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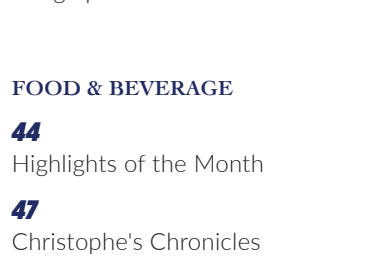
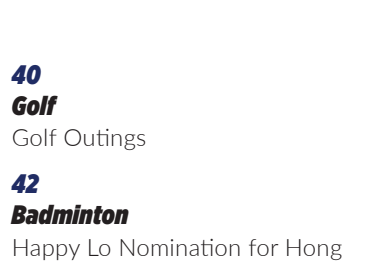
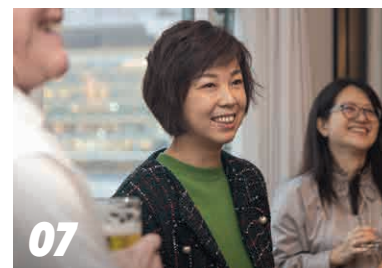
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2024 HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB CENTENARY CUP



Front row from left: Mr Matthew Poon, winning Jockey, Mr Cody Mo, winning Trainer, Third to sixth – Representatives of winning Owner Mr Cheung Kwong Kwan and Mr Cheung Kwok Wa, Mr Nicholas D Hunsworth, Mr Neil Jensen, Mr Michael Lee, *Chairman of HKJC*, Mrs Shirley Hunsworth and Mrs Angela Jensen

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THE THOUGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

主席的話

Neil Jensen
Chairman



On Wednesday, 31st January, the **General Committee** invited about 170 members from all our many Committees and Sub-committees to the **Million Suite** at the **Happy Valley Racecourse** to watch the **Hong Kong Football Club Centenary Cup** race. The night was a great chance to socialise and thank all those who've volunteered so much of their time for the benefit of the club and its members. The winning horse was named **Circuit Seven**, crossing the finish line at just 57:75 seconds.

The General Manager and I were proud to welcome **David Beckham** down to the club on 4th February. He was invited there to participate in a talk about the importance of sporting programs in Hong Kong and before that, he kicked the ball around with the young players from the Crusaders, thanks to the coordination from **Laureus Sport for Good**.

Another recipient of **Honorary Membership** was **Zhang Yining**, who has been visiting the club with her friend Catherine Cao, who are members of the club. Ms. Zhang is widely regarded as one of the greatest female **table tennis** players in the sport's history. On 6th February, we hosted a small reception in the lounge to honor her achievements. You can find photos of the event on the adjacent page.

Christophe Horrenberger, the Club's Director of Food & Beverage has collaborated with **Moonzen Brewery** and all the regular beer drinkers down at the Sportsman's Bar to come up with HKFC's very own beer, appropriately called **Lockhart's Lager**. Christophe held several blending and tasting sessions to come up with the perfect brew, chosen "**By the Members, for the Members**". I take great pride in this creation and look forward to seeing it being poured at the launch party on 22nd March at the BBQ stations at the **Back Patio of Sportsman's Bar**.

Lastly, I know we are all eagerly awaiting the start of the **Tradition HKFC Rugby 10s** on 3rd April, followed by the Rugby 7s. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Main Pitch, passionately cheering for our teams and extending good wishes to the other participating teams.

Neil Jensen
Chairman

1月31日(星期三), **常務委員會**邀請了大約170名來自不同委員會及小組委員會的成員,到跑馬地馬場的百萬廂房一同觀賞香港足球會百週年紀念盃。當晚實在是大家聚首聯誼的好機會,在此感謝所有為本會及本會會員謀福祉而付出寶貴光陰的成員。最終,電路七號以57:75秒的成績衝過終點,成為百週年紀念盃頭馬。

2月4日,本人和總經理深感榮幸,在本會迎接碧咸到訪。碧咸獲邀到此出席講座,分享運動課程在香港的重要,而有賴勞倫斯體育公益基金會的協調,碧咸在講座前抽空與本會Crusaders的一眾年青球員互相傳球。

