮物日足球節—青少年錦標賽 拆禮物日曲棍球—聖誕家庭樂
9月15日(星期一)	元旦日青少年欖球錦標賽

大家讀到這裡時,很肯定 Sportsman's Bar的年度聖誕競猜謎語夜已經滿額,如果大家仍然想參加,不妨再問問我們,謎語夜將於12月7日(星期四)舉行,到時跟着笑聲走就對。此外,Sportsman's Bar本月將迎來最後一套戶外煮食設備,為後方露台的燒烤站補上最後一塊拼圖。同時間,回到會所大樓,主廚 Roy在Restaurant推出多款煥然一新的午餐,Maître D'Cathy亦有透露全新的自選餐單亦快將登場。

本會每年年底都會舉行兩個大受歡迎的活動。首先,一起歡迎**威爾斯男聲歌詠團**於12月4日(星期一)回歸主球場,到時各位可以跟著自己最喜愛的頌歌一起唱,然後來一兩杯熱紅酒,佐以聖誕撻及曲奇,用暖人心扉的方式為聖誕節展開序幕,使載有球會情誼的空氣遍佈每個角落。幾日後,是時候與朋友及家人在12月9日(星期六)的Party on the Pitch共聚一堂,無論是聖誕購物最後衝刺、抑或是在餐飲攤檔試飲試食,甚至只是想找便宜貨及發掘新玩意,在場將有超過90個攤位任你看。

除此之外,希望大家自上個月起留意到大堂的樓梯下設置了一個小屋,皆因本會正在為有需要的小朋友收集玩具,好讓他們度過開心的聖誕節。我們12月10日將清理小屋,把玩具捐贈給慈善夥伴香港基督教青年會,捐出的玩具會透過玩具銀行計劃分發到各區基層兒童的手中。

與主席一樣,本團隊及本人同樣在此祝大家與摯愛共度歡樂聖誕,新一年福星高照、大吉大利、身體健康、快快樂樂。

期待與大家在本會相見。

總經理 林克朗

NOTICE TO MEMBER

The Swimming Pool Complex will be closed for annual maintenance from Tuesday 2nd January to Wednesday 31st January 2024. It will re-open on Thursday 1st February 2024.

會員告示

游泳池將由2024年1月2日(星期二)至1月31日 (星期二)暫時關閉以作保養維修。游泳池將於 2024年2月1日(星期四)重新開放。



PARTY ONTHE DATE

Our Christmas Fair for the Family

The ultimate Christmas extravaganza returns!
Bigger, better, and packed with endless fun for kids and the whole family.

SATURDAY 9th NOON - 7PM Main Pitch, Infield

TICKETING

\$400 per adult | \$100 per child AGED 4-11 | FREE for infants

MULTIPLE VISITS ALLOWED, COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE

INCLUDING

Vouchers can be redeemed at ALL BOOTHS at the Bazaar area and Sportsman's Bar, value of vouchers offered as below:

\$300 per adult member \$200 per adult guest

One shopping tote bag for adult FOR ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY

REMARKS

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- High heel shoes cannot be worn in the Main Pitch
- Programme is subject to change without prior notice
- Guests must be accompanied by a Member



OFFICIAL BAZAAR PARTNER



OFFICIAL CHARITY PARTNER



Time	Programme / Activity
	STAGE
1:30pm - 2pm	Magic Show
2pm - 3pm	Island Dance Performance by Island Dancers
3pm - 4pm	A Jazzy Swinging Christmas by Rainbow-Melody Music Center
4:15pm - 5:15pm	Animal Flow Challenge With Trainers by Asian Institute of Core Training
5:20pm - 5:30pm	A Very Merry Beymas by the DSC International School Dance Team
5:30pm - 5:45pm	Chinese Kung Fu Performance by Heng Yue Yen Long Kwon
6:30pm - 7pm	"Beyond The Small Box Lies Unlimited Imagination" Brass Ensemble Performance by Music Children Foundation
	KIDS' & GAME ZONE
Throughout the Event	Face Painting
Court of the court	Christmas Tattoo Sticker
	Bouncy Castle
	Game Booths Join the fun at the 12 game booths, play games, and collect stamps to redeem a small gift!
	Art & Craft Corner Christmas Wreath Making, Christmas Felt Card Making, Christmas Tree Making
2pm - 5pm	Balloon Twisting Christmas Snowman Trio Live Band
3pm - 5pm	Bubble Show
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1:30pm - 5:30pm	Santa Claus at HKFC
2pm - 4pm	Magician Performance
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	SYNERGY ZONE
12pm - 6pm	Giant Football Dartboard by Team Build Events
12pm - 7pm	Outdoor Golf Simulator by Foresight Sports Studio Hong Kong
2pm - 4pm	Beat the Goalie, Christmas Football by Asia Pacific Soccer Schools & Kinder Kicks
2pm - 5pm	Christmas experience with The Golf School of Hong Kong by The Golf School Of Hong Kong
2pm - 5:30pm	Chinese Kung Fu Game by Heng Yue Yen Long Kwon
2pm - 7pm	Fast Serve Station by ATA Tennis
4:30pm - 6pm	Air Badminton Challenge, Cornhole Birdie Challenge by TORQ



The Hong Kong Football Club has launched its new Weekday Membership which offers access to our world-class dining and recreational facilities, offering a place of refuge and relaxation during the week to its members.

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The Club hosted a new member reception at the Happy Valley Suite in October. It was a successful and welcoming evening and was well attended despite dreadful weather. New members were brought together to have an opportunity to meet various individuals from the General Committee, Club Management Team, the Membership Department and Membership Sub-Committee. The purpose of the night was to give new members a sense of belonging and understanding of the Club's traditions and to encourage cross section engagement with fellow members.

At the event's commencement, our Chairman, Mr. Neil Jensen, encouraged our members to embark on a lifelong dedication to explore the Club's diverse activities and its facilities, enriching their experiences beyond the realms of athletic endeavours. This was followed by a trivia quiz about the Club, in which most teams performed well.

The night offered the opportunity to showcase our excellent sports facilities and food & beverage services to our new members. Most Sections, DSA and Societies also took the opportunity to display their activities and encourage guests and their families to join and participate.

The night was a joyful success, and we eagerly anticipate hosting more new member receptions in the future.

















From **13th November**, we hope you notice a little hut set up in the main lobby, under the grand staircase.









After a 5-years-long wait, the Hong Kong Women's Field Hockey Team finally set off for a chance to compete with Asia top teams at the 19th Asian Games held in Hangzhou, the People's Republic of China. The hockey competition commenced on 23rd September 2023 and after a series of intense pool matches, the team concluded the Games and returned home with an overall 9th earlier this month.

