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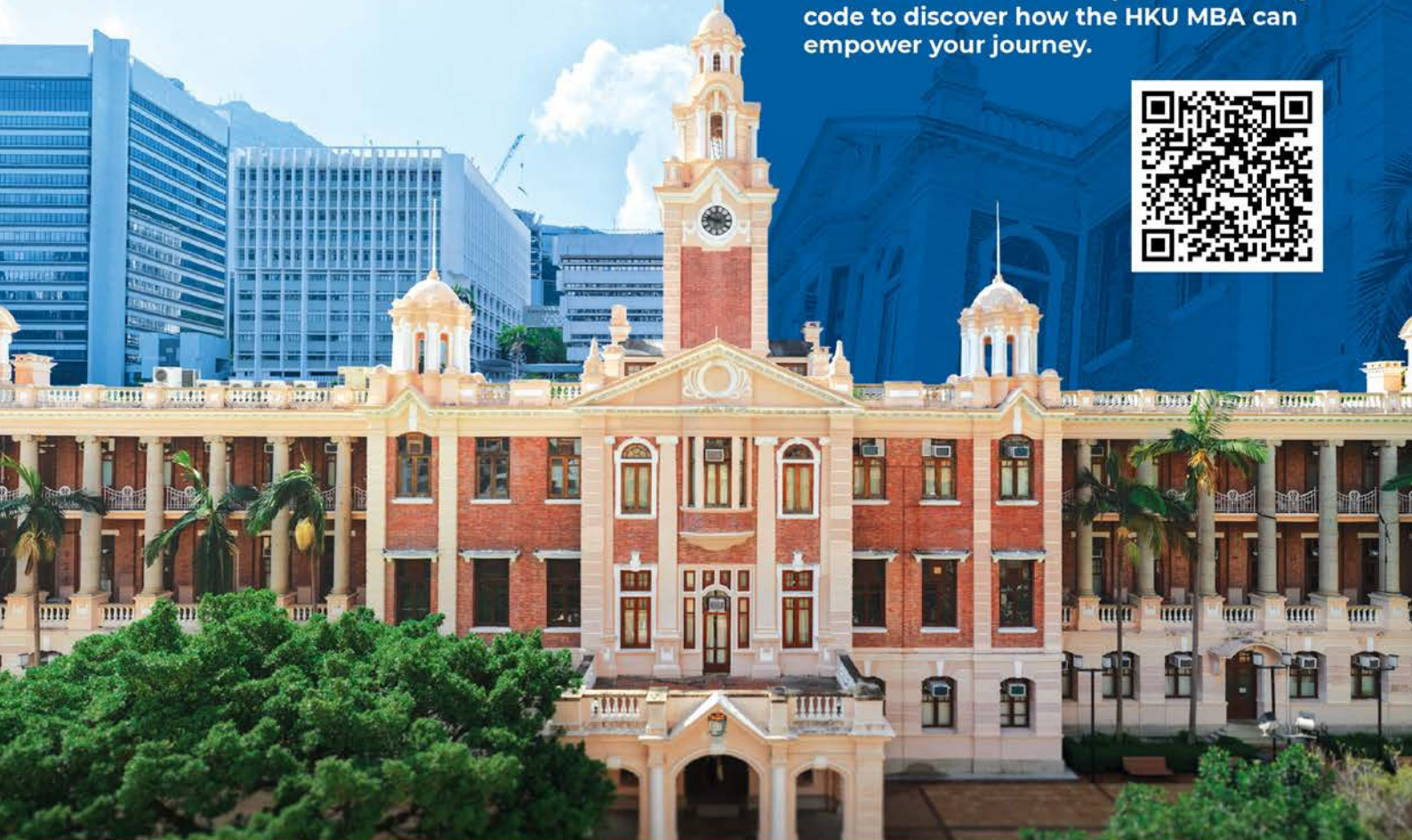
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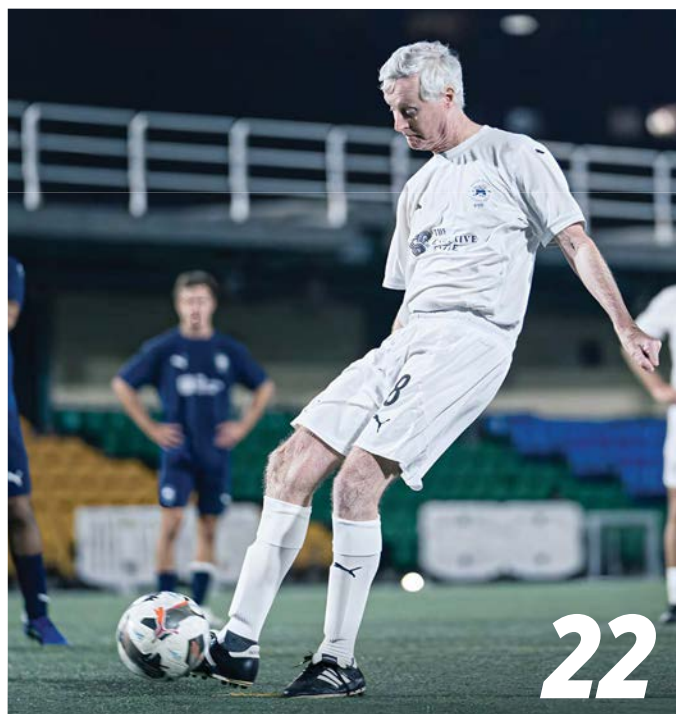
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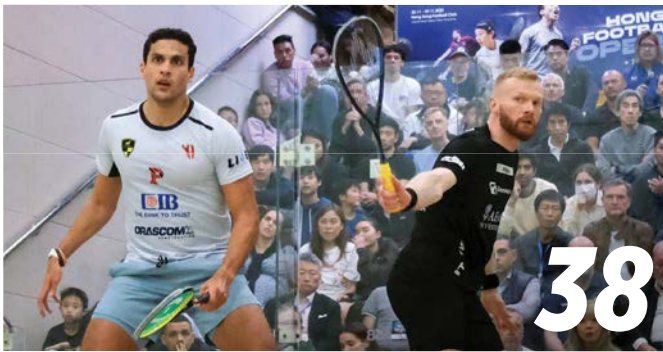
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# NEIL JENSEN

## CLUB CHAIRMAN

### 主席的話

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#### SPRING REFLECTIONS AND A SEASON OF CELEBRATION

At the time of writing, we find ourselves at an important moment in the Club calendar. Mid-April marks the point at which many of our teams are reaching the conclusion of their seasons, following months of commitment, training and competition. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our players, coaches, volunteers and supporters for their dedication and contribution across what has been another busy and rewarding period for the Club.

This time of year also brings with it one of the most exciting weeks on the Hong Kong sporting calendar. **Rugby Week** is always a highlight, not only for our rugby community but also for the wider city, and it is a pleasure to see the Club once again playing its part in such a landmark occasion. Working in partnership with the Hong Kong Jockey Club and Hong Kong China Rugby, the week brings together an action-packed programme of events, including the **Tradition HKFC10s**, **Happy Wednesday Racing** and, of course, the **Hong Kong Sevens**. The energy that Rugby Week generates across Hong Kong is something truly special, and we are proud of the role the Club continues to play in its success.

Looking ahead, we are also very much looking forward to the upcoming **HKFC Standard Chartered Priority Private Soccer Sevens**. The tournament garners global attention and we're excited to welcome world-class teams from around the world. It was a privilege for the Club to host **Craig Bellamy** for the official launch of the tournament. Craig's presence was warmly received by members and guests alike, and his support of the event underlines the standing that the Soccer Sevens holds internationally.

Craig's career needs little introduction. As a former player with Manchester City, Liverpool and Newcastle United, and now manager of Wales, his experience and insights led to a memorable long lunch. We are pleased to welcome Craig with an **Honorary Membership**, recognising not only his achievements in football but also his engagement with the Club.

As seasons draw to a close and we look ahead to the months to come, I would once again encourage members to remain involved, whether through supporting teams, attending events or simply making the most of the facilities and social opportunities the Club offers. Spring is a time of transition, reflection and renewal and it is a period that reminds us of the strength of our community and the shared passion that brings us together.

I look forward to seeing many of you around the Club over the coming weeks and wish all our teams the very best as they finish their seasons.



Neil Jensen  
Chairman



Neil Jensen  
Chairman

#### 春日迴響與歡慶季節

下筆之際，我們正處於本會賽程中的重要時刻。經過數月的汗水、訓練及比賽，很多球隊即將於4月中迎來賽季的尾章，本人想藉此機會感謝一眾球員、教練、義工及支持者於本會又一個繁忙而充實的賽季中所作出的努力及奉獻。

每年這個時候，就是香港體育賽程上最令人興奮的**欖球周**。欖球周不僅是欖球界的盛事，更是整個城市的焦點，很開心看到本會再次參與如此標誌性的盛事。我們與香港賽馬會及中國香港欖球總會攜手合作，精心打造多個精彩紛呈的欖球周活動，包括**港會國際十人欖球賽**、「快活星期三」**賽馬**以及不可或缺的**香港國際七人欖球賽**。欖球周在香港掀起的活力可謂無與倫比，我們為本會繼續在欖球週的成功中擔當重要角色而感到自豪。

展望未來，我們也十分期待快將舉行的**港會渣打七人足球賽**。七人賽備受全球關注，我們非常高興能夠迎接來自世界各地的頂尖球隊。本會很榮幸在今年七人賽的開幕儀式邀請到威爾斯足球名將**比拿美**擔任抽籤嘉賓，儀式當天，比拿美受到會員及其他嘉賓的熱烈歡迎，而他對這項賽事的支持，彰顯港會渣打七人足球賽在國際上的地位。

比拿美的足球生涯無需過多介紹。他於球員時代曾效力曼城、利物浦及紐卡素，加上現時擔任威爾斯國家隊主教練，這些經驗及見解令大家度過了一個長久而難忘的午宴。我們非常榮幸能夠頒發**榮譽會籍**予比拿美，這不單是表揚他的足球成就，也是肯定他為本會所作的貢獻。

隨著賽季接近尾聲，展望未來幾個月，本人再次鼓勵各位會員繼續積極參與，不論是支持球隊、出席活動，或是充分利用本會所提供的設施及社交機遇，令本會保持生氣勃勃。春天是年份過渡、反思過去及萬物復甦的季節，同時讓我們感受到社區的力量及將我們凝聚在一起的共同熱情。

期待未來數星期與大家在本會相見，祝本會所有球隊完季時取得好成績。

主席 Neil Jensen

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# MATT RAWNSLEY

## GENERAL MANAGER

### 總經理的話

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As we move into spring and the humidity starts to rise, we enter into an exceptionally busy and rewarding period at the Club. Since the start of the year, we have celebrated Chinese New Year, marked our 140th anniversary in the Sportsman's and hosted a wide range of dinners, long lunches and wine events that have brought members together across sections and generations.

Alongside this social activity, the Club has welcomed international visitors through tournaments such as **Racketlon** and the **HKFC Lawn Bowls Open**, reinforcing the Club's position as a truly global sporting community for all. These tournaments have prepared us nicely as we enter the international tournament window, with **Rugby Week** upon us. As in previous years, absent member fees have again been waived during Rugby Week to support participation and engagement, and we look forward to welcoming old and new friends back to Sports Road. With such a full calendar, it can be challenging to keep across everything, and we hope the new **HKFC Members App** is already making it easier for members to book facilities, register for events and stay informed while on the move.

Closely following the **Tradition HKFC 10s** will be the **Standard Chartered Priority Private Soccer Sevens**, with international teams joining us for a three-day football festival. The excitement kicked off with the **Craig Bellamy Long Lunch**, and with the traditional **Sportsman's Dinner** taking place prior to the Soccer Sevens, the Club will be busier than usual.

With many sports seasons now reaching their conclusion, it has been particularly pleasing to see success on the field. Our men's rugby side capped off a strong campaign by winning the league and defeating Valley RFC to claim the Grand Championship at King's Park. Achievements such as these reflect the commitment and effort of players, coaches, volunteers and supporters across all our sports.

We also introduced some changes to our guest policy, with a greater emphasis on prioritising member use of our sports facilities. These changes are being trialled throughout the spring and summer, and we will be actively seeking member feedback during this period, with the intention of reporting back to the wider membership in August. Your views are important, and I encourage you to share your feedback as we continue to refine how the Club operates.

Looking ahead, our third **Sports Gala Awards Night** will take place on 13th June 2026, celebrating sporting excellence, volunteer contribution and those who have made a lasting impact on the Club's heritage. I hope to see many of you there as we celebrate another successful season together.

Just a final word of thanks to all of our volunteer coaches across all the sections and societies. With two teenagers playing rugby and netball at Club, I fully appreciate the commitment that's needed to make every training session and fixture happen. On behalf of all the parents and the members, thank you!