另一位獲頒榮譽會員名銜的是張怡寧,她與同是本會會員的好友Catherine Cao一起到訪本會。人稱「大魔王」的張怡寧可說是體育史上其中一位最偉大的女乒乓球球員。2月6日,我們在休息廳舉行了小型招待會,表揚這位前世界乒乓球一姐的成就,活動照片可以在鄰頁找到。

本會餐飲部總監**Christophe Horrenberger**與門神及所有經常在Sportsman's Bar喝啤酒的常客群策群力,合作構思港會專屬啤酒駱克淡啤。經過幾次調配及品鑒會,才找到完美的配方,這完全是「由會員調配,為會員而設」。很自豪能夠見證這個自家啤酒的誕生,期待在3月22日**Sportsman's Bar**後方露台燒烤站舉辦的發佈派對,親眼見證駱克淡啤的一刻。

最後,明白大家都熱切盼望4月3日香港足球會十人欖球賽的開始,緊隨其後更是香港國際七人欖球賽,令人拭目以待。期待與大家在主球場相見,一起熱情為本會球隊打氣,同時向其他參賽隊伍送上祝福。

主席 Neil Jensen

OBITUARY

We were saddened to hear the news of the recent passing of longstanding Member

Francis C.S. Lee

Our thoughts and prayers go to his families and friends. May he rest in peace.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB STAR AWARDS

3rd Quarter 2023



**Lin Chao Heng,
Henry**
F&B - Kitchen



**Kwok Yat Man,
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Security



**Kwok Sim Pui,
Joyce**
F&B - Bars

4th Quarter 2023



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GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

總經理的話

Randal Linhart
General Manager



As we enter the month of March, we have a thrilling lineup of competitions and international tournaments ahead. I encourage all of you to come to the Club, show your support, and showcase our HKFC hospitality.

Hong Kong Football Club International Lawn Bowls Open get the month off to a flying start, and with spring in the air, Rugby and Netball League Championships will also be up for grabs. A number of HKFC teams are featuring prominently at the top of their respective competitions and will be chasing down trophies. Our Soccer and Hockey teams will be jostling for league leading positions, as they head into the business end of the season. Hockey will book-end March at the Club, as we once again play host to international hockey tournaments. The 12th Hong Kong Men's Quadrangular Hockey Tournament and 7th Hong Kong Women's Hockey Invitational Tournament will be running concurrently over week 1 and the long-awaited return of the **HKFC Hockey 6s** will see out the month over the Easter weekend.

The temperatures will be warming up, and with the Rugby 10s and 7s just around the corner, March will offer plenty to get excited about.

MARCH SCHEDULE	
29 Feb - 3rd Mar	HKFC International Lawn Bowls Open 2024
3rd Mar	1st Team Soccer VS Kitchee <i>Home Match</i> HK Premier League
7th - 10th Mar	The 12th Hong Kong Quadrangular Hockey Tournament and The 7th Women's Hockey Invitational Tournament (12th HKQHT & 7th WHIT) by Hockey Hong Kong, China (HHKC)
9th Mar	HKRC Men's and Women's Championships at King's Park
17th Mar	1st Team Soccer VS HKU23 <i>Home Match</i> HK Premier League
23rd Mar	NHKC Netball Grand Finals HKRC Premier Men's Championship at King's Park
24th Mar	Youth Rugby Festival
30th - 31st Mar	Hockey 6s
31st Mar	1st Team Soccer VS Crownity North District <i>Home Match</i> HK Premier League

Please visit the Club's website for information on **Easter Holiday Sports Camps and Clinics**.

Otherwise, please head over to the Chairman's Bar on 29th February and 1st March as they have a very special guest appearance from Gavin Yeung who will be our Guest Mixologist. The BBQ stations at the Back Patio of Sportsman's Bar have been booked quite regularly, please contact Kenny at 2830 9531, if you want to book your party. Finally, there's a brand-new menu at the Pool Bar, printed on waterproof paper.