WHAT WAS IT LIKE REPRESENTING HONG KONG AT THE GAMES?

"It was definitely a dream come true for me! I first started playing hockey when I was in high school and although I have been in the U21 junior squad for quite some time now, to represent Hong Kong at the highest level and be part of something as big as the Asian Games was something else! Not to mention this is also my 10th year in the sport, so I am really thrilled to hit this milestone and this debut meant a lot personally." Yammi Chui commented with excitement as this was her first time at the Games. "Of course, it wasn't easy being the youngest player in the squad and more so, you had to cope

with others' expectations: when people have high hopes for the team, there's a lot at stake each game and you just have to learn how to handle the pressure and perform." She continued.

SOMETIMES YOU WIN. SOMETIMES YOU LEARN!

Unfortunately, Hong Kong was in the stronger pool, so the team had to face tough teams like India (World Ranking 7) and Korea (World Ranking 12) early in the tournament. While it might be daunting for the younger players, Tiffany Chan, Katy Mountain, Yiman Chan viewed it otherwise. Having

played in the last two Asian Games, they know this is an opportunity they must treasure - "not everyday you can play against Asia top teams, they are the reasons why we are here to play... and learn!"

In fact, playing against higher ranking teams actually served an important purpose - that was for Team Hong Kong to prepare for their game against Singapore. Singapore was ranked 34th in world ranking, while Hong Kong came right after at 35th. It was hoped that our team could learn from the professionals, adapt to the fast-paced



game and take that experience to our ranking game. "We are glad that we are playing the top teams first, so we can get used to the pitch before our big day! We actually have a more skilful team this year, so we know we are capable of getting the win."

MOST MEMORABLE GAME?

"Of course I could not forget our Singapore game. We came a long way to prepare for this tournament, from training 5 times a week to playing test matches and participating in overseas training camps. We might not have a shot against professional athletes who train day in and day out for the sport, but we come to challenge ourselves and see how far we could go." said Yiman Chan.

The Singapore game was crucial, not only in determining our final ranking, but also, a testimony to our growth. After each game, we always have a video review session where we come together and discuss what we could have done better. Only in this tournament, we go to lengths and spend double the time studying our opponent's playing styles, and analysing their strengths and weaknesses. "We know our preparation has to be perfect in order to compete in the Asian Games."

The day had finally arrived and just when our players were getting into the game, a penalty short corner was awarded to Team Singapore. Having rehearsed a thousand times in their heads, our defenders had no hesitation to go all out and block any deflection options. It was 3 minutes into the game, when a Singapore player dragged high from top D and straight into the left pocket. In the most unexpected way, Singapore scored.

"We thought we were ready and it turned out we still have much more to learn."

In the remaining time, our team put up a good fight and launched our attacks aggressively. With time slowly slipping away, we got more and more impatient with our chances. As the sound of the final whistle blew, we struggled to get a goal back and the game was settled a disappointing loss.

THE FINAL GAME AGAINST INDONESIA

Definitely not the results we are looking for, and we have surely expected more. But a game is a game and the tournament does not end here. In our final game against Indonesia,

we tried to recover from our mistakes: with better team play and great connections from our HKFC players, Tiffany Chan scored the first goal at 14 minutes from a big swing near top D. Our second goal came after 7 minutes, when we did variations in our APC and Katy Mountain's powerful slap deflected off our opponent's stick and went into the goal from the left side. The goals helped Hong Kong secure a solid win against Indonesia.

EVERY END IS A NEW BEGINNING...

So, what's next? Moving forward, the team will definitely work an extra 200 percent to qualify again for the next Asian Games. The next Asian Games will be 3 years away and will be held in Nagoya, Japan. With players retiring after this cycle, Team Hong Kong will have to start recruiting younger talents into the squad. "We anticipate a rough transition but all the more reason to work on our team dynamics and game strategies." said Yammi Chui, the former u21 captain. "I believe the new synergy of junior and senior players will hopefully allow us to raise the bar even higher."

Much to work on, but for now, the team is happy to take home the experience and enjoy a well-deserved rest. Let's look forward to their active performance in the upcoming Premier season when they return to the home turf!



HKFC REPRESENTATIVES IN ASIAN GAMES **PREPARATION SQUAD 22-23**

> Final 18 selection **Katy Mountain Tiffany Chan** Yiman Chan Yammi Chui

Reserves **Chuen Sze Sze** Yip Tin Yan Yoyo





HOCKEY SECTION'S START OF SEASON PARTY

Recently our hockey team organised a remarkable social event outside by the Sportsman's Bar on a cool Friday evening. It was a vibrant and engaging event that brought together new and old teammates across both the Men's and Women's Hockey section. As the first start of season social, with many more to come, it served as a platform for individuals to connect, share their passion for drinking (I mean hockey), and continue to build the community. No social event is complete without delicious food and free-flow drinks, which a few teams definitely made the most of. Good luck to all the teams for the season. Looking forward to the X'mas party this December, stay tuned to find out more.



As the summer holidays came to a close and pre-season at the Club was getting underway, we were honoured to host Singapore Cricket Club for a day of hockey. The meeting was by no means the first between the two clubs. After a rummage in the hockey section trophy cupboard, the 'Interport Men's Challenge Trophy - SCC v HKFC' was discovered - last presented in 1987!

here is a lot of history between the two reciprocal clubs and, 36 years after the last fixture, there remain a lot of overlap, with HKFC players **Katy Mountain**, **Jamie Chambers** and **Nicola Bruce** all playing for SCC in the past, whilst SCC is now home to previous HKFC players **Ping Tan-Hawkins**, **Jocelyn Teh** and sisters **Lucy** and **Jess Boa**, all of whom were there on the day for the event.







The women were up next, with a squad of players from A, B, C and D teams coming together to represent HKFC. The mix of players didn't phase Club and they worked together well and put together some great phases of play, scoring seven goals in the process! The final score was 7-1 to HKFC, but it must be said that SCC were playing with a few sore heads and very little sleep...can't imagine why?!

scored a fourth and final goal to seal

the match, which ended 4-3 to SCC.

After the matches, the players gathered at the Sportsman's Bar for food, drinks and awards. Congratulations to **Sophie Aranha** and **Zico**?? who were both awarded MVP for their respective matches, voted by the players and coach from SCC. All that was left was

to present the trophies to the winning teams, and finish the drinks! The original men's trophy from the 1980s was presented to the SCC whilst the new, shiny and (thanks to some dodgy measuring) extremely large women's trophy was presented to HKFC! How we will get it on the plane to take to Singapore for the rematch, we're not sure yet... perhaps we will need to book an extra seat!