**Matt Rawnsley**  
General Manager



**Matt Rawnsley**  
General Manager

春天到來，濕度開始上升，本會也迎來一個格外繁忙而無比充實的時光。年初以來，我們慶祝了農曆新年、在Sportsman's紀念本會成立140週年，以及舉行各式各樣的晚宴、長午餐及美酒活動，這些活動將不同部門及世代的會員凝聚在一起。

除了社交活動，本會此期間還透過舉辦**四拍賽**及**港會草地滾球公開賽**等賽事，迎接了來自五湖四海的訪客，進一步鞏固本會作為真正面向全球的體育社區地位。隨著我們進入國際賽窗口期，欖球周亦即將開鑼，早前賽事的舉辦經驗讓我們可以做更充分的準備。與往年一樣，欖球周期間的缺席會籍費將再次免除，以鼓勵更多會員參與及互動，我們期待在體育路迎接一眾新老朋友。賽程如此緊湊，要掌握所有賽事的最新資訊並非易事，希望全新的**港會會員應用程式**能夠更方便會員預約設施、登記活動及隨時隨地獲取最新消息。

緊隨**港會國際十人欖球賽**的是**港會渣打七人足球賽**，屆時將有世界各地的海外球隊加入我們，一同展開為期三日的足球盛宴。精彩的足球盛宴由比拿美長午餐揭開序幕，加上七人賽前又有傳統的**Sportsman's晚宴**，本會將比平常更加熱鬧。

隨著很多體育賽季接近尾聲，看到本會在賽場上的佳績，實在令人倍感欣喜。我們的男子欖球隊在本賽季不單止奪得聯賽冠軍，更在京士柏球場擊敗法興華利欖球會，在季後總決賽封王。這些重要成就體現出我們所有球員、教練、義工及支持者對各自體育項目的投入及努力。

我們也對訪客政策進行了一些調整，現在本會更重視會員使用體育設施的優先權。上述調整將於春季及夏季試行，同時我們會積極收集會員的意見，並計劃於8月向全體會員報告。大家的看法相當重要，在此鼓勵各位踴躍分享意見，好讓我們能夠繼續改進本會的運作方式。

展望未來，我們第三屆**體育盛典頒獎晚會**將於**2026年6月13日**舉行，表彰傑出的體育成就、義工的無私奉獻及為本會傳承持續作出貢獻的人。期待與大家在晚會相見，攜手慶祝又一個成功的賽季。

最後，本人要衷心感謝我們所有體育部及體育組的義務教練。自己家中有兩個孩子分別在本會打欖球及籃網球，所以本人非常理解每個訓練及比賽得以順利進行，全賴教練的用心付出。在此代表所有家長及會員，向勞苦功高的教練說聲多謝！

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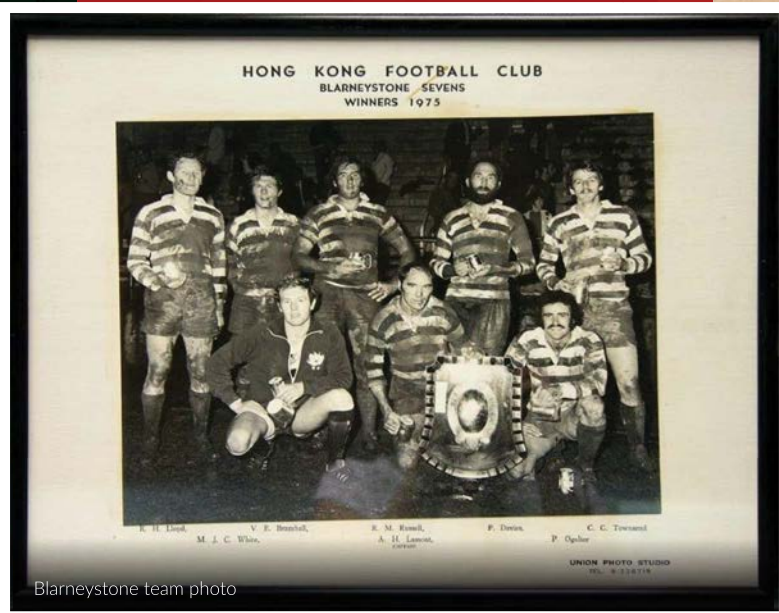


A MEETING WITH BOB LLOYD

# EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY



Robert Hoskins Lloyd at Harlequins HOF Awards Gala



Blarneystone team photo

Bob, as he's more commonly known as, is unassuming but possesses a rugby CV etched alongside the world's great. Born in 1943, Bob was born in Plympton, Devon, before moving further north to Glasgow. During his formative years, he returned to the southwest attending Cheltenham College turning out for Clifton RFC, located on the outskirts of Bristol, and then to Harlequins from 1961 to 1973 earning a well-deserved spot in the Harlequins Hall of Fame alongside Joe Marler, Danny Care, Will Carling and a host of other accomplished names.

During the 60-70s, rugby union was strictly amateur across the world in contrast to today's modern game. Players would enjoy cigarettes at half-time; the ball was of a questionable leather material that doubled in weight as it absorbed the rain and mud, and Wales dominated the Five Nations. Almost unrecognisable from today's game apart from the dominance of a certain southern hemisphere in black shirts and shorts.

**"They were huge units, so talented with ball-in-hand as well. I remember off the lineout they sent a forward straight down my channel and fortunately I managed to tackle him somehow".** Bob's form at Harlequins, the All Blacks, and the Barbarians was so impressive that it earned him an invitation from the British & Irish Lions, a monumental decision for a 24-year-old studying to become a civil engineer.

In 2027 Hong Kong China will be appearing in their first-ever Men's Rugby World Cup against the world's elite teams. Our national representatives will be part of the historic curtain raiser against hosts, Australia, as they look to cause one of the biggest shocks in modern rugby history. In round 3 of the group stages, Hong Kong China will face one of the iconic traditions in sports, the Haka. The All Blacks will lay down the challenge, and it's up to our lads to answer the call.

A glance at the history books and you'll notice that one member has already answered that very same challenge, faced down the screams, and stared into the eyes of the giants in black jerseys. Meet Robert Hoskins Lloyd, Harlequin, England capped and a gentleman of the sport.

**“ IT'S THE PEAK OF ONE'S RUGBY CAREER AND I FEEL INCREDIBLY FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN INVITED! ”**

**BOB LLOYD SCORING AGAINST THE ALL BLACKS**



New Zealanders Chris Laidlaw (No. 11) and Brian Lochore (13) fall to stop this try for the Midlands and Home Counties.

Like a lot of other young men first introduced to the heavy delights of international rugby, he is trying to find a way to do it. He has been working hard, but he is not getting the results he wants. He is not getting the results he wants. He is not getting the results he wants.

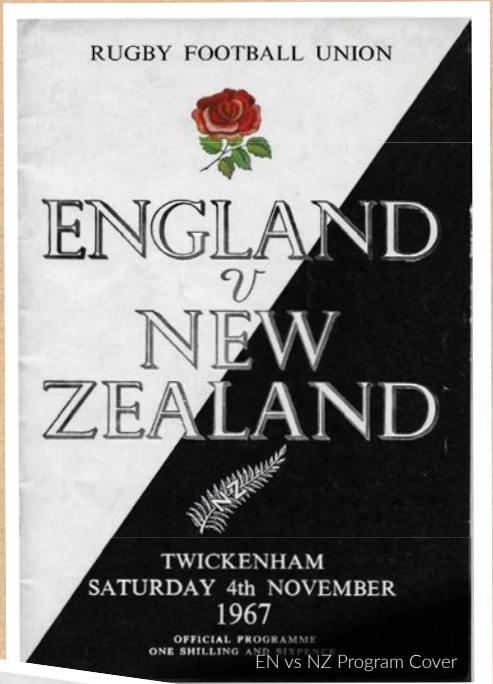
Bob Lloyd was born in 1938 in the Midlands. He is a very good player. He is a very good player. He is a very good player.

**IRISH 'BLACK-OUT'**

The original 'black-out' in December 1940 against the Irish XV in Belfast was a very famous match. It was a very famous match. It was a very famous match.

BUJOBY WORLD Quarterly, 1988-89

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**CONNECTIONS ON-AND-OFF THE PITCH**

As any good centre in rugby will tell you, the position covers all aspects of the game. You're asked to break the gain line, orchestrate the defensive line, and marshal the midfield against your opposite man, while connecting with the speed merchants with accuracy and timing. The connection and leadership that Bob showed on the pitch was demonstrated in his career as he played an important role in the Eastern and Western harbour crossings that connect Hong Kong island to Kowloon.

Now in his later years, Bob is enjoying the peace of his morning sudoku challenges at the Lounge before cheering on our rugby teams.



Meeting the Queen



Bob Lloyd's Autograph



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# MORE THAN A GAME

## BUILDING CHARACTER THROUGH SPORT



True education prepares pupils to think deeply, lead with integrity, and live with purpose. Character is not formed through instruction alone, but through experience – in moments of challenge, collaboration and reflection, where young people learn empathy, resilience, and confident leadership.

The sports field is one of the most powerful places where this character is shaped.

At Wycombe Abbey School Hong Kong (WASHK), our partnership with the Hong Kong Football Club Junior Hockey Section reflects a shared belief in sport as a catalyst for character and community, where pupils develop teamwork, trust, and composure through both challenge and success.

### Lessons in Resilience

Sport teaches a lesson no scoreboard can measure: resilience. Each match asks pupils to adapt, recover and try again.

In hockey, setbacks are constant—an intercepted pass, a missed chance, a sprint back in defence. Through these moments, pupils learn that progress comes through reflection and perseverance.

The fast pace of hockey reinforces this truth daily: growth comes from persistence and the ability to respond under pressure.



## Sport as a Foundation for Leadership

Leadership on the hockey pitch is revealed through calm decisions, quick thinking, and the ability to lift others under pressure. True leaders model resilience, empathy, and accountability in every moment.

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*Resilience is one of the most valuable qualities a young person can develop. On the sports field, pupils learn that progress is not always linear, and that success often lies in the ability to recover, reflect, and rise stronger. Resilience will be a key attribute in helping our pupils become tomorrow's entrepreneurs*

**MR. ROB FOX, HEADMASTER AT WASHK** ”



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*Leadership is about inspiring others through resilience and clear decision-making, guiding teams positively through challenges and fostering trust, all while working hard towards shared goals for growth and achievement*

**MR. DANIEL STRANGE, TEACHER OF PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION AT WASHK** ”



## Teamwork and Empathy in Action

Sport models empathy and collaboration, teaching pupils to communicate, trust and support one another under pressure – lessons lived daily on the hockey pitch.

“Teamwork and empathy sit at the heart of sport. Hockey teaches pupils to collaborate, communicate and understand others’ perspectives—skills that extend far beyond technical ability.” – Mr. Daniel Strange, Teacher of Physical and Health Education at WASHK

As a mixed sport, hockey reinforces respect and shared purpose, showing pupils that strong teams are built on empathy and collective responsibility.

## Integrity Under Pressure

Character is shaped in unseen moments, when pupils choose integrity under pressure. On the hockey pitch, split-second decisions—fairness, encouragement, composure—teach that true leadership begins with self-respect and ethical choice.

**“The habits pupils form on the pitch (fairness, composure, and respect) stay with them for life. Pupils learn to win with humility and face defeat with good grace, growing stronger as along the way. In this way, sport helps foster leadership, good citizenship, and personal fulfilment.”** – Mr. Rob Fox, Headmaster at WASHK

Ultimately, school sport teaches pupils that leadership is not a title, but a daily practice grounded in example, empathy and consistency.

## More Than a Game

Sport represents connection, character, and courage, which are all qualities that endure long after the final whistle. Every match, practice and shared victory reinforces the belief that education is most powerful when it develops the whole person.

**“When our pupils leave Wycombe Abbey School Hong Kong, we want them to take with them not just knowledge, but character. The lessons they learn through sport—resilience, teamwork, integrity and leadership—will serve them for life. That's what it means to educate the whole person.”** – Mr. Rob Fox, Headmaster at WASHK

As proud sponsors of the HKFC Junior Hockey Section, WASHK is committed to supporting young players as they develop confidence, character, and integrity through sport.