Take a moment to explore the adjacent page and see the winners of our **STAR Awards**, which were presented at the recent Staff Town Hall on 30th January.

I look forward to seeing you down at the Club soon.

Randal Linhart
General Manager

踏入3月，我們將會有一系列緊張刺激的比賽及國際賽事，在此希望大家能夠親自來到本會，為本會球隊吶喊助威，向其他球隊熱情展現我們港會的地主之誼。

月初的**香港足球會國際草地滾球公開賽**為3月帶來很成功的開始，隨著春天到來，攬球及投球的聯賽冠軍亦將等着各隊爭奪。港會數支球隊在各自的賽事中正名列前茅，並將全力追趕冠軍。我們的足球隊及曲棍球隊很快就進入賽季的最後階段，他們也將會為榜首位置與其他隊伍展開激烈較量。我們3月再次作為東道主舉行國際曲棍球錦標賽，所以本會月初及月底均會有精彩的曲棍球比賽，第十二屆香港曲棍球四角邀請賽及第七屆女子曲棍球邀請賽將在第一個星期同步進行，而期待已久的**港會曲棍球六人賽**則會在復活節周末回歸，陪伴大家走過3月。

未來天氣漸趨和暖，加上港會十人攬球賽及國際七人攬球賽即將開鑼，相信3月會帶來很多令人興奮的盛事。

3月賽事表	
2月29日至3月3日	港會國際草地滾球公開賽2024
3月3日	足球隊一隊對傑志賽事 主場 港超
3月7日至10日	第十二屆香港曲棍球四角邀請賽及第七屆女子曲棍球邀請賽 中國香港曲棍球總會
3月9日	中國香港攬球總會男子及女子冠軍聯賽 (京士柏球場)
3月17日	足球隊一隊對香港U23賽事 主場 港超
3月23日	中國香港投球總決賽 中國香港攬球總會男子超級聯賽 (京士柏球場)
3月24日	青少年攬球節
3月30日至31日	港會曲棍球六人賽
3月31日	足球隊一隊對北區賽事 主場 港超

有關復活節運動營及訓練營的詳情，請瀏覽本會網頁。

除此之外，歡迎大家2月29日至3月1日過來 Chairman's Bar，客席調酒師 Gavin Yeung 將以特別嘉賓的身份亮相。Sportsman's Bar 後方露台燒烤站的預約反應不俗，如果想預訂派對場地，可致電 2830 9531 聯絡 Kenny。最後，Pool Bar 推出了全新餐牌，餐牌物料亦特別防水，有興趣不妨去試試新菜式。