It was wonderful to reignite this fixture and hope it will become an annual event between the two clubs. Thank you to the Hockey Section for supporting the event and to all the section members who played, supported and showed the SCC members just how we drink gin and tonics here at the Hong Kong Football Club!





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PARTICIPATION OF
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LAWN BOWLS
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AT HANGZHOU ASIAN

The 4th Asian Para Games was just held in Hangzhou (Hangzhou Asian Para Games ("HAPG")) with lawn bowls events staged from 21st to 27th October 2023. A total of 18 events including Men's Singles, Women's Singles and Mixed Pairs for three classes of visually (B1 -B3) and physically impaired (B5-B6) players respectively were held. China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand sent a total of 89 players to compete in the events. Amongst the 18 gold medals, China got seven and Hong Kong got two.

PARA GAMES

awn Bowls Section Members
Erica Wong, Cyril Leung and
Rita Shek, international technical
official (ITO) of World Bowls, officiated
in the HAPG in different capacities.

Erica was appointed by the Asian Paralympic Committee under nomination of International Bowls



for the Disabled to be the Technical Delegate (TD) in the HAPG at end 2021 to steer the HAPG Organising Committee to arrange the events from determination on type and number of medal events, format of play and game, selection of international technical officials (ITOs), collation with classification teams on assessment of disability, to logistic arrangement for running of events, etc.

Being the Chief Technical Official (CTO) for the lawn bowls events of HAPG, Cyril who is also the Vice President League of Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association (HKLBA), helped out the TD on setting the fixtures for the 18 events within six game days, and roster

for umpires.

Rita is one of the five ITOs, who currently is the coach of youth team in HKLBA. Rita and Erica both umpired in World Bowls events of 2019 Asia Pacific Championship in Gold Coast Australia, 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham the UK, and 2023 World Championship in Gold Coast Australia.

The Lawn Bowls Section congratulates Erica, Cyril and Rita on their international recognition and achievement in technical development of lawn bowls and look forward more members to become umpires to further enhance the technical standard of lawn bowls in the section.



MEN'S NATIONAL FOUR

After 5 rounds competition, two teams from HKFC got into the semi final and have a tight game at Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Kenny's Team got advance to the final with the better performance.



GUEST FROM OVERSEA

Two Club (Singapore Tanglin Club and Singapore Cricket Club) from Singapore visit our club and have a friendly match with our bowlers on 31st October 2023. We had a lovely afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the games, drinks and delicious food. We look forward to more overseas friends coming to Hong Kong again.











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Our U12 team was well represented at the TRC Tournament with 2 teams consisting of over 30 players.

mix of players with pre-covid touring experience and new tourists ensured diversity in experience.

The tournament was an opportunity for the boys to experience 15-a-side Rugby on a full sized 'grass' pitch.

Our teams kicked off the tournament with group stage names on Saturday morning under good conditions.

Team 1 performed strongly scoring 8 tries and conceding none over 4 games, topping their group at day end.

Team 2 started slowly suffering a few tight losses, but made progress over the course of the day with commitment and perseverance. Before their final game of the day, a torrential downpour seemed to wake up the players and turned the pitch into a swamp. With grit and determination they secured their first win in difficult conditions.

The teams returned on Sunday morning for their final group games and the finals. The final group game saw Team 1 top their group without a point conceded making the Cup Finals and Team 2 finished strongly to make the Plate finals.

In the plate finals, Team 2 conceded 2 quick tries but fought back valiantly with a try of their own and constantly

threatening to level the score. Unfortunately, time ran out for our courageous boys.

In the cup finals, our Team 1 faced off against the SCC team 1 who also topped their group without conceding any points. The boys put in a strong shift but fell short against an SCC team that used the full width of the pitch and showed their greater experience with 15-a-side full pitch Rugby.

A special mentioned to **Nicolas Kenyon-Edwards** and **Alex Ashby Sanchez** who show courage and leadership in leading Team 2 and the massive impact of **Cameron Celenk** (who regretably will be moving to Singapore) and **Edgar Vignaud** in Team 1 for their strong forward work.

A great touring experience for the players and parents preparing our U12 boys for the upcoming **Richard Hawkes** competition this season.









*U*15

boys did a terrific job in conditions that got worse throughout the day. It was a battle over weekend with some tough games and coping with injuries. They did an amazing job coming third and winning the plate. Great support from parents as ever.

e were delighted to host our sponsor AIA and their clients for two exciting World Mental Health Day workshops.

The morning started with a panel of our elite athletes discussing "The Power of Sport to Build Resilience". The panel featured players from our Club and Ice squads: Biddy Sefton, Gabriel Carroll, Sofie Fella and Charles Higson-Smith.

We loved hearing how the players use mindfulness techniques to overcome setbacks and improve their focus by "controlling the controllables". We then ran a focus group featuring our elite coaches, who shared how they use "The Power of Sport to Foster Culture in Teams". This featured **Jevon Groves**, who had recently returned from a gold medal winning campaign with Hong Kong China 7s; our Club

Head Coach **Logan Asplin** and Ice Head of Programme **Chris Garvey**.

It was great to see the knowledge and ideas shared, so that the attendees could apply their learnings into a corporate context. Thank you to our panellists and esteemed guests!







December 26, 2023

09:30 - U10 BOYS

10:30 - U12 BOYS

11:30 - U12 GIRLS

11:30 - U14 GIRLS

12:30 - ENGLAND VS SCOTLAND

14:30 - U14 BOYS

16:30 - U16 BOYS

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A DAY OF COMPETITIOAN AND CELEBRATION

CHAIRMAN'S VS CAPTAIN'S



20th October dawned bright and clear over the bustling metropolis of Hong Kong. However, for the members of the Hong Kong Football Club Squash Section, the day held a special significance. It was the day of the annual Team Chairman versus Team Captain match, a tradition that is a highlight of the club's calendar and a symbol of its community spirit.

he heart of the day's activities was the club's squash court, a space of competition and camaraderie. From 2pm to 6pm, the court was a battleground for fifty dedicated players divided evenly between Team Chairman and Team Captain. Every serve, every return, every point fought for with grit and determination, echoed the passion for squash that is the lifeblood of this community.

The matches that unfolded were like a high-octane thriller, with victories traded back and forth in the initial

rounds. It was a test of skill and

strategy, a showcase of the player,s mental and physical agility. The lead swung like a pendulum, keeping spectators on the edge, their cheers and applause punctuating the rhythmic thud of the squash ball.