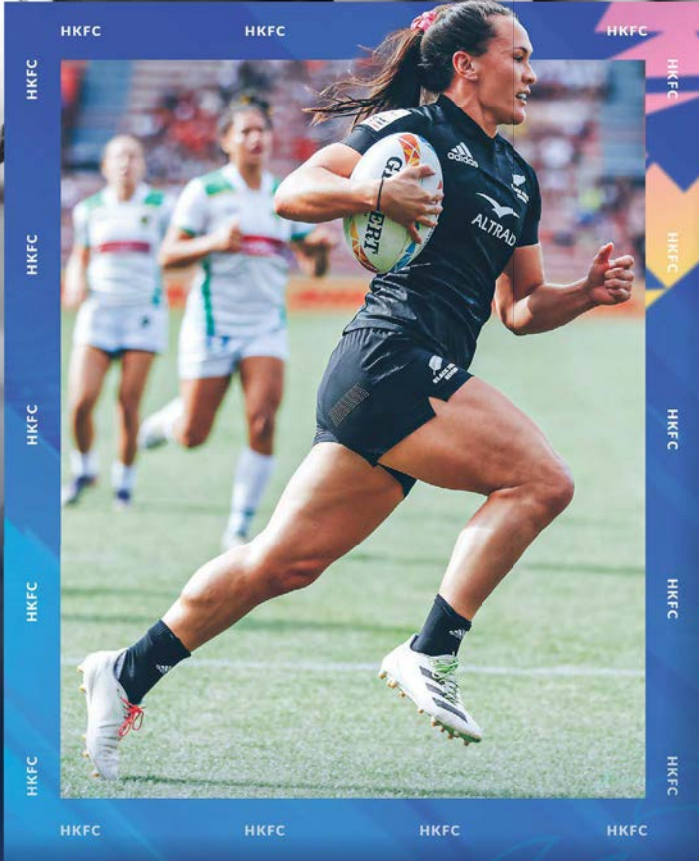
The annual Mini Festival on 13th December last year was a joyful celebration of the youngest players, reflecting the spirit of teamwork, resilience, and integrity.

# ALL I SEE ARE TENS



The HKFC 10s returns this April, bringing big hits, dazzling tries and world-class players to showcase the best tens tournament in the world. For 40 years, the Club has proudly owned this crown and it gets even bigger this year. For the first time in our history, the tournament will be played across three days to truly celebrate the start of Rugby Week alongside HKCR and HKJC.

From 14th to 16th April, teams from across the region and beyond will assemble for three days of competitive, fast-paced action that has come to define the tournament.



## PORTIA WOODMAN

### NEW ZEALAND LEGENDS

POSITION  
**WING**

- ▶ 34 caps for New Zealand
- ▶ 241 caps for New Zealand Sevens
- ▶ 2-time Rugby World Cup Winner
- ▶ 2-time Olympic Gold Medallist
- ▶ 2-time Rugby World Cup Sevens Winner

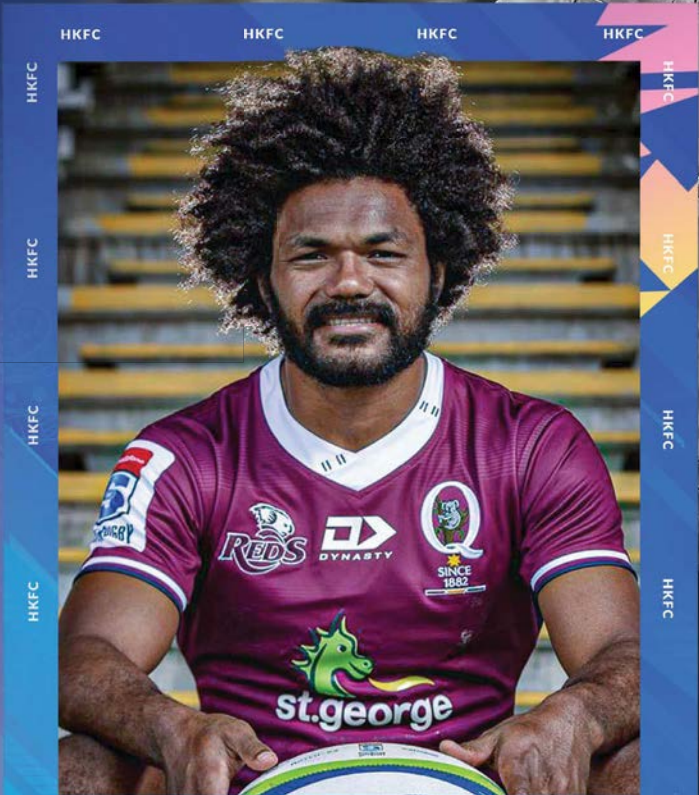


## HENRY SPEIGHT

### HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

POSITION  
**WING**

- ▶ 19 caps for Australia
- ▶ 122 appearances for ACT Brumbies
- ▶ Third highest try-scorer in ACT Brumbies history with 46 tries



# RUBY TUI

## NEW ZEALAND LEGENDS

POSITION

**OUTSIDE BACK**

- ▶ 20 caps for New Zealand
- ▶ 158 caps for New Zealand Sevens
- ▶ 2021 Rugby World Cup Winner
- ▶ 2020 Olympic Gold Medallist
- ▶ 2018 Rugby World Cup Sevens Winner



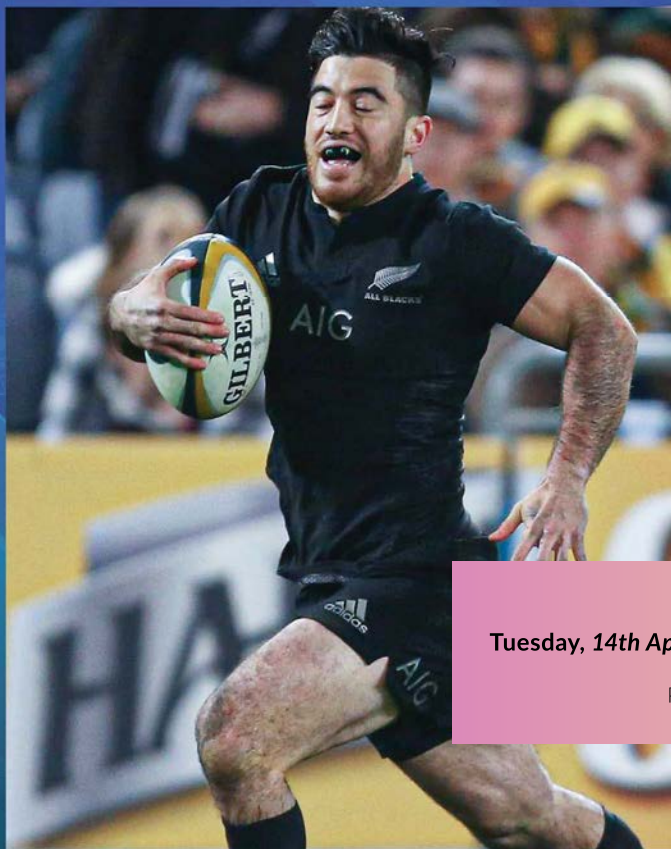
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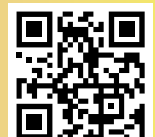
**WING**

- ▶ 13 caps for New Zealand
- ▶ 36 appearances for the Hurricanes
- ▶ 2015 Rugby World Cup Winner
- ▶ World Rugby Breakthrough Player of the Year



TRADITION HKFC10S  
 Tuesday, 14th April 2026 - Thursday, 16th April 2026

Please scan the QR code for the website



# SOCCER SEVENS STARS

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ark your calendars! The Standard Chartered Priority Private HKFC Soccer Sevens Tournament returns for another year, with teams from afar gathering for a festival of football from Friday, 22nd May 2026 to Sunday, 24th May 2026.

The tournament is well-known for free-flowing, open, and exciting football, with some of the world's best teams competing in Hong Kong's challenging conditions. Therefore, it's no surprise to see the impressive careers some of the players go on to achieve. A glance back at the tournament's 27-year history, and you'll find an impressive list of names that first made their name at HKFC before being household names elsewhere.



## JACK GREALISH

ASTON VILLA

POSITION  
**WINGER**

CURRENT TEAM | DATE OF APPEARANCE  
**MAN CITY** | **2015**

- ▶ 185 appearances for Aston Villa
- ▶ 94 appearances for Man City

## HAMZA CHOUDHURY

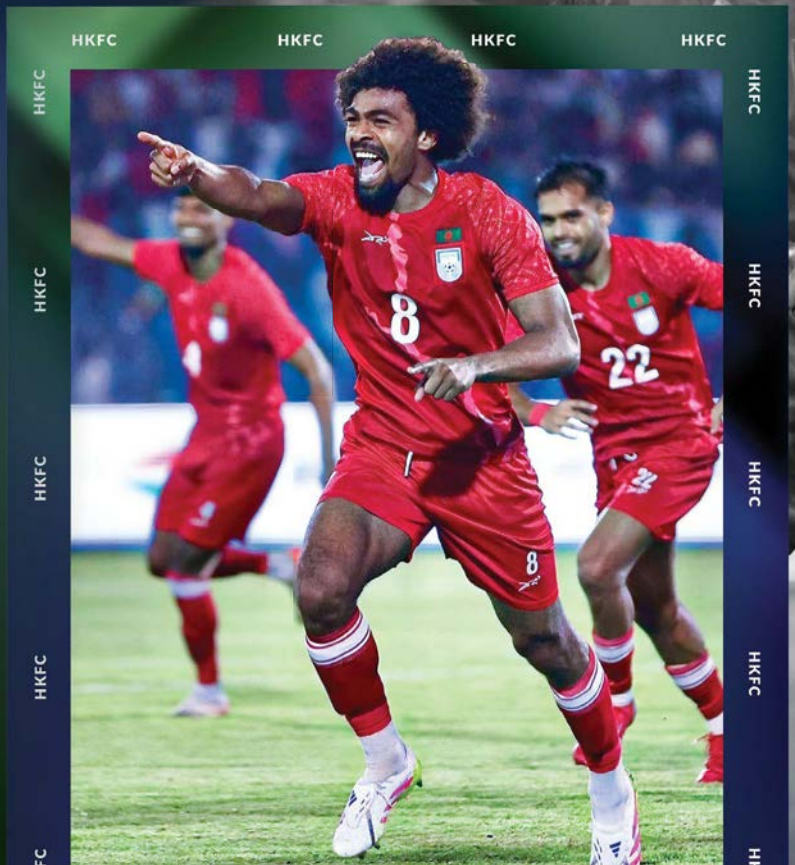
LEICESTER CITY

POSITION  
**DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDER**

CURRENT TEAM | DATE OF APPEARANCE  
**LEICESTER CITY** | **2019**

ACCOLADES

- ▶ 113 appearances for Leicester
- ▶ 7 appearances for Bangladesh



# JAMES TAVERNIER

## NEWCASTLE UNITED

POSITION  
**DEFENDER**

CURRENT TEAM | DATE OF APPEARANCE  
**RANGERS** | **2013**

- ▶ 374 appearances for Rangers
- ▶ Rangers Hall of Fame inductee
- ▶ 5th highest scoring defender of all-time



# JORDAN PICKFORD

## SUNDERLAND

POSITION  
**GOALKEEPER**

CURRENT TEAM | DATE OF APPEARANCE  
**EVERTON** | **2014**

### ACCOLADES

- ▶ Over 300 caps for Everton
- ▶ 81 caps for England



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# AHERNE'S AUSTRIAN ADVENTURE



More than 50 current and former Soccer Section members, including several vets who joined the Club in the 1970s, gathered in the Sportsman's Bar for Peter Aherne's testimonial on 9th January. After 43 years with HKFC, it was a fitting evening for someone who has been such an influential part of our community.

The gathering featured nearly 20 Rovers, including Dr David Owen and Mark (Prokka) Prochazka, who have not graced the pitch in a decade, alongside Dynamics and Gazelles forming the opposition.

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**SOME AMAZING CHARACTERS WITH AMAZING STORIES. HOPEFULLY WE GAVE PETE A DECENT SEND OFF, AS HE EMBODIES WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN ACTIVE SOCCER SECTION MEMBER FOR OVER 40 YEARS**

**CHAIRMAN MARK GRAINGER**

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**P**eter joined the Hong Kong Football Club upon arriving in the territory in September 1982, playing with the First Team for a number of years.

Former teammate Iain Grant recalled: “I watched him score many screamers and miss many sitters. A lovely bloke who dug us out of a hole on numerous occasions.” Andy Hunter, another teammate, arrived in 1984 and played for the First Team.

He remembers being mystified by the number of goals Peter scored despite his unconventional technique. “An incisive, perfectly weighted pass (by me) would be met by Peter with an appalling first touch, which confused everyone (Peter included), but his next touch would find its way into the back of the net. I gave up trying to work it out.” Andy added, “Peter was a great guy to have in your team, a pleasure to play with.”

The team were league winners and runners-up several times, as well as Junior Shield and Junior FA Cup winners or finalists. They moved up to the First Division for two seasons.

Asked for highlights of those years, Pete noted playing in a preseason friendly against Alan Ball and Graham Paddon in a team coached by Bobby Moore. In another friendly, the opposition included the Hahn brothers of Dutch World Cup fame, plus Tommy Hutchison playing for Seiko.

He also played alongside Danny McGrain for one half in a HKFC senior 7s team. Most unlikely of all, Tony Woodcock played one half for Rovers. Afterward, Kevin Herbert commented, “Who was

that guy up front in the first half—he looked useful.” Woodcock was in Hong Kong coaching a touring German pro side.