As the afternoon wore on, a subtle shift in momentum became apparent. Team Captain, under the astute leadership of Captain Mark Low, started to pull ahead. Their display of outstanding teamwork and strategic play, consistently executed, began to turn the tide. When the clock struck six, Team Captain had clinched a welldeserved victory with a final score of 14-11.

In the moments following the end of the matches, a hush fell over the squash court as Club Head Coach Carlos prepared to make the official announcement. His words confirming Team Captain's victory echoed in the silent room before being met with a

thunderous round of applause. The sense of sportsmanship and mutual respect was evident, even in the face of fierce competition.

As the golden hues of the setting sun painted the club, the intensity of the day's competition gave way to a more relaxed and jovial atmosphere. The Sportsman's Bar, a hub within the Hong Kong Football Club, was buzzing with the anticipation of the Start of Season party.

Chairman **Vincent Yu** began the evening's festivities with heartfelt words of welcome for the new members of the club. His speech, an embodiment of the club's ethos of unity and inclusivity, set a warm and welcoming tone for the rest of the evening.

As the sky darkened and stars slowly emerged, the party kicked into full swing. The open area of the



breeze, the soothing background music, and the twinkling starlight created an ambiance that was both relaxed and enjoyable.

As the evening progressed, the event became more than just a party. It transformed into a celebration of a shared love for squash, a gathering of friends, and a testament to the strong bonds formed within the club. The sense of community that defines the Hong Kong Football Club Squash Section was not just seen but was experienced.

With the promise of an exciting season ahead, the day came to an end, leaving behind memories of intense competition, joyful celebrations, and strengthened friendships. The spirit of the club – marked by sportsmanship, unity, and mutual respect – was evident throughout the day. This memorable event set the stage for the upcoming season and many more unforgettable moments in the future.

Sportsman's Bar resonated with lively chatter, laughter, and the upbeat rhythm of popular and classic hits, creating a symphony of sounds that perfectly encapsulated the evening's mood. The music, carefully curated to suit all tastes, added a layer of vibrancy to the celebrations.

Conversations flowed freely as players from different divisions mingled. The shared passion for squash acted as a common thread, weaving together a tapestry of camaraderie and community. Stories from the day's matches, tips for improving gameplay, and friendly banter peppered

the discussions, as seasoned players mingled with newcomers, strengthening the bonds within this tight-knit community.

Adding to the fun atmosphere was an enticing spread of barbeque dishes, filling the air with delicious smells. Paired with a variety of excellent wines, it was a meal that delighted everyone's taste buds. The gentle evening

Raymond Or







The HKFC M2B squad is back in action, ready to astound and amaze the HK Squash scene with their extraordinary confidence. Ladies & gentlemen, brace yourselves for the triumphant return of the legendary HKFC M2B squad and witness a spectacle unlike any other as they grace the squash courts with their extraordinary levels of self-belief, haloes and athleticism. That's right, folks, you heard it here. We have been bumped up to Masters 2 after last season's impressive display of shenanigans, competitive squash and underwhelming skills earning us a deserved spot in the playoff final, in which we came 2nd. After the resounding success of our previous literary contribution in this very publication, it seems the world just can't get enough of M2B, Hong Kong's finest squash crew. So sit back, chill and enjoy another thrilling chapter M2B's awe-inspiring saga.

nly in far corners of our colourful past are the remainders of the days when we all could perform multiple times a week, even squeezing

in two rounds in a day. Now we've entered the realm of ease reigns supreme, and we now embrace the simplicity of missionary squash. Long deep strokes, minimal movements, no warm-up, reaching for the stars (rarely grabbing them) and we are as exhausted as any after each round. No more reverse yokihara for us, and gone are the days of mind-blowing tricks and behind-the-back up against the wall action for this crew, and drops are just frowned upon now. It's all about getting the job done and once the battle is over, we retreat and are off the court faster than a wedding gown on the wedding night, heading straight to the bar to bask in the glory of our victory and entertain anyone who will listen, with stories of our always very stellar

performance. We are the epitome of master storytellers. Just ask us!

Thanks to our summer literary escapades, we have had a few wannabe teammates knocking on our door. But fear not, we turned down all but one. And in a twist of fate, those rejected souls formed a new team, M2C, with the sole purpose of taking us on (we think that is their goal). But, let's be real here, folks. M2B is leaps and bounds better than anything M2C could ever aspire to. Paris has the Eiffel Tower, China has the Great Wall, Spain has its tapas, England has Manchester United, and Hong Kong has its HKFC M2B. We are what make the HKFC stand out and Hong Kong proud. Just ask us, and we will enlighten you.





M2B this year are characters of such calibre as Julian Tanner, Jonno Barton, Stephane Vartanian, Rajesh Mulchand, Vikram Lulla, Lee Robinson, Nigel Steffensen, Nikolaj Schultz, Damien Laracy, Charles Li, Fook Chew, Mike Tsang and Paul Casey, and teams we will be facing this season are all old friends of the best kind. HKCC, LRC, Old Squash Guys, USRC, Titlows, Yacht Club and two other HKFC teams. We look forward to playing and entertaining them all. Always have wonderful evenings with those teams. ALWAYS.

Last Friday, we had our Start of the season party, the party where we lovingly asked our wives for permission to play squash on Thursdays, and what follows, for the next 6-7 months. Permission (and forgiveness) was granted to the full team. Massive thanks to our wives for such understanding and accommodating a man's basic need-squash. The season has started and 4 matches in, we are back on the winning streak. Last week we had a wonderful dinner with our great friends at 'Old Squash Fellows', and with ample supply and an avalanche of Beijiu, whiskey, beer and wine to accompany the Chinese cuisine at a hidden 3rd floor Marjong parlour, we did what we do best, have fun with our friends in the league.

We live the spirit of the master squash, it's our reason for being. Good games ensue, always, with a few drinks and immense banter while sorting out the world's problems, and, on occasion,

creating a few new ones. M2B are the jovial raconteurs and characters from the days when Hong Kong was rife with them. People who stand up, stand out, and make their mark.

Here we stand! One for all, all for one: doped to the max with performance enhancing lagers and fermented grapes, and ready to conquer the squash world with our charm and court speed. Masters of the after-squash adventures, we are the me-too guys that make the bar fun and take the party into overdrive. Confidence, cool hair. touching hands, good looks, immature masculinity and a very advanced sense of humour are the weapons of choice. It's a sight to behold, glossy images of M2B's glorious display of mediocre personalities with big egos and cheap imagination in full frontal exposé; it's our best angle and favourite position. And so, the fairy tale for beginners continues, as this charming team embarks on yet another season of

triumphs. Whether we win or lose, we'll always be the life of the Captain's bar, the masters of hype, the true MVPs of laughter; we are made for the après squash of squash. Slicked hair, chest out, here's to a new season. Let's go!