Mick Lonergan, selected for the Second Team when he arrived in Hong Kong in 1986, shared his own memories of playing with Peter. “He was quick, clever off the ball and had a very good eye for goal, some of it unconventional. I really enjoyed playing in a team with Peter. He gave 100% every week and chased lost balls all day long—most of which were my passes.”

Nick Allen said he had the honour of playing “serious” football for one year with Peter when he appeared for the Second Team due to time or selection constraints. “He was the epitome of a quick centre forward, able to lose his marker and ‘show’ to receive a ball out of defence, then deliver it—one touch—to a well-placed teammate.” Nick added that Peter’s bravery and commitment to staying fit were defining traits. “It was a pleasure to be a teammate and a lifelong friend off the pitch.”

When his competitive football days were over, Peter moved to Rovers in 1990, earning golden boots and player of the season awards while persevering through various ailments over those 35 years. This season, he scored three goals—a respectable tally considering he rarely played more than 40 minutes.

Peter now heads to Vienna with his wife Eva. He will be missed up front, and certainly in the Sportsman’s Bar.



## FINISHING STRONG

The first half of the 2025/26 season has shown steady progress for the HKFC Women's 1st Team. After a transitional year that saw them consolidate their HKFA Women's Division One status with a fifth-place finish, the team is now aiming for a top-four position and a place in the end-of-season Championship Group.

The campaign opened with a demanding run of fixtures against last season's top three. A 6-0 victory over Tuen Mun was followed by competitive losses to TSL and Kitchee, before the team delivered a standout 2-0 win on the Main Pitch against Citizen. Momentum continued with a 5-1 win over newcomers Jianlibao, though narrow 1-0 defeats to WSE and Shatin stalled progress despite HKFC's dominance in both matches.

The team responded strongly, recording an 8-0 win over Tuen Mun and producing their performance of the season with a composed 3-0 victory over Shatin to avenge the earlier loss. These results placed HKFC third going

into the winter break and well positioned to push for their top-four target.

In cup competition, the side comfortably topped their HKFA Women's FA Cup qualifying group, scoring 25 goals and conceding just one across three matches. The squad now awaits the quarter-final draw with optimism.

Head Coach Kevin Anderson highlighted the team's development, noting ongoing work to build a more possession-focused style and improve connectivity across units. He also

praised the contribution of young players progressing from the Girls' Academy and the impact of several new recruits. Anderson acknowledged that consistency remains a focus, but believes the squad is moving in the right direction.

With 42 goals scored and only 11 conceded before the year's end, improvement at both ends of the pitch is clear. The team now looks to build on this momentum and set new benchmarks for the Women's Football programme in 2026.





## **OUR INVINCIBLE JUNIOR SOCCER PROGRAMME**

It's not often you get to play with a member of Arsenal's Invincibles team. Back in 2003/04, Gilberto Silva was a regular midfielder alongside Patrick Viera, Arsenal legend and captain. The team would go onto complete the entire season unbeaten, registering 26 wins and 12 draws, a feat that has never been replicated.

Our junior soccer programme welcomed Gilberto with open arms as he dived straight into small-sided games alongside our kids and coaches. Our junior soccer players and parents also had an opportunity to snap a few photos and listen in on his passion for the game and advice for young players.

Our soccer programme offers the opportunity for young players, boys and girls, members and non-members, to learn and play. The programme is catered for players of all abilities aged 4 to 18. There is football for recreational and competitive players, an elite track for the most talented players and a programme for those with special needs.

## **POLYTECHNIC F.C. VISITS HKFC**

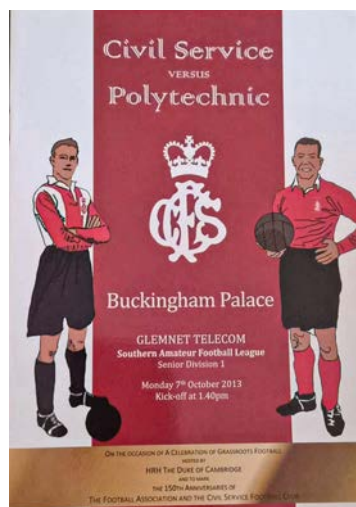
We were delighted to welcome back our old friend's Polytechnic F.C. to Hong Kong. The Chiswick based team are one of the oldest amateur clubs in the UK, formed back in 1875 with a long and storied history in English football.

Dan Delic from Polytechnic F.C. was welcomed with open arms as we regaled tales of the 2001 Soccer Sevens Plate triumph as well as their experience playing at Buckingham Palace.

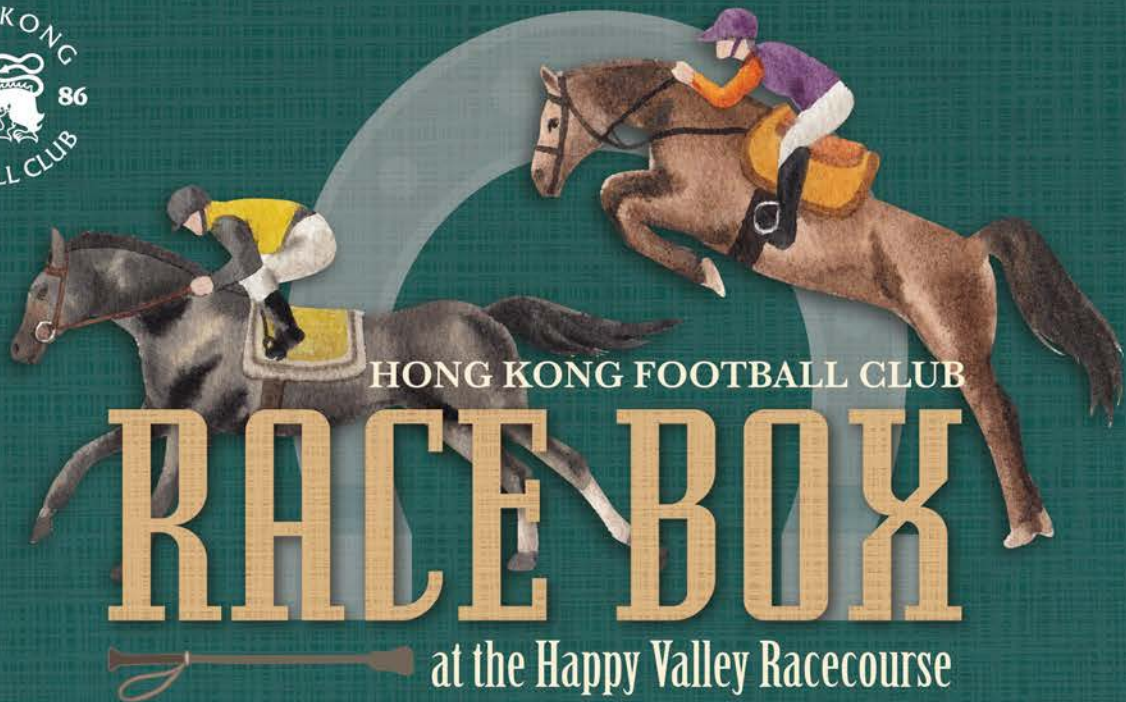
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**IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HOSTED AT THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB BY ADRIAN AND WILLIAM. IT'S WONDERFUL TO MAINTAIN SUCH STRONG CONNECTIONS WITH CLUBS WHO WERE FORMED IN THE 1800S.**

**DAN DELIC**



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

<b>Standard Buffet</b> with unlimited drinks*	per person <b>\$730</b>	<b>Additional Beverage Package</b> Selected Red and White Wines, Imported Beers & Spirits <i>Package must be selected for entire group</i>	per person <b>\$120</b>
<b>Admission Badge</b>	<b>\$60</b>		

### UPGRADE PACKAGES

	Extra Cost per person		Extra Cost per head
<b>1</b> Whole Piece of Lobster	<b>\$ 560</b>	<b>4</b> Plated Oyster <i>Half Dozen</i>	<b>\$ 210</b>
<b>2</b> Deluxe Sashimi Platter <i>Scallop, Hamachi, Red Shrimp and Salmon</i>	<b>\$ 440</b>	<b>5</b> French Premium Cheese Platter	<b>\$ 215</b>
<b>3</b> Lobster Cocktail with Sweet Mango	<b>\$ 320</b>	<b>6</b> Standard Sashimi Platter <i>Salmon, Tuna, Sweet Prawn and Hokkigai</i>	<b>\$ 170</b>

#### FOOD AND BEVERAGE ARRANGEMENT

- Unlimited drinks\* includes soft drinks, mineral water, house beer, orange juice, tea and coffee
- Beverages are available from 6pm, and Dinner Buffet is available from 6:30pm to 9:30pm

#### RESERVATIONS

Booking forms are available at Reception ([frontdesk@hkfc.com](mailto:frontdesk@hkfc.com)) and from our website [HKFC.com](http://HKFC.com)





## **FIFTY YEARS ON: HEATHER DEAYTON DAY AT HKFC**

**ON SATURDAY, 17TH JANUARY 2026**

The Hong Kong Football Club honoured an extraordinary milestone: Heather Deayton's 50th season with the Hockey Section. Heather has been a cornerstone of our sport for half a century—playing, umpiring, mentoring, administrating, and volunteering with unmatched dedication. The day was officially marked as Heather Deayton Day, a celebration shared by teammates, friends, family, and the wider Hong Kong hockey community.

Festivities began with a guard of honour formed by members of all ages, sticks raised to salute Heather as she made her way through the tunnel of applause. A presentation followed, with the Club gifting her a bespoke HKFC number 50 shirt and tributes from those who have been part of her remarkable journey. Reflecting on the moment, **Joely Harrison shared: "It was truly amazing to celebrate such a milestone with so many people whose lives Heather has touched. Her impact on our Club is immeasurable."**

The celebrations continued with a much anticipated match between the Dinos and the C team. Cheered on by a crowd of Heather supporters, the Dinos struck early and defended bravely to secure a 1-0 win, with Heather leading the line up front. Naturally, the celebrations carried on into the Sportsman's Bar, where toasts were made to her five decades of contribution—and to the many seasons still to come.

Heather's 50-year journey began in 1975, when a chance introduction at the Lee Gardens Hotel first brought her to HKFC. Starting in squash, she soon found her way onto the hockey pitch, where she became a constant presence throughout the 70s and 80s, known for her perfectly placed crosses and countless champagne worthy victories. She toured widely, from the pioneering Penang trip onward, and played across A, B, and C teams before settling into her "forever home" with the Dinos.

Known for her competitiveness and fairness, Heather has impressively completed fifty seasons without receiving even a green card. Her influence extends well beyond hockey. Heather built a significant legacy in squash, serving as CEO of Hong Kong Squash for 21 years and holding senior roles on the World Squash Federation where she championed the sport's Olympic bid. As Lucy Isler summarised: **"Heather gives 110% to everything she does—sport, community, friendship. Her energy, generosity, and commitment make her truly one of a kind."**

Today, Heather remains deeply active at HKFC—on the hockey pitch, on the golf course, on the pickleball court, and often arriving with her trademark carrot cake and champagne in hand. Fifty seasons on, she's an inspiration across our hockey teams.





## **HKFC SECURE SOLID SUPER LEAGUE START, EYES ON TOP FOUR**

HKFC Men's A Team started their Super League campaign with wins against KCC A and UBSC B, coming away with 7 points from the opening 5 games.

A big thanks to Ben Bejczy, Joel Langley, Gwen, Mika, and Fionn for stepping up and helping the team out with some strong play and youthful legs (even ol' Langers). The team are striving for a top 4 finish with two important fixtures against KNS and Khalsa on the horizon.



# HKFC JUNIOR HOCKEY FESTIVAL: A DAY OF FUN AND COMMUNITY CHEER



The Hong Kong Football Club's Junior Hockey Festival was a resounding success, bringing together over 70 enthusiastic teams from U6 to U12 age groups for a day of spirited competition and fun. Among them, 13 teams proudly represented HKFC, showcasing the Club's commitment to nurturing young talent on the pitch.

Held amidst vibrant festivities, the event featured delightful attractions such as face painting, smoothie machine, and a bouncy castle that kept the energy high for players and spectators alike. Numerous hockey club teams from across the region participated, adding to the competitive

yet friendly atmosphere. Adding a touch of holiday magic were Father Christmas and HKFC's beloved mascot, Lockie, who mingled with the crowd, spreading joy and club pride.

A special thanks to our volunteers, whose efforts ensured everything ran smoothly from setup to wrap-up. We also extend our sincere appreciation to our sponsor, Wycombe Abbey School, whose support made this festival possible. Their partnership reflects shared values of education, teamwork, and community engagement. Events like this not only celebrate hockey but also create lasting memories and inspire the next generation of athletes.





# **BANGKOK TOUR 2025** **51ST RBSC ANNUAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**

**ON SATURDAY, 6TH DECEMBER 2025 AND SUNDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 2025**

The Club was thrilled to participate in the illustrious 51st Royal Bangkok Sports Club Annual Hockey Tournament, held on 6th and 7th December 2025. This vibrant event welcomed teams from Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia and, of course, Hong Kong.

With a delegation comprising one women's team and two men's teams, the atmosphere was electric, infused with the spirit of social hockey. The excitement began on the evening of the 5th, when our mixed team kicked off the festivities with an inaugural interport match against RBSC's own team. The tournament saw our men's team advance to the semi-finals, where they narrowly lost in a penalty shoot-out—a testament to their skill and determination.

A special shoutout goes to the Royal Bangkok Sports Club for their impeccable hosting of the tournament. Each detail was meticulously managed, creating an unforgettable experience that resonated with participants from around the globe. Everyone in attendance, regardless of where they hailed from, raved about the hospitality and organisation, making this tournament a beloved event across the international hockey community.

As always, the experience was unforgettable, with a record turnout of HKFC players making for a lively and energetic presence. From the exquisite welcome dinner that set the tone for the weekend to the exhilarating final day of competition, every participant left with cherished memories.

As our tour leader, Alex, aptly put it, "I LOVE IT!" Coach Lee and Coach Dev led the teams with unwavering enthusiasm, while the camaraderie among players created an indelible bond. Any HKFC hockey player will tell you about the infectious energy of the tour and the thrill of back-to-back games under the Bangkok sun—it's now a treasured memory for all.

As we look forward to the 2026 tournament, excitement is palpable among those who joined last year. The allure of Bangkok, with its immaculate vibes and warm hospitality, ensures that everyone is already counting down the days until the next adventure. Join us as we prepare for another remarkable journey filled with fun, competition, and unforgettable moments!



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# HKFC NETBALL DIVISION: FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH



**A**s we near the end of the season, the **HKFC Netball Division** is buzzing with energy, growth, and competitive spirit. With **seven senior teams** and an incredible **15 junior teams** in action, this season has already delivered standout performances, strong development pathways, and a real sense of momentum throughout the entire season.

From packed courts on weekends & Monday nights, to growing participation off the court, HKFC Netball continues to raise the bar for female sport at the Club and across Hong Kong.

At the time of print, Netball is wrapping up an incredible end of season with the Men's and Women's Grand Finals and after celebrations being hosted at HKFC. Well done to all our Senior and Junior teams for a strong finish to the 2025/2026 season.

## A SECTION ON THE RISE

A huge milestone for the Division this season is **HKFC Netball operating as an official Club section** for over five months now, following the November announcement.

This achievement reflects the commitment of players, coaches, volunteers, and Club leadership—and importantly, has helped **increase female representation within the GC**, strengthening the voice of women's sport at HKFC. Our brilliant Chair **Lauren Gorman** became the **first netball representative to sit on the Football Club committee**. We're proud to be part of this journey and remain focused on continuing to raise standards on and off the court. A sincere thank you to **HKFC** for the ongoing support, encouragement, and belief in what this section can achieve.



## COMMITTEE AND ROLE CHANGES

A special shoutout to **Veronica Arnold** as she steps down from her role on the Committee, previously Secretary and also Junior Administrator. Thank you, Ron, for your dedication, leadership and expertise. Ron is still coaching and remains an influential figure in the Division. Welcome and thanks to **Alecia Bland** who has stepped into the role of Secretary, and **Lydia Hamer** who joined the Club at the start of the season as Typhoons player, Whirlies coach, and now adding Junior Administrator to her repertoire.

### INTERESTED IN COACHING OR JOINING OUR COMMITTEE?

*If you'd like to join HKFC Netball in a coaching capacity, or share your interest in a committee role, we'd love to hear from you. It's a great environment with change-makers getting involved in the Netball and Club community. Just drop us a note [info@hkfcnetball.com](mailto:info@hkfcnetball.com)*

## HKFC NETBALL ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

We're proud to see HKFC Netball represented at a Hong Kong team level, with Club players into the Asian Netball Championships and U14 Regional Netball Academy in 2026

### ASIAN NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS HKFC REPRESENTATIVES

Serena Fox	Lauren Gorman
Rita Hanronnachai	Thandi Moyo
Zanne Pienaar	Rachel Telford
Zenia Wong	Assistant coach Karin Looram

Netball World Cup Asia Regional Qualifiers  
7th-16th August 2026



## END OF SEASON HAPPENINGS AGM ON SATURDAY, 25TH APRIL 2026

The AGM will mark the culmination of the 2025 season—a chance to reflect, celebrate teams, coaches and players of the season, and look ahead... including voting in of Committee members. Let us know of any early interest in positions and otherwise we will see you on the day!

### U14 REGIONAL NETBALL ACADEMY HKFC REPRESENTATIVES ASIAN NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS HKFC REPRESENTATIVES

Elle Baldwin	Amber Lau
Mara Bishop	Caroline Lindsay
Alaina Cai	Mia Isabelle Leigh
Elinor Chan	India Mansour
Annabelle Fok	Eva Murphy
Ellen Hellstrom	Angie Wong
Olivia Reika Hyde	Mia Wong
Davia Ho	

Tournament 25th April 2026

## EASTER CAMP

**ON WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY, 8TH TO 10TH APRIL 2026  
12:00 – 14:00**

Our camps are open to Under 8's through to Under 14's with different days for each age group, so everyone gets plenty of time on court and tailored coaching for their level. There will be a great team of coaches running the sessions, bringing plenty of experience, energy and fun activities to help players build their confidence and skills.

The camp is all about giving our young players the chance to have fun, build their skills, and enjoy some great netball with friends. Players just need their sports kit, trainers and a water bottle. Spaces are limited, so this camp will be a first come, first served basis.



# MEET THE PLAYERS

## QUINTONY NGATAI

POSITION  
SCRUM HALF

A skilled back with an eye for a gap, Quintony brings experience from the NPC with Waikato Rugby and Hautapu Sports Club, where he notched over 50 caps.

How would your teammates describe you as a rugby player?

My teammates would describe me as a pretty cool and calm player—just with a few screws loose.

What's been your favourite moment playing for Club this season?

My favourite moments would have to be 'The Battles of The Happy Valley Racecourse' with our mates down the road. They're always tough ones, but even more memorable when we come away with the W.

What's one lesson rugby has taught you that applies off the pitch?

Rugby has taught me a lot, but one of the most important lessons has been learning how to deal with adversity when things don't quite go according to plan, and building the resilience to push through. Just like in life, you're going to face challenges—it's all about finding a way to get the job done.

# CHRISTY CHENG

POSITION  
FLANKER



With 38 caps across an 11-year career, Christy's experience in Hong Kong is an invaluable asset when aiming for a Grand Championships final. Her experience covers 7s events across the world and has captained the Hong Kong team for multiple years.

How would your teammates describe you as a rugby player?

Hard-working and hopefully lovely.

What's one thing people outside the team wouldn't know about being part of HKFC Rugby?

Ranking and names of all the HKFC teams, Club, Ice, Drags, Sequins, Bulls, Scorps, Fire, Expendables... we have so many teams across the board and even club rugby members may not know which division is which team, let alone outside the Club.

What's one lesson rugby has taught you that applies off the pitch too?

Don't write someone off just because they aren't vibing with a certain situation. Character matters more than competence. Being a good human counts for way more than just being good at a job.

# MATTEO AVITABILE

POSITION  
FLY HALF



Returning to Sports Road, Matteo's well-known across the rugby circles for his elusive play both in 15s and the 7s circuit, where he scored in the most recent Hong Kong Sevens at Kai Tak Stadium.

What's been your favourite moment playing for Club this season?

Beating Valley with the boys to go top of the table. It's always nice winning the HV derby. But to have our backs against the wall and to dig deep to comeback from 24-7 and win was pretty special and showed what this group is capable of.

Which song gets you hyped before kick-off?

Rhyme Dust—Dimension Remix.

What's the best piece of advice you've received from a coach or teammate this season?

Enjoy your rugby!

# DENISE WONG

POSITION  
WING



**Get the ball wide and see what happens. Denise is a quality finisher and a dangerous runner in the open field.**

**How would your teammates describe you as a rugby player?**

My teammates would describe me as a fast and dazed player; they sometimes catch me daydreaming, but still a beast.

**What's been your favourite moment playing for Club this season?**

My favourite moments would be the game played against Valley. It's a tough game indeed, and we might not get the results we want, but it feels so good to see the dedication and hard work of both coaches and players as we work hard together as a team.

**Which song gets you hyped before kick-off?**

Unwritten will always be my favourite. It gives me good energy.

## BANGKOK10S TOURNAMENT: A JOURNEY BEYOND THE GAME

Our U8 and U10 players recently had the incredible opportunity to participate in the Bangkok10s tournament, competing against teams from across Southeast Asia, Japan, Malaysia, and Bangkok. This tour served as a remarkable platform for the kids to gain international exposure, adapt to different styles of play, and embrace the unique rules from diverse rugby cultures. Beyond the matches, it was an enriching experience that fostered new friendships and unforgettable moments.

A standout highlight was the team's resilience in a hard-fought match against a top Malaysian side, showcasing their determination and growth. The U8 team even celebrated an incredible achievement by finishing as Cup runners-up—an inspiring milestone for the young players.

These tours not only boost the players' confidence on the field but also instil a strong sense of teamwork. With the tight game schedule, we witnessed players bonding closer both on and off the pitch, further strengthening their club spirit and camaraderie. This sense of unity and development is what makes these experiences truly invaluable.

## JUNIOR RUGBY KL TOUR

One of the main benefits of touring is that it gives our players exposure to different styles of rugby, especially where there are differences in the youth playing laws in other countries.

Watching the players understand and adapt to these new or unfamiliar rules and learn how they can play them to their own advantage is a wonderful thing for the coaches to see.

The competitive nature of the tournaments is also an additional motivational factor, and you can see the players really care about performing their best and they have a genuine desire to win. There is also generally a higher standard of rugby at these competitive events, which challenges our players to give that little bit extra in response. It was also great to see the camaraderie between the various Hong Kong teams, with HKFC players cheering from the sidelines to support other Hong Kong teams in their matches, as well as interacting and socialising with fellow Hong Kong players between the matches.

Finally, the respect and sportsmanship shown not only to opposition players, but to the opposition coaches, the referees and the touch judges as well, made for a fantastic atmosphere at the tournament. One particularly special memory was during the U11 Cup Final, the 3rd and 4th place teams formed a tunnel for the players to run through onto the field, whilst parents and other players alike cheered both teams onto the pitch.

Whilst not necessarily a highlight for the coaches and parents, the post-tournament pool party was almost certainly a highlight for the players!



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## HKFC SQUASH OPEN'S PSA SILVER DEBUT

### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SILVER STATUS

The Hong Kong Football Club closed out 2025 with a spectacular showcase of world-class squash, successfully hosting the HKFC Squash Open 2025 from 25th to 29th November. Marking a pivotal moment in our history, the tournament was held for the first time as a prestigious PSA Silver event, drawing a highly competitive and deeply talented international field to our Happy Valley courts. The five days of intense competition cemented the HKFC Open's status on the elite PSA calendar.

### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SILVER STATUS

The elevation to PSA Silver status is a huge endorsement of our Club's capacity to host major international sports events. This new level significantly increased the prize money pool, guaranteeing the participation of top-20 ranked players and making every match from the very first round a thrilling, high-stakes affair. The atmosphere was electric from the get-go, officially launched by a vibrant lion dance reception that set a celebratory tone for the week ahead.

### CHAMPIONS' GLORY ON THE GLASS COURT

The atmosphere for the finals was electric. Joel Makin justified his top seeding in the Men's final, utilising his renowned fitness and controlled aggression to systematically secure the title. His victory was a fitting reward for a consistently excellent week of squash.

The Women's final delivered a thrilling contest, resulting in a memorable upset. Fayrouz Aboelkheir carried the momentum from her semi-final victory, playing with exceptional confidence and flair to overcome the top seed, Sivasangari Subramaniam, and secure her major victory here in Hong Kong.

### HOME CROWD ADVANTAGE: HONG KONG'S STARS SPARKLE

The enthusiasm of the HKFC membership reached a crescendo whenever the local Hong Kong players took to the court. Our home players thrived on the incredible support, delivering some

of the most dramatic moments of the tournament. Matthew Lai was particularly impressive, securing a commanding straight-games victory in his opening round, displaying composure beyond his years against a higher-ranked opponent.

The resilience of the women's contingent was a major highlight. Tomato Ho, Toby Tse, and Chan Sin Yuk all engaged in heart-stopping five-game matches during the first round. Their unwavering fighting spirit and ability to close out crucial points in deciders proved their mettle and provided unforgettable entertainment for the passionate home crowd.