Cheers Master Squash, Cheers to M2B, Cheers to us!

Nikolaj Schulz



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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRWOMAN



Natacha Cuvelier Chairwoman

At the time of writing, all 6 senior teams are entering the fourth week of the ladies league. All players have settled into their respective teams and positions since the new season's reshuffle. On the leaderboard, Tornadoes and Cyclones have placed top 3 in their divisions. I have no doubt Club, Whirlwinds, Hurricanes and Monsoons will continue to fight their way to the top by the time of this publication.

In off-court news, the Netball DSA is honoured to introduce and welcome our new Netball Director, Nanette Olivier, joining us this season from South Africa. She will be responsible for the development of the Junior Netball Academy. She brings the perfect combination of experiences as a world-class international netball player and as a coach/teacher in education. We are excited to add Nanette to the team to excel our netball program with her appointment.

With that note, we wish everyone a happy holiday period and a brighter new year to come.



MATCH REPORT FROM HKFC CLUB

LOCATION HKFC **OPPOSITION** HKCC Devils

> FINAL SCORE HKFC Club 43 - 3 HKCC Devils

The start was a bit shakey as it was the team's first competitive game together but they managed to calm their nerves and power on. Everyone kept on grinding, doing the basics to ensure a strong lead. There were a few changes made at half-time but no drop in effort to maintain a massive win of 43-3! MVP was presented to new Club member Zenia, who made a stellar impact within mid-court throughout the first 3 quarters.

MATCH REPORT FROM HKFC WHIRLWINDS

LOCATION HKFC **OPPOSITION** Valley Cubs

FINAL SCORE HKFC Whirlwinds 35 - 12 Valley Cubs

KEY MATCH MOMENT

Turnovers won by our circle defence. using techniques we've practiced in training, working hard and getting the reward for it resulting in several goals at our end of the court.

TEAM WORK-ONS

Turnover management and mid-court transition



Emma and Matilda for their contested strength, shooting accuracy and clever movement in and around the circle AND **Beca** for her non-stop interceptions and hustle throughout.





MATCH REPORT FROM **HKFC CLUB**

LOCATION HKFC **OPPOSITION** Netball Ninjas

FINAL SCORE
HKFC Club 22 - 23 Netball Ninjas

It was a close game from beginning to end. Tornadoes was down by 2 after the 3rd quarter. While attackers were keen to get every goal in, defense also battled hard to intercept a pass for a twist in the game. Tornadoes' effort won them a turnover in the final quarter but ended the game with a narrow loss.







MANETTE OLIVIER HIGHDAS DIRECTOR OF NETBALL

Hong Kong Football Club are excited to announce that **Nanette Olivier** has been hired as the Director of Netball, a new full-time role within the Netball DSA.

Nanette hails from South Africa, where she garnered extensive experience as an educator as well as a coach in a variety of sports, most recently as Director of Netball at Worcester Gymnasium High School and teacher at German International School Cape Town. Nanette also has a background in playing Netball internationally, having represented and led South Africa in the U21 World Cup, playing ___.

Her combined strengths in sports development and working with youth players, as well as her passion in Netball and being a team player is what made Nanette the perfect candidate for the newly created role. She will be responsible for the development of the Junior Netball Academy - across 10 teams and respective coaches, as the DSA continues to make a commitment to investing in the growth of its own players.

"I am delighted to welcome Nanette to HKFC. Her appointment is a positive leap in the development of Netball at the club, as we continue to strive to be recognised as one of the leading Netball clubs in Asia. She brings a wealth of international experience both as a world-class player, as well as an educator. Nanette will play a significant role in nurturing talent and in shaping our community going forward."

Natacha Cuvelier HKFC Netball DSA Chairwoman

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TENNIS SOCIETY

he HKTA winter league and HK Ladies Tennis League are currently underway, and we are thrilled to share some photos taken before and after the matches.

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TEAM IN HONG KONG

The gusty winds and down pouring rains with occasional sounds of thunder amid Signal 3 did not deter HKFC Swimming team from coming out in full force to perform at our traditional annual 10000m swimming ritual at our 25m pool in the early morning of 8th October. It was the fraternity and the camaraderie that drew our committed members coming in from as far as Sai Kung and New Territories disregarding the road hazards and the forewarning that Signal 8 would be hoisted at 11am to join our Swimming and Triathlon Society Executive Chairman Rupurt Puels pounding up and down the pool four hundred times. The team's love and passion for swimming are simply unassailable.

he club must be very proud to see our eighteen ebullient and pumped up swimmers in the pool with their sporting supplements on the side raring to attack the 100×100m at 7am. The lane allocation was that the swimmer decided themselves as to which of the four lanes (ranging from the fastest to the slowest) to swim into. In the fastest lane (Lane 1) we had some of our fastest swimmers **Anthony** Lo, Vasco Van Der Flier, Farah Master,

Alex Fong and Craig Nortje swimming on 1 minute 30 seconds per each 100m set. These "amphibians" are exceptionally nimble and all effortlessly gliding through the water to complete the 100 sets. The swimmers in Lane 2-4 were in awe of **Farah** being our only female to complete the whole 100 sets at this amazingly fast pace. Alex and Craig added another 800m totaling 10,800m such that they can blow their trumpets in the post fraternal

breakfast. Yes we all heard them loud and clear.

In the second fastest lane (Lane 2) we had those swimmers who decided that they are too young to die in this very physically demanding swim. This lane was slower and required the swimmers to swim on 1 minute 45 seconds per each of 100 set. Those completed the whole 10000m were Simon Holliday. Edmund Wan and Patrick Ip. Simon is an accomplished long distance swimmer



having swum around the Hong Kong Island and swum from Hong Kong to Macao. He was so prepared with his supplements by having two very large bottles of Lucasade. To him this swim was akin to going to do some work in an office where he would be sipping his Lucasade. Our Edmund had such an easy swim that he kept laughing and chatting with Alex in the next lane. His chirpy demeanor suggested either he had some power booster prior to the swim or he is exceptionally fit. Our smart Patrick being the oldest member of the team applied his deep wisdom and experience by drafting behind the swimmer in front. Drafting is very common in ocean swimming and this saves around 20% of the energy. Patrick's secret was to push off 2 seconds earlier to catch up with the swimmer in front.