The HKFC Open 2025 was a spectacular success. We extend our sincerest gratitude to our dedicated sponsors, our tireless volunteers, and most importantly, our members, whose enthusiastic attendance and support cemented the electric atmosphere of this landmark event. We are already counting down the days until we host the world's best again!





## BEHIND THE GLASS COURT

While the world's best battled it out on the glass court for the PSA Silver title, the Hong Kong Football Club was equally buzzing with a highly successful series of dedicated clinics and community outreach initiatives. These programmes ensured that the energy and expertise of the HKFC Squash Open 2025 reached every corner of our community, fostering engagement and inspiring the next generation of players.

### I. THE LEGENDS & MEMBERS EXPERIENCE: COACHING FROM THE ELITE

The presence of PSA stars and squash legends provided a unique opportunity for our members to step onto the court with the masters of the game. These personalised sessions were undoubtedly a highlight of the tournament week:

**Exclusive Member Clinics:** We hosted a popular Members Clinic, where 12 fortunate members received hands-on instruction and strategic advice directly from active PSA athletes. The coaching panel included former World No. 3 Simon Rosner, Sebastian Salazar, and local HK pros Matthew Lai and Leo Chung. These sessions offered a practical, intimate look at the techniques used at the professional level.

**Patron Access:** Our Patrons were treated to specialised, focused coaching sessions, including private clinics with two iconic figures: the legendary multi-time World Champion Nick Matthew, and the strategic powerhouse Simon Rosner, ensuring tailored and world-class guidance.

**The Ultimate Legends Clinic:** A true once-in-a-lifetime opportunity took place during the Legends Clinic. Twenty lucky members received personalised coaching and shared wisdom from an unprecedented lineup of squash royalty: Simon Rosner, Nick Matthew, Miguel Rodriguez, and Greg Gaultier. This session celebrated the rich history of the sport and provided unparalleled access to its greatest figures.

### II. OUTREACH: IGNITING PASSION IN THE NEXT GENERATION

Our commitment to promoting squash to the wider community was realised through a particularly successful outreach event, leaving a lasting positive impression on young players.

On 27th November, the HKFC Squash Section successfully hosted a community clinic in collaboration with Sha Tin Government Primary School. We welcomed a group of 12 enthusiastic primary school students to the Club for an inspiring and enjoyable 90-minute squash experience.

We were honoured to have Helen Tang, one of Hong Kong's top junior female players (currently ranked top 4 in Hong Kong U19 and World #83), join us as the guest coach. Helen generously shared her experience, techniques, and passion for the sport with the young participants, filling the court with positive energy and laughter. The children showed tremendous enthusiasm and noticeable improvement throughout the session.

Following the on-court activities, the Squash Section extended an invitation to all 12 students and their parents to stay and immerse themselves in the professional environment by watching the intense quarter-final matches of the HKFC Squash Open 2025. The group enthusiastically cheered on local player Simmi Chan, adding excitement to the day and giving the youngsters a firsthand look at the speed and precision of high-level competitive squash.

### A LEGACY OF CONNECTION

The HKFC Squash Open 2025 will be remembered not only for the champions crowned but also for the genuine spirit of community and mentorship that flourished off the court. The Section extends its sincerest gratitude to all the participating PSA athletes and Legends for their time and expertise, to Helen Tang for her inspiring contribution, and to the parents and teachers of Sha Tin Government Primary School for their invaluable support. We look forward to building on this success and continuing to promote squash among Hong Kong's younger generation.

# SCOTTISH JUNIOR OPEN EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to Tess Morton who flew the HKFC flag in Scotland as she participated in the Scottish Junior Open. We're very proud of you!

Boxing Day morning in the UK was cold and dark, but stepping off the plane felt so exciting! This was the start of my very first squash trip in Europe. First stop: The Scottish Junior Open 2025 at Oriam in Edinburgh.

The event was attended by over 200 juniors from 30+ countries. I played in the Girls Under-11 group, and it was incredible to watch the superior standard of squash from players all over the world.

I powered through the tournament without losing a set. I felt stronger with every match. I was lucky enough to get to the final where I faced the talented Akshara Makhija from India. I was nervous and jet lag did not help. The glass walls felt strange and the big crowd added extra nerves. I did get into the rhythm after a slow start and it felt good for a while... but Akshara and her coach had some clever tactics and she



Tess Morton, HKFC, Junior Female, achieved Second place in Scottish Junior Open 2025 GU11

eventually pulled ahead. In the end, second place came with a silver medal! Really proud of that one.

The best part was not just the medal. It was my new Scottish friends! They came to watch my final and cheered for me. The goodbye hugs were bittersweet—sad to leave, but so happy we had met!

Huge thank you to coach Dick Lau—he tailored my training perfectly this year and taught me to fight to the end. Thank you to my family—your belief and support made this whole trip possible. Onward!

## WHEN LEGENDS RETURNED TO COURT: A WEEKEND WITH SQUASH ROYALTY AT HKFC

Hong Kong Football Club transformed into a living museum of squash greatness as the inaugural Legends Cup brought six iconic players to the city—a mix of world champions, fan favourites and modern-day maestros whose careers helped define multiple eras of the sport.

After an afternoon of jaw-dropping rallies, theatrical dives and more friendly trash-talk than anyone expected, Nick Matthew, Miguel Ángel Rodríguez, and Dimitri Steinmann lifted the Legends Cup trophy.

But titles weren't really the point. The magic came from the stories, the laughter, the nostalgia—and the rare chance to see icons play purely for the joy of the game.



### TWO POWERHOUSE TEAM SQUARED OFF:

Team Matthew-Rodríguez-Steinmann  
vs.  
Team Gaultier-Rosner-Kandra

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Champion  
From Left to Right | Honor Siu, Christina Yeung [Captain], Camilla Leung, Gloria Ha, Cherry Tsoi, Yunse Ha, Phoebe Ho, Emmie Wong, Eva Yu (Not in photo) Phyllis Wong

# WOMEN'S TRIPLES LEAGUE 2025-2026

## TEAM A CROWNED DIVISION 1 CHAMPION AGAIN!

Our Ladies' A Team are now back-to-back champions! Having reclaimed the title in 2024, the Team led by Captain Christina won 8 out of 9 matches and they scored 58, 12 scores more than the previous year under the same format!



Boxing Day Social Event Group

# LAWN BOWLS INTERMEDIATE TRAINING COURSE

A four-session intermediate training course was held in January–February 2026 at our indoor and outdoor greens. Led by section coach Phyllis Wong, the course enabled six members to refine their lawn bowls skills, improve delivery consistency and develop stronger game strategies.



Champion  
From Left to Right | Yu Yee Sin, Gloria Ha

Champion | Yu Yee Sin

## 2025 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS DAY (WINTER)

The 2025 National Championships Finals Day (Winter) was held on 25th January 2026 at Kowloon Cricket Club.



Champion  
From Left to Right | Stanley Luk, Langley Au Yeung

### LADIES' NATIONAL COMPETITIONS ACHIEVEMENTS

COMPETITION	SECTION MEMBER	ACHIEVEMENT
Women's National Champion of Champions Championships 2025-2026	Yu Yee Sin	Champion
Women's 2x4x2 Pairs Competition 2025-2026	Gloria Ha Yu Yee Sin	Champion

### MEN'S NATIONAL COMPETITIONS ACHIEVEMENTS

COMPETITION	SECTION MEMBER	ACHIEVEMENT
Men's National Indoor Pairs Competition 2025-2026	Yu Yee Sin	Champion
	Patrick Choi, Timothy Or	Runner-up
Men's 2x4x2 Pairs Competition 2025-2026	C T Wong, Danny Ho	Runner-up
Weekday Fours Competition 2025-2026	Edmond Chan, Philip Chan, Stanley Luk, Stephen Chan	Runner-up

# LBS BOXING DAY SOCIAL EVENT

The Boxing Day Social Event was held on Friday, 26th December 2025. To celebrate the festive season, 53 Section Members joined and enjoyed both the Social Match and a brand-new Social Game-Draw as close to the target!



# THE HKFC OPEN 2026

HKFC Open 2026 was a triumph, with 56 teams in each of Triples and Fours from 5th–8th March, drawing nine overseas squads and over 400 visits. Tri&Go took the Triples crown, but HKFC shone with HKFC-1 (Stephen Chan, Edmund Yiu, Philip Chan) as runners-up and HKFC-5 (Eva Yu, Neil Roberts, Rita Shek, Yu Yee Sin) in fourth. In the Fours, Spark claimed the title, while HKFC-1 (Neil Roberts, Honor Siu, Imen Tang, Ada Lai) secured a proud third.

With international talent and homegrown success, the tournament showcased HKFC's excellence on the international lawn bowls stage.





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# CELEBRATING HKFC MEMBERS AT THE BWF WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

We proudly congratulate Jason Cheng and Patrick Leung for representing Hong Kong at the Amazing Thailand-Pattaya BWF World Senior Championships 2025.

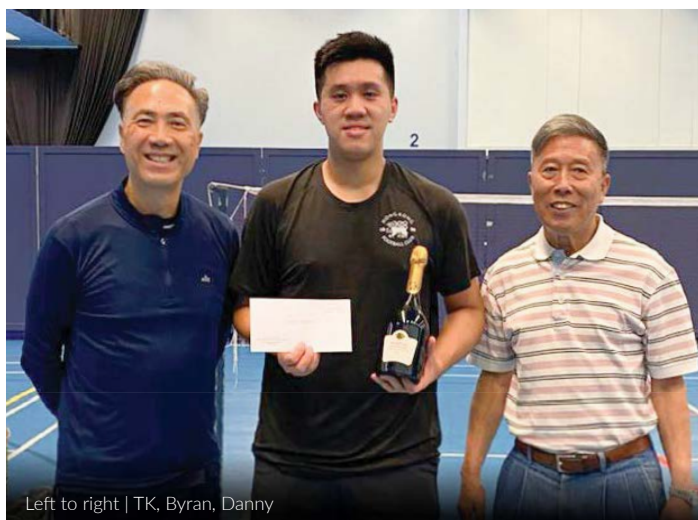
Jason Cheng advanced to the Round of 32 in both the Men's Singles 35+ and Men's Doubles 35+ events. In Singles, he delivered a standout win over one of India's recent top-four players before meeting a former Singapore national champion and Olympian in the Round of 32. In Men's Doubles 35+, Jason and his partner defeated a pair from India before being edged out by a team featuring a former Canadian national player, finishing in the Round of 32.

Patrick Leung reached the Round of 64 in the Men's Singles 40+ category. He opened with a strong win against a Finnish opponent and then faced a challenging draw against a Thai player from the host nation, narrowly missing out on progressing further.

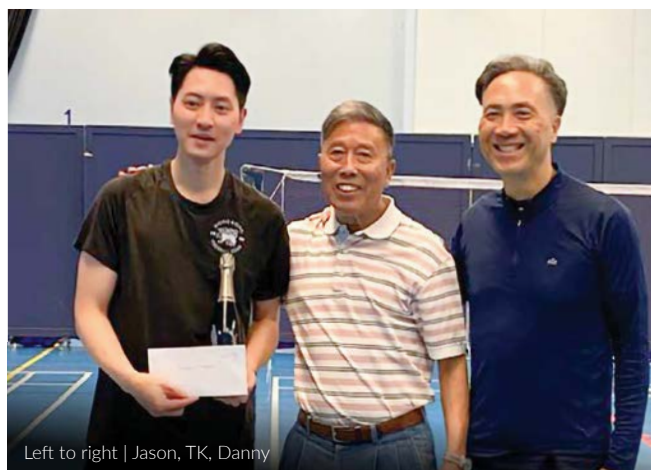
The tournament featured a memorable field that included several former world-class athletes. Among them were Thailand's Boonsak Ponsana, an Athens 2004 semi finalist and multiple Superseries champion; Indonesia's Hendra Setiawan, an Olympic gold medalist and four-time World Champion; and Tony Gunawan, the Olympic and two-time World Champion renowned for winning majors for both Indonesia and the United States.

Jason and Patrick extend their thanks to the Hong Kong Football Club for the facilities and training support, and to their HKFC Badminton Society teammates for their encouragement throughout their campaign.

We applaud Jason and Patrick for representing Hong Kong and HKFC with pride on the world stage.



Left to right | TK, Byran, Danny



Left to right | Jason, TK, Danny

## CLIMBING THE LADDER

The HKFC Adult Ladder competitions concluded with spirited matches across both Singles and Doubles events, showcasing skill, determination, and friendship among members.

In the Singles Ladder, players were divided into two groups of five, each contesting a round robin format. The top two advanced to the Champion knockout group, while the remaining players competed for positions 5-10. A special rule awarded lady players five points per set, encouraging balanced participation. After intense rallies, Bryan Leung emerged as Champion, followed by Jason Cheng as 1st runner-up and



Left to right | Derek, Anthony

Steven Ng Wai Nam as 2nd runner-up. A special commendation goes to Anthony, the youngest participant at around 15 years old. Although his strength was behind that of other players, he fought hard in every match and strove to win each point – a true display of perseverance and spirit.