The swim in next lane (Lane 3) was led by our natural leader Rupert. This lane requires a very respectable 1 minute 50 seconds for each of the 100m set. In terms of swimming abilities those in lane 3 can easily move up to Lane 2. We had Simon Brewster and Heirich **Grabner** in this lane that completed the whole 100 sets. Simon is a very good swimmer that participates in many weekend long distance ocean swims and attained many podium positions. He simply breathed through the sets. Heinrich has been improving in leap and bound ever since his appearance at the World Master Championship. He was amazingly strong in this swim and again has earned much deserved respects.

The slowest lane is what we call the "bus" lane. These swimmers had to swim under 2 minute 15 seconds per 100m set. By any standard these swimmers are not slow and to be able to swim under the required set is no easy feat. They had to endure 300 tumble turns at each end of the pool! Their determination and tenacity in this swim were a lesson to us all. That is " where there is a will, there is a way". Their participation embodies our love for swimming and HKFC sportsmanship. There are many partaking swimmers completing around 8000m but had to withdraw due to fatigue and injuries. Huge respect for them for giving their best try. We are sure with a complete recovery and more long distance training they will come back stronger next year. This makes the society swimmers arguably the best team spirited master swimming team in Hong Kong.



If I had to give a rough estimate, following a summer of little training and injuries (Judy, surfing and Begum, tennis), it was touch and go whether these two would even be able to make the race. But determination prevailed as always and they set off for Belek, Turkey to enter the Ironman 70.3. The swim was wetsuit optional, surprisingly as the water temperature was very warm.

The bike was flat, an elevation of 147m or something like that. Despite both **Begum** and **Judy** getting 5 min penalties (the drafting police were OTT), Judy still managed a sub-3 hour bike, and Begum a PB of 3:06. Judy finished the race in an overall time of 6:44, while **Begum** smashed it with a PB of 6:38. A lot of fun, a lot of laughs and well worth the effort. Well done Judy and Begum!

After many adjournments, athletes

were finally able to the Taiwan 70.3 they signed up for in 2019 in November 2023! A last-minute injury saw HKFC down to just one representative, with Richard Hall managing to win the 50-54 age group, finishing 9th overall.

One of the stranger courses, with the swim to bike transition requiring athletes to run through a tunnel under the road, through the basement shopping centre and up two flights of stairs in the race hotel, with the finish line in the hotel's main ball room!







BADMINTON



his season the Badminton Society (BS) got a men's team lined up and they faced their 1st challenge in the 45th President Cup. One can only say they passed the examination with excellence. On 22th October, they fought the first round of the "ko" game without any time for preparation. The rules of the President Cup was such that it was a team competition comprised of five matches in the order of men's 1st singles, men's 1st doubles and then 2nd singles and doubles, finally the men's 3rd singles. We won the first three matches with a big margin and certainly would be in the second round in the next month. Nevertheless, the remaining 2nd doubles and 3rd singles in this round were played and we also took down

and wishing them good performance and good luck in the second round.

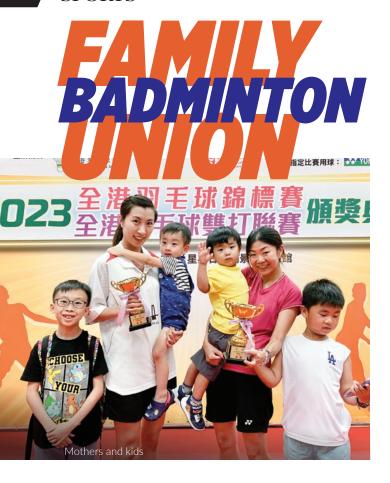






TAI-PO DISTRICT LADIES' DOUBLES COMPETITION

Our tournament officer, Nora Man,



Sports are about always keeping the impetuous fire, but much more than that. Our graduated SPM, **Amy Chan**, a mother with two sons, won the 2nd runner-up of the 35+ age group in the Hong Kong Annual Badminton Championships 2023. Obviously, she still maintains the fire.

We all know that stopping was not the way of a sportsman. Amy then went further to the 1st runner-up in the 41th Ladies Cup Hong Kong Badminton Championships with the same partner. To keep it running, the fire has to be transferred to another torch. It seemed that badminton can be inherited and Amy's son, **Austen Ma**, also won the 2nd runner-up in men's singles of the 10-age group in the Wan-chai District's Badminton Competition 2023.

It's interesting that we always see badminton family like this very common in HK. You see, badminton not only can inherit but it can also form a family union. Join the badminton society as a family member the soonest to continue this legend in the HKFC.



Austen Ma
Son of Amy and Edwin
(the former HK National
Team Member)



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TEAM COACH REPORT PARIS OLYMPICS 2024

From now until end of April 2023 will be crucial for **Saloni Mehta** and **Happy Lo** to fight for their rightful place in the Paris Olympics 2024. Both players are currently on the road every two weeks to play for their Olympic rankings. It is important to ensure these elite players receive allrounded support from technical coaching, nutrition, fitness, sports psychology to travel preparation. I am hoping to be able to see these HKFC juniors make it to the centre stage of Paris Olympics for HKFC.

For the remaining junior players, they are also fighting their own fights no matter in inter-school or district as well as national tournaments such as President Cup. The structured training sessions and support from HKFC are important to ensure these juniors can play to the best of their potential.

John Leung

UPCOMING JUNIOR EVENTS

September 2023 - January 2024

HKFC Junior Team Series 2023-2024

September - December 2023

HKFC Junior Internal Ladder Competition

November 2023 - January 2024 **HKBA President Cup**

January - May 2024 **HKBA Doubles and Mixed League**

May 2024

HKFC and Torq Sports Junior Tournment 2024

January 2024

HKFC Junior Badminton Ladder Series

Summer 2024

HKFC and Torq Sports Overseas
Junior Invitational Team Tournament



17TH - 22TH OCTOBER 2023 / CHENGDU, CHINA

he past week has been hectic but exciting for **Coraline Lo** now being a full time junior national team player and student. Here is her reflection after participating in the Asian Junior Championship.

CORALINE'S REFLECTION

"Championships was an invaluable experience for me, I was able to fight till round 16 for U17 Girls Singles which was quite memorable. During the tournament, I was able to compete with a variety of different strong opponents and learn from them. The most memorable match would definitely be the second match as I was competing against a strong Indonesian with surely great attacking

tactics. However, I was able to perform my best and rally her throughout the game, therefore finishing the match successful.

Overall, I was quite pleased with my performance and I will most certainly come back even stronger!"

Coraline defeated a player from Singapore in 2 straight sets and carried on defeating a promising Indonesia opponent in 3 sets. She however, graduated in quarter-final while facing a player from mainland China who played in an astounding strong and fast pace. Coraline will only come back stronger with the progress she has made and the experience she has gained. Her next tournament will be the first Student Youth Game in Guangxi, China in November 2023.

BWF TOUR SUPER 100 AND SUPER 300

There are three upcoming BWF stops in Asia for our elite JAMs which will be crucial towards their 2024 Paris Olympics qualification. The first one was the BNI Indonesia Masters II 2023 held in Surabaya Indonesia on 23rd-29th October. Our elite JAM **Saloni Mehta** fought a tight game of 21:18, 9:21 and 14:21 but lost to an Indonesian opponent and graduated in round 32. **Happy** defeated a Malaysian player in round 32 in two straight sets

and was up against a strong Korean player. Unfortunately, **Happy** was not at her best and lost in 3 sets with the last set at a nail biting 24:26. They will continue their tour to play in the Bergamot KL Masters (BWF Super 100 series tournament) during week of 31st October to 5th November 2023. **Happy** will continue her tour to play in the Korea Masters 2023 (BWF Super 300 series) during week of 7th November to 12th November 2023.

JUNIOR TEAM TOURNAMENT REPORTS

HKBA **PRESIDENT CUP**

This is an exciting week for our junior players to commence their tournaments in the HKBA President Cup 2023 and YMCA Youth Team Tournament 2023.

HKFC has entered a total of 4 teams into the elementary level of HKBA President Cup 2023: 2 men's teams, 1 ladies' team and 1 mixed team. Teams are composed of JAMs and pre-registered JAMs of U15-U21 to compete with clubs and teams from all over Hong Kong. With their structured training program and hard work, two men's and one ladies' teams have entered the second round. Good luck to all the players!





HKFC Team B1 Left to right: Team coach Dawn Cuvno. William, Alvin, Nathan, Michael, Ethan,

Curtis and Nixon



Left to right: Team coach Dawn Cuvno. Kenneth, Michael, Shubh, Perry, Carson and Andy



Our very young talent team of U12 Left to right: Oliver, Paden, John, Fave, Hebe, Jana and Coach Fredi



HKFC 2008-09 Team A2 Left to right: Coach Dawn, Thomas, Coach Fredi, Jack, Kenneth, Evelyn, Cordelia and Alvin

SUMMARY OF THE OVERALL RESULTS

2012-13

2010-11

2008-09

2008-09

YOUTH TEAM **COMPETITION 2023**

On Monday, 23rd October 2023, our junior players competed in a one day team event organised by YMCA Hong Kong. There were a total of 5 teams from HKFC including 2 teams in the year 2008-09 and 2010-11 and 1 team of our very young talents of year 2012-13. It was more than a day of exciting badminton games but also team building for players through working together on match line-up and supporting each other.

The semi-final game for 2008-09 Team A was the most exciting of all. While they were up against a team composed of ex-junior national players, our players fought hard and came up just short in the decisive mix-doubles game of 19:21. They continued to play for their bronze medal against Pui Ching Middle School. The match was all in favour to the HKFC juniors and they won with an easy 3:0 overall games and got their maiden medal in the YMCA team youth tournament.

PROGRESS REPORT

HKFC JUNIOR TEAM SERIES 2024



HKFC Junior Badminton Team Series for year 2006 and 2009 is gradually finishing up with the group stage and approaching the semi-final. With the support of local clubs that encourage junior badminton development programs, the team series provides ample opportunities for HKFC junior badminton players to put practice into games and prepare for upcoming tournaments. It is also a great opportunity for players to strengthen team building and practice leadership through captaincy assignment. Our teams are currently ranked highest 2nd in both years and good luck to all the players!

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	GAMES	WIN	SCORES
Pui Lap	2	2	10-4
HKFC 1	3	2	10-11
HKFC 2	4	2	13-15
Olym 1	2	0	6-8
Olym 2	1	0	3-4

BORN 2006 AND UNDER				
	GAMES	WIN	SCORES	
Pui Lap	2	2	9-5	
HKFC 1	2	1	9-5	
HKFC 2	1	1	6-1	
Olym 1	2	0	3-11	
Olym 2	1	0	1-6	

DISTRICT AGE GROUP TOURNAMENT RESULTS DISTRICT COMPETITIONS



Nicole Wan



Curtis Cheah

FEATURED REPORT

AND PROGRESS The formation and growth of our U12 squad has been a direct result of the success in HKFC badminton junior development. These young talents have put in tremendous amount of effort

and been the best of their potential and ability. With the setup of U12 squad, our team of coaches are keen to help potential U8 junior players aspiring to be in the Hong Kong Badminton Association regional training program.

Hoping for the continuous support from HKFC and Badminton Society, these players will be nurtured and make the club proud!



Lauren Lui age 10

Current Hong Kong youth elite team player medallists of multiple district competitions

Jana Cheung age 11

Current Hong Kong youth regional team player and district competition medallist competitions

Chan Wai Ching age 11

current Hong Kong youth regional and elite try-out team player, medallists of multiple district competitions

John Lo age 10

Current Hong Kong youth regional team player and medallists of multiple district competitions and district competition medallist

Faye Wong age 10

Current Hong Kong youth regional team player and district competition medallist



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S



OPERATION HOURS FOR **FOOD AND BEVERAGE OUTLETS**

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		SUNDAY 24 ^{TII} DECEMBER 2023	monday 25^{III} december 2023	TUBSDAY 26^{III} december 2023	SUNDAY 51^{ST} DECEMBER 2023	MONDAY 1 ST January 2024
I	RESTAURANT		Noon - 3pm 6:30pm - 10:30pm		Noon - 3pm 7:30pm - 00:30am	Closed at Lunch 6:30pm - 10:30pm
		BREAKFAST 7:30am - 10:30am	Closed at Breakfast		KFAST n - 11am	BREAKFAST 9am - 11am
I	COFFEE			LUNCH Noon - 2:30pm		
l		Closed	l at Tea		2:30pm - 5:30pm	
l			DINNER 6:30pm - 9:30pm		Closed at Dinner	DINNER 6pm - 9:30pm
	P.J.Bar	Closed				
	CHAIRMAN'S BAR	Noon - Midnight	11:30am	- Midnight	Noon - 12:30am	11:30am - Midnight
	HAPPY VALLEY SUITES	Closed	11:30am - 3pm 6:30pm - 10:00pm	11:30am - 3pm	7:30pm - 00:30am	11:30am - 3pm
	CAPTAINS -2000 BAR COUG-	8am - 10pm Close		sed	8am - 5pm	9am - 10pm
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	ØKIOSK				11am - 6pm	11am - 8pm