The Doubles Ladder featured five teams in a single round robin. The pair of Derek and Lawrence claimed the Championship, while Crystal and Bryan secured 1st runner-up, and Jason and Shelson finished as 2nd runner-up.

The Ladder competitions not only crowned champions but also strengthened bonds within the HKFC Badminton Society. Congratulations to all participants for their dedication and sportsmanship, which continue to elevate the Club's vibrant badminton community.



Left to right | Derek, Lawrence, Matthew and his son

# OUR JUNIORS

The HKFC Junior Squad Ladder Series successfully concluded its September 2025–January 2026 season! Throughout the series, players dedicated their time and effort to regular sparring sessions, competing not only for awards but also to challenge themselves and elevate their preparation for upcoming local tournaments. Their commitment and progress truly reflect the spirit of continuous growth and teamwork within the HKFC junior community.

Our Squad A girls' MVP  
Ellen Lui



Left to right | Squad B boys' MVP and Ladder Series' Champion Michael Pan and First Runner-up Kiwon Lee



Left to right | Junior Squad Ladder Series First Runner-up Aaryan Shah, Champion and Squad A boys' MVP Henry Zhang and Second Runner-up Bosco Fung



Left to right | Squad A Ladder Series First Runner-up Anna Wong, Champion Rhea Law



Left to right | Squad B Ladder Series Second Runner-up Hannah Yip, Champion Cara Yip and First Runner-up Anna Wong



The happy group photo



Jason showcasing his vocal talent

## LET THE GOOD TIMES FLY

The HKFC Badminton Society welcomed 2026 with great cheer at its New Year Party held on 16th January at a cosy party house. Around 40 members and guests gathered for a festive evening filled with good food, laughter, and warm camaraderie.

Members arrived carrying a wonderful selection of pastry and fine wine to share, creating a lively and inviting atmosphere. Throughout the evening, the karaoke stage became the heart of the party, as members took turns performing favourite tunes—some showcasing genuine vocal talent, others simply enjoying the fun spirit of the night. The continuous music and

laughter set the tone for a relaxing and joyful gathering that brought everyone closer together.

Among the highlights of the evening was the highly anticipated lucky draw. Apart from the prizes prepared by the Society, many members also generously contributed items to the prize pool, ensuring a wide variety of gifts and surprises. Thanks to their generosity, almost everyone was able to bring something home, adding to the joy and shared sense of celebration that defined the occasion. Excitement filled the room as each winning number was called, followed by hearty applause and cheers.

As the night drew to a close, the Society Chairman shared his appreciation for the members' enthusiastic participation and their commitment to the Badminton Society over the past year. His remarks ended the celebration on a warm note, with everyone looking forward to another year of spirited badminton and strong fellowship at HKFC.



HKFC Junior Squad, Coaches and Parents



Left to right | Junior Squad Players Cordelia Lee, Ellen Lui, Saloni Mehta and up and coming Rachel

## A SMASHING SUCCESS

HKFC Junior Squad celebrated the start of 2026 with a fun and meaningful New Year Party combined with our Internal Competitions, offering players a chance to enjoy team games, friendly matches, and social time together with teammates, parents, and coaches in a relaxing club atmosphere. We were also delighted to have elite player Saloni Mehta. Our elite JAM joins the squad, taking time to spar with our juniors and showcase the skills and professionalism of high performance badminton, giving our players extra inspiration and learning opportunities. This event aims to recognise the hard work of our juniors over the past year, strengthen team spirit across different training groups, and provide valuable match-play experience in a supportive environment as we prepare for upcoming tournaments in 2026.



# HKFC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 17th Annual Club Tennis Championships 2025 took place over two thrilling weekends, 8th-9th and 15th-16th November 2025, showcasing top-class tennis and great camaraderie. Players battled across all divisions while an enthusiastic crowd cheered from the sidelines, creating a lively, supportive atmosphere that made this the highlight of the tennis season.

A new addition this year was the 1-Point Singles Tournament, a fun, fast-paced event bringing players together before the finals weekend. Congratulations to Dennis Chu, our inaugural champion!



OPEN EVENTS		
Category	Ranked	Player
Men's Singles	Winner Runner-up	Ben Giles Jaff Lo
Women's Singles	Winner Runner-up	Venise Chan Rachel Hui
Men's Doubles	Winner Runner-up	Alex Wilton & Jack Cooper Nicholas Kunz & Aaron Clissold
Ladies' Doubles	Winner Runner-up	Tanya Master & Samantha Ho Rachel Hui & Karen Hui
Mixed Doubles	Winner Runner-up	Rachel Hui & Nicholas Frida Sui & Jack Cooper

CLOSED EVENTS		
Category	Ranked	Player
Men's Singles	Winner Runner-up	Ben Giles Jaff Lo
Women's Singles	Winner Runner-up	Charlene Wong Jo Caldwell
Men's Doubles	Winner Runner-up	Dean Cooper & Ben Giles Phillip Dowding & Mark Hulbert
Ladies' Doubles	Winner Runner-up	Isabella Tang & Rachel Hui Vangie Gonzales & Yoko Lane
Mixed Doubles	Winner Runner-up	Vangie Gonzales & Dennis Chu Karen Long & Jake Long

120+ DOUBLES & 1-POINT TOURNAMENT & JUNIOR EVENTS		
Category	Ranked	Player
120+ Doubles	Winner Runner-up	Dennis Chu & Job Tang Mary Soo & Gene Soo
1-Point Tournament	Winner	Dennis Chu
Open Junior Singles	Winner Runner-up	Jack Cooper Hayden Quach
Open Junior Doubles	Winner Runner-up	Jack Cooper & Shiv Mohan Jake Long & Callum Ewing
Closed Junior Singles	Winner Runner-up	Jake Long Callum Ewing
Closed Junior Doubles	Winner Runner-up	Jake Long & Callum Ewing Taylor Booth & Ayrton Kwan



## **HKFC PROTIVITI ITF MASTERS 2025: A GROWING TOURNAMENT AT HKFC!**

The HKFC Protiviti ITF World Tennis Masters Tour started with a bang as 120 guests attended the launch party. It was only the second year of the event at HKFC and showed strong growth from 2024, with 259 players from 27 nationalities competing in 24 events. This represented a 13.1% increase in players and 33.3% more events than the previous year. Hospitality improved through better food arrangements and a daily hosted Happy Hour, which players and spectators praised. HKFC's tournament was the only HKCVTA ITF event in Hong Kong to grow player numbers. This event would not have been such a success without the support of HKFC staff, HKCVTA, sponsors, officials, and volunteers, and many players have already expressed interest in returning for the 2026 edition.



## **25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HKFC TENNIS SOCIETY GALA DINNER**

The HKFC Tennis Society Gala Dinner was a wonderful celebration of 25 years of tennis, friendship, and community at the Club. Members, guests, sponsors, coaches, and staff came together to share memories and recognise those who have helped grow the Society. Looking ahead, the Tennis Society is committed to giving even more back by growing our junior programmes, encouraging inclusive social and competitive play, supporting charity and community initiatives, and creating more chances for members of all ages to connect on and off the court!





# MATCH GAME CHAMPIONSHIP

The HKFC Match Play Championship has teed off with play beginning in March and running through to December. The field is stronger than ever with plenty of talent across the board. If last year's championship is anything to go off, we're expecting another exciting season of play.

Our 2025 Match Play Championship proved to be one of the most competitive and well-supported editions to date. The tournament ran over nine months and attracted our largest field yet, with more than 39 entrants taking part.

We kicked things off with a live draw held at The Sportsman's, where first-round pairings were drawn in front of members. One of the things that makes the Match Play Championship so enjoyable is that it is played based on handicap, which means that anyone can win on their day. This format consistently produces closely contested matches with several ties going down to the final holes.



Defending champion, Jonny Brock, put up a strong fight and made an impressive run to the semi-finals, once again showing why he has been such a consistent performer.

In the end, the 2025 champion was Stanley Szeto, who reclaimed the title he previously won in 2019. Stanley played consistently throughout the competition and delivered a well-earned victory in the final. Runner-up Marco Jorge also had an excellent tournament and continues to show strong form.



HKFC Golf Society in Da Nang

## HUA HIN ADVENTURES

**THURSDAY, 7TH MAY 2026 –  
SUNDAY, 10TH MAY 2026**

The Golf Society will be packing our bags and jetting off to Hua Hin this May for the 2026 Golf Society Tour. Traditionally, our tours have taken place later in the year, but this time we decided to bring the dates forward to make the most of the season and give members something to look forward to earlier in the calendar.

Following the success of previous tours to Da Nang and Chiang Mai, interest has continued to grow, and this year's trip is set to be our largest yet, with more than 32 members already signed up.

The itinerary includes rounds at some of Hua Hin's most well-known courses, including Pineapple Valley, Black Mountain, and Springfield Royal, all of which are consistently ranked among the top golfing destinations in Thailand. With great courses, warm weather, and the usual strong social atmosphere, the tour is shaping up to be another memorable trip for the Society.



## **A CHRISTMAS CRACKER CLEARWATER BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

We were very fortunate to hold our 2025 Christmas Cracker at Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club. This was our first time hosting our annual Christmas event there, and it will definitely not be the last. Clearwater Bay kindly provided us with ten flights for the day and also put together a fantastic Christmas spread, but more on that later.

We decided to hold the event slightly earlier than usual this year, ahead of the usual pre-Christmas exodus from Hong Kong as members begin travelling for the holidays. The response was overwhelming. Within 48 hours of opening registration, all 40 places were filled, and by the end more than 70 members had signed up.

The day began with a shotgun start and the return of our annual team challenge, featuring the infamous "special ball" format. Each team was given a single ball, and only the player using that ball could record a score for the hole. If the ball was lost, the team could no longer score with it, which added both pressure and plenty of drama to the round.

One of the most entertaining moments of the day came at the Longest Drive hole. To steady the nerves, each entrant was required to take a shot of whisky on the tee box before hitting. It worked for a few, but not for many. The winning drive finished close to the 300-yard mark, although there is still some debate about how much assistance the cart path may have provided.

After the golf, Clearwater Bay laid on an excellent Christmas buffet that truly went above and beyond. The food was extremely well received and enjoyed by everyone, washed down with plenty of beverages and, of course, whisky. It was a fitting way to close the day and celebrate another successful Christmas Cracker.



### **STABLEFORD WINNERS**

1st	<b>Eric Desgouttes</b>	39 points
2nd	<b>Michael Campion</b>	37 points
3rd	<b>Max Cheng</b>	36 points

### **TEAM STABLEFORD**

#### **Darren the Red Nose Reindeer**

<b>Darren McEntee, Matt Zoeller, Michael Campion, Eric Desgouttes</b>	39 points
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### **KEENEST GOLFER**

**Chris Meecham**

### **BEST GOLFER**

**The Grinch – Colin Lunn**



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# RECORD-BREAKING SWIM AROUND HONG KONG ISLAND

## SIMON HOLLIDAY BECOMES THE FIRST PERSON TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE HONG KONG'S BIGGEST ISLAND

ON FRIDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER 2025

**H**KFC's Simon Holliday became the first person ever

to swim around Lantau Island, completing the entire 68km loop (more than double the distance of the English Channel!) continuously in just under 21 hours!

It was a long, exposed, demanding and record breaking swim—the kind of effort that allows no breaks, no drafting and no pauses beyond quick feeds.

The early stages passed smoothly. Simon swam alongside Edie Hu and Brett Kruse, supported by a flotilla consisting of a support boat, a RIB and kayakers. As they made their way through the channel around 10pm, things began to go wrong. The temperature dropped, and Brett, who had been showing signs of hypothermia, was forced to withdraw due to severe hip flexor cramps brought on by the cold.

With Brett out and the swimmers settling into different speeds, the flotilla split so each swimmer could continue safely. The support boat and one kayaker stayed with Edie while another kayaker remained with Simon as he pressed on alone into the night.

Navigator Cameron Ferguson noted that Simon needed to round Fan Lau—an area known for some of the strongest tides in Hong Kong—by roughly 2am to avoid being pushed back.

Making it around Fan Lau was a huge psychological boost. But immediately after, the tide shifted, slowing progress along the south side of the island. Instead of following a clean line, they continued to swim in and out of bays to get relief from the tide.

When daylight returned, progress became easier to judge. Passing Shek Kwu Chau, Hei Ling Chau, and Peng Chau provided clear signs that the long night section was ending. The coastline was now visible, feeds were more straightforward, and the final stages could be broken into familiar landmarks.

After rounding the Tsing Ma Bridge, Simon began the final push towards the Disneyland Resort Pier where he'd started the day before. Supporters waiting onshore helped him through the last few hundred metres.