OPERATION HOURS FOR SPORTS FACILITIES



	SUMDAY 24 TH DECEMBER 2023	MONDAY 25^{III} december 2023	TUESDAY 26^{TH} december 2023	SUNDAY 51 ST DECEMBER 2023	MONDAY 1 ST January 2024
SWIMMING POOL TRAINING TRIANGLE		7:30am - 7pm			
FITNESS CENTRE		7:30am - 9pm			
TENNIS COURTS GOLF SIMULATORS SQUASH COURTS SPORTS HALL BOWLING ALLEY INDOOR GREEN		8am - 9pm			
CHILDREN'S PLAYROOM		9am - 6pm			
SNOOKER			10am - 9pm		
LIBRARY CLUB SH®P	9:30am - 5:30pm	Clo	sed	9:30am - 5:30pm	9:30am - 7:30pm
ALL CHANGING ROOMS			7am - 9:30pm		

Use of **MAIN PITCH** or **HOCKEY PITCH** is always limited to sections' training or matches those are approved by Sports Department.



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\$1,188 per person
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Champagne during dinner



CHAIRMAN'S BAR

COUNTDOWN PACKAGE

Access after 10pm

\$328 per person

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HAPPY VALLEY SUITES

NEW YEAR'S EVE COUNTDOWN DINNER BUFFET

7:30pm onwards

\$948 per adult | \$538 per child

Including free flow of sparkling, white and red wine, selected beer, chilled juices and soft drinks during dinner

SPORTS HALL

for Private Events

Host your own countdown party at the Sports Hall, one of the largest party venues in Hong Kong.

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FESTIVE HIGHLIGHTS



AT THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

MONDAY

DECEMBER 2023

THURSDAY
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SUNDAY

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DECEMBER 2023



CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY THE WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR

MAIN PITCH | 7PM

Enjoy mulled wine and mince pie after the show!



CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT

SPORTSMAN'S BAR | 6:30PM

\$418 per person
Team up and be the WINNER



PARTY ON THE PITCH

MAIN PITCH | NOON TO 7PM

New timing, more kids entertainment and game booths



MONDAY

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JANUARY 2024

NEW YEAR'S DAY YOUTH RUGBY TOURNAMENT

MAIN PITCH

HIGHLIGHTS IN DECEMBER

FESTIVE CELEBRATION



Christmas is Coming! Welcome 2024 and farewell to 2023!

The list of offerings in various food and beverage outlets is ready!

Sportsman's Bar will only be open to patrons of **Party on the Pitch** from 12-7pm, and will resume normal operation after 7pm.



Thursday, 7th December 2023

Christmas Quiz Night

6:30pm onwards TIME VENUE Sportsman's Bar \$418 per person, PRICE maximum team of 6

QUIZ MASTER Jasmine E. Titmuss

Warning! Our quiz night has been known to induce excessive laughter and an overwhelming sense of intellectual superiority.



Party on the Pitch

Back on Saturday, 9th December 2023 with new timing, more kids entertainment and game booths.

Save the date!

SPORTSMAN'S BAR



Guest Chef Daniel Green's Menu

Chef Daniel Green's menu has been crafted to be very low in carbohydrates, with flavours from around the world. It's paleo and keto friendly, with a way to enjoy clean food that still fills you up guilt free.

Full menu is available from now till 24th December.

Special Promotion: Festive Turkey and Ham Platter Beer: Old Speckled Hen

CHAIRMAN'S BAR



Festive Feast

Get into the holiday spirit and enjoy those festive dishes.



Christmas Afternoon Tea Set

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Tea Set: Winter Cocktails

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COFFEE SHOP



Christmas Buffets

Buffet lunch and dinner are available daily from 1st till 31st December 2023.

Beverage: Winter Drinks Takeaway: Festive Takeaway Forms

RESTAURANT



Yule Tide Delights

Festive dishes are available throughout the month of December.

CAPTAIN'S BAR



Winter Stew

Warm up with hearty winter stew.

Beverage: Ronald's Coffee Specials

FAMILY LOUNGE

Pecan Pie & Pumpkin Pie

Indulge in a slice of fall with these Autumn pies

Beverage: **Eggnog**

POOL BAR

Winter Drinks

Sip, savour and embrace the magic of winter elixirs!

WINE EVENTS

Friday, 15th December 2023

Summer Christmas Wine Dinner

тіме 7:30pm Welcome Drink,

followed by Dinner

SPEAKER Mr. Braedon Links, Brand Ambassador

VENUE Restaurant, 2/F

\$888 per member \$938 per member's guest

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PREVIEW IN JANUARY 2024

SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Outdoor cooking station - Turkish Doner Kebab

Beer and kebab? Why not!

Listen to your heart! It says, kebab kebab!

WINE EVENTS

Friday, 26th January 2024

Wine Dinner: Iberian Wine Dinner



Thursday, 11th January 2024

Wine Dinner: Whiskey Cask Investment

COFFEE SHOP

Monthly Special: Asia's Best Soup Noodle Buffet Upsell Platter: Nomad's Favourites

Beverage: Mengniu Dairy with Cream Soda and Mixed Pear Juice

POOL BAR

Beverage: Winter Drinks

RESTAURANT

Wonder-Lamb

SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Weekly Special: Seafood and Meat Stew

Beer: Beer from China Entertainment: Gacha Machine

CHAIRMAN'S BAR

HK Farm's Finest Tea Set: Late Winter Theme Cocktail: Chinese Inspired cocktails

CAPTAIN'S BAR

Winter Stew

Beverage: Detox Juice by Calvin

FAMILY LOUNGE

King's Cake

Beverage: Vitasoy Promotion Counter

KIOSK

Stock Clearance and CNY Giftbox Festive Buffet: Chinese New Year Bazaar on 27th and 28th January

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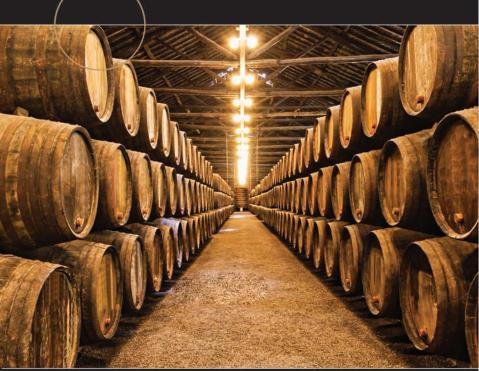


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