At 20 hours and 56 minutes, Simon stepped out of the water—tired, cold but steady — having completed the first ever continuous solo circumnavigation of Lantau. When asked what he wanted first, the answer was simple: cheesy beans on toast, a British comfort food that fit the moment perfectly!





## **JANET WU SHINES AT THE 100KM TRIATHLON IN QATAR!**

HKFC's Janet Wu competed as one of only two Hong Kong athletes to earn qualification for the World Finale 2025 T100 100km Triathlon World Championship Final, held in Lusail, Qatar, on Saturday, 13th December 2025. This prestigious event brought together the very best triathletes in the world, challenging them across a gruelling 2km swim, 80km bike, and 18km run—a true test of endurance, adaptability, and mental strength.

Janet placed an incredible sixth in her age group. Even more inspiring were the insights from the post-race analysis.

Janet was the first athlete out of the water, immediately establishing herself among the leaders. Despite fierce competition, she held her ground on the bike and delivered a thrilling performance in the final run, where she overtook two competitors. Swimmers are rarely known for their running prowess, and to come off the bike and outrun world-class runners at this level is nothing short of extraordinary.

Remarkably, Janet only began triathlon training two years ago, making her rapid ascent in the sport all the more astounding. Well done Janet!

## **HKFC DELIVER STRONG RESULTS IN BACK-TO-BACK MEETS TO KICK START THE YEAR!**

Hosted two weeks apart, our swimmers had a busy January competing in the short course event held in Shing Mun Valley and the long course meet held in Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park. The lack of training due to the pool closure did not stop our swimmers bringing home some fantastic results, including 23 golds, 17 silvers and 11 bronze medals across both the male and female events including relay team glory!

Particular mention must go to Marcel Smit and Farah Master for breaking 5 new meet records in the short course competition between them, with a further 2 broken by Farah in the long course. Well done to those who participated!



The Swimming & Triathlon Society runs sessions six days a week for all swimming levels—beginners to elites. Thinking about entering a swim gala, tackling a 1km open water race, or training for a triathlon? Reach out to Marcus Chu ([Marcus.Chu@gmail.com](mailto:Marcus.Chu@gmail.com)) to join a swimming session.

## **COLD HALF MARATHON SUCCESS IN REPULSE BAY FOR OUR HKFC SWIMMERS!**

The Cold Half Marathon Swim in Repulse Bay is an exciting and challenging event that typically takes place in January. Participants swim a distance of 15 kilometres in chilly waters, either as a relay or individually, or alternatively swimmers can enter shorter distance races.

In the women's team relay, Begum Demiral led her team of 3 to an impressive victory, with Hannah Bruck's team of 2 also securing 1st place in this event! The mixed relay saw Janet Wu excel, finishing 1st for her team of 2, with a remarkable performance that highlighted her strong swimming skills and teamwork.

Matthieu also made waves during the event, finishing 2nd in the 1.5 km cold plunge (and 5th overall), which tested participants' endurance and mental fortitude in frigid water.



# PICKLEBALL

## ARRIVES AT HKFC



### PICKLEBALL COMMITTEE

Chairman	<b>Ivan Yuen</b>
Vice-chair	<b>Mary Soo</b>
Convenor	<b>Joon Siu</b>
S&RSC Rep	<b>Desmond Ko</b>
Treasurer	<b>Alan Ho</b>
Secretary	<b>Richard Siu</b>
Club Captain	<b>Kevin Angelini</b>
Social Secretary	<b>Agnes Chue</b>
Membership Secretary	<b>Ronny Cheng</b>
Social Media Secretary	<b>Anson Sik</b>
General Officer	<b>Anika Karrim</b>

Pickleball has officially found its home at the Hong Kong Football Club! This dynamic paddle sport—a blend of tennis, badminton and table tennis—has taken the world by storm. Played on a court roughly a quarter the size of a tennis court with a plastic ball and solid paddles, pickleball is celebrated for its accessibility, social nature and addictive gameplay. Whether you're a seasoned racquet sports enthusiast or picking up a paddle for the first time, pickleball offers the ultimate combination of competitive edge and community spirit. The establishment of our pickleball interest group marks an exciting milestone in HKFC's sporting evolution, creating **new opportunities for members of all ages and skill levels to connect**, compete and enjoy this fast-growing sport.



Our inaugural Christmas Social Play in December was a smashing success, drawing players of all levels to a fun and festive evening filled with dinks, volleys, and holiday cheer. The night featured a lucky draw, refreshments and plenty of spirited matches and games that showcased our community. Building on this momentum, our Sunday night Social Plays will continue in the Sports Hall to bring members together, offering players of all abilities a relaxing environment to sharpen and develop their skills while making new friends.

**Beginners also have dedicated courts with members who are qualified pickleball instructors giving guidance.**

Our pickleball community grows, and so does our competitive ambition. Led by Club Captain Angelini, the Club is now fielding teams in the Hong Kong Pickleball League (HKPL) and the Hong Kong China Tennis Association (HKCTA)

Pickleball League. HKFC Bangers and HKFC Aces will continue to participate in the HKPL Division B; HKFC Masters in the upcoming HKPL Masters Division for those aged 50 and above; and HKFC in the upcoming HKCTA Division Two.

In December, HKFC was invited to compete in an inter-club tournament hosted by Craigenower Cricket Club, facing off against seven other clubs including CCC, LRC, KCC, HKCC, USRC, and Club Recreio. Our players rose to the occasion, winning all first-round matches and ultimately claiming third place and bronze medals.

As we continue to grow and evolve, one thing remains clear: pickleball at HKFC is more than just a sport. It's a vibrant community where every member is welcome. We invite you to sign up, grab a paddle and join us on the courts!





# SPORTS CALENDAR

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CLUB

**APR 2026 to MAY 2026**

### SQUASH WORLD CUP QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT

Date: Wednesday, 1st April - Saturday, 4th April

### FAMILY FUN DAY

Date: Saturday, 4th April

### 2026 HKFC HOCKEY 5S TOURNAMENT

Date: Saturday, 4th April - Sunday, 5th April

### HKFC WORLD YOUTH 10S

Date: Saturday, 11th April - Sunday, 12th April

### TRADITION HKFC 10S

Date: Tuesday, 14th April - Thursday, 16th April

### HSBC VS SWIRE TOUCH RUGBY GAME

Date: Tuesday, 14th April - Thursday, 16th April

### BALI MEMORIAL RUGBY GAME

Date: Friday, 17th April

### CATHAY/HSBC HONG KONG SEVENS 2026

Date: Friday, 17th April - Sunday, 19th April

### BNP PARIBAS CHARITY SOCCER CUP

Date: Friday, 1st May

### JUNIOR RUGBY CHRIS HATTAM CUP

Date: Sunday, 3rd May

### HKFC JUNIOR SOCCER SEVENS

Date: Saturday, 9th May - Sunday, 10th May

### HKFC STANDARD CHARTERED PRIORITY PRIVATE SOCCER 7S

Date: Friday, 22nd May - Sunday, 24th May



For details, please visit [hkfc.com](https://hkfc.com)  
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# WINE DINNER CALENDAR

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CLUB

APR 2026 TO MAY 2026



### BOSCHENDAL ESTATE WINE DINNER

Date: Friday, 17th Apr 2026

Time: 7PM

Venue: Restaurant, 2/F

Price: \$938 per member | \$988 per member's guest



### CHÂTEAU PICHON BARON WINE DINNER

Date: Monday, 25th May 2026

Time: 7pm Welcome Drink, followed by dinner

Venue: Restaurant, 2/F

Price: \$1,688 per member | \$1,738 per member's guest



# SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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## L'entrecote

Venus: Private Dining Room

Price: \$388 per Set



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Enquiries and bookings: 2830 9562 or [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)



**FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS**



Saturday, 4th April 2026

**MAIN PITCH**

**Family Day**

Time: 1pm – 7pm  
 Registration Time: 1pm  
 Buffet Time: 1pm – 4pm  
 Entertainment Booth: 1pm – 3pm  
 Bouncy Castles: From 1pm  
 Races, Egg Hunt: 2pm – 3pm  
 Sports Discovery & Games: 3pm – 5pm  
 Movie Time: 5pm – 7pm  
 Price: \$398 per person | Adult & Junior  
 Free of charge | Child (4 years old and below)

Enquiries and bookings: 2830 9513 or catering@hkfc.com

Friday, 3rd April 2026 – Tuesday, 7th April 2026

**COFFEE SHOP**

**Easter Lunch Buffet**

Price: \$268 per Adult | \$134 per Child (Aged 4-11)

**Easter Dinner Buffet**

Price: \$288 per Adult | \$144 per Child (Aged 4-11)

Saturday, 4th April, 2026 – Sunday, 5th April 2026

**RESTAURANT**

**Easter Brunch**

Price: \$408 per Person



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**CATERING**



**Wedding Package**



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**Graduation Dinner Package**



View menu here

Enquiries and bookings: 2830 9513 or catering@hkfc.com

Sunday, 5th April 2026

**Sunday Brunch**

Sunday, 10th May 2026

**Mother's Day Brunch**

**FAMILY LOUNGE**

Every Sunday at 4pm – 6pm

**Movie Afternoon**

April 2026

Food: **Ploughman's Lunch, Banoffee Tart**

Beverage: **Kyoho Sparkling**

Pop-up: **Haagen-Dazs Ice Cream Cart**

May & June 2026

Food: **Khinkali (Georgian Dumplings), Mango Pavlova**

Beverage: **Mango Frappe**

Pop-up: **Haagen-Dazs Ice Cream Cart**

**CHAIRMAN'S BAR**



Friday, 10th April 2026 | Friday, 8th May 2026

**Jazz After Hours**

Date: 7pm – 10pm  
Venue: Chairman's Bar



April 2026

Food: **Irish Recipes**  
Tea Set: **St. Patrick's Day Delight**  
Beverage: **Peat & Pours**

May & June 2026

Food: **Lyonnais Cuisine**  
Tea Set: **Teatime in Champs-Elysées**  
Beverage: **French Cocktail**

**CAPTAIN'S BAR**

April 2026

Food: **Healthy Protein Diet Dishes, French Pudding Bread**  
Beverage: **Protein Drink**

May & June 2026

Food: **Kaigun Curry, Dessert Tacos**  
Beverage: **Vietnamese Coconut Coffee**

**COFFEE SHOP**



April 2026

**Malacca Food Fiesta Buffet**

Monthly Special: **Rice Noodle Rolls Claypot Dishes**  
Beverage: **Pandan Coco Shake, Minty Lemongrass**  
**New Cakes Selection**

May & June 2026

**Oceanian Cuisine Buffet**

Monthly Special: **Hakka Cuisine**  
Beverage: **Ocean Pearl, Sunrise Fruit Tea**  
**Mother's Day buffet on Sunday, 10th May 2026**

**KIOSK**

Every Sunday at 3pm – 7pm

**Roast & Go at the Lobby**

April 2026

**Shepherd's Pie**

May & June 2026

**Korean BBQ Ready to Cook**

**HAPPY HOUR**

April 2026

**Stella Artois Buy 1 Get 1 Free**

May & June 2026

**Erdinger Weissbier Buy 1 Get 1 Free**

Time: 5pm – 7pm from Monday to Friday  
Venues: Captain's Bar and Sportsman's Bar

**SPORTSMAN'S BAR**

**RESTAURANT**



Saturday, 11th April 2026 | Saturday, 16th May 2026

**Band Bash**

Time: 7pm – 10pm  
Venue: Sportsman's Bar

Don't miss out on our exclusive buy one, get one free offer on selected beers!

April 2026

**Turkish Pide, Turkish BBQ**

May & June 2026

**Thai & Vietnamese BBQ**



The first sunday of each month

**The Deck Afternoon**

Live DJ Party on the Deck

Time: 3pm – 6pm  
Venue: The Deck

**Optional** \$398 per person | snack combo & free flow selected draught beer, wine & house pouring

Enquiries: 2830 9531 or sportsmans@hkfc.com

April 2026

**Taste the Tradition: Iberian Pork Awaits!**

Starting Date: Saturday, 11th April 2026

Weekend Brunch: **British American theme**

May & June 2026

**The Salmon Journey**

Special Menu: **Mother's Day Set Menu on Sunday, 10th May 2026**

**POOL BAR**

April 2026

**Bánh Mì**

May & June 2026

**Power Bowl**

**WINE FAIR**

Saturday, 25th April 2026  
Sunday, 26th April 2026

**Unusual Grape, Country**

Time: 1:30pm – 6pm  
Venue: Lockhart Room, 2/F

Tasting Available

Saturday, 23rd May 2026  
Sunday, 24th May 2026

**Summer Fair**

Time: 1:30pm – 6pm  
Venue: Lockhart Room, 2/F

Tasting available

**SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

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