本會在最近1月30日的員工大會向傑出員工頒發**季度之星獎**，以表揚他們的付出及努力。有時間的話，可以到鄰頁看看得獎者名單。

期待與大家在本會相見。

總經理 林克朗



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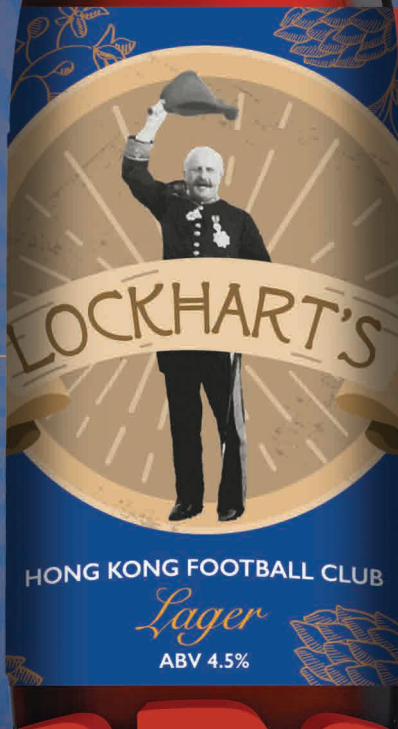
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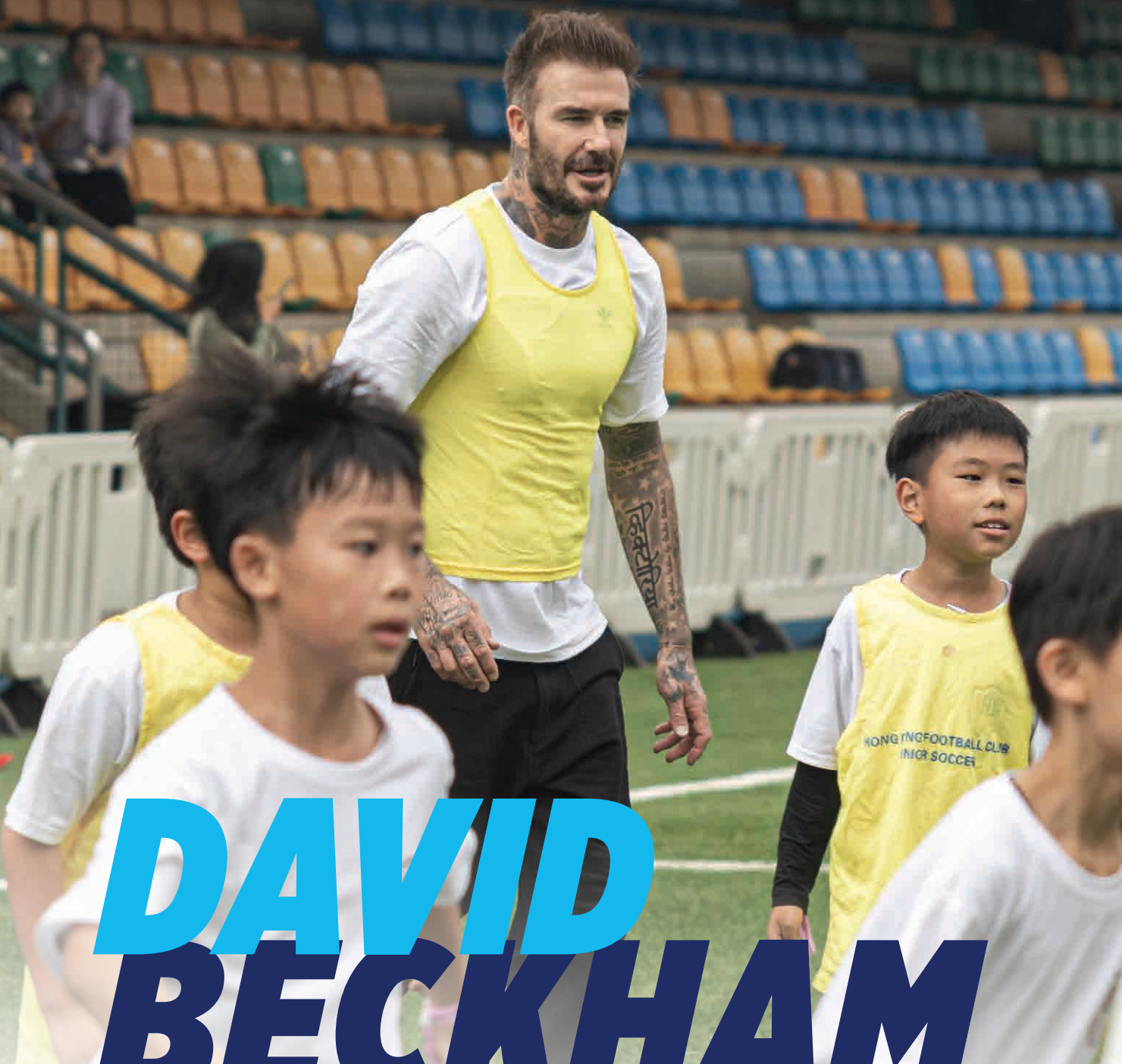
HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CEREMONY FOR ZHANG YINING

We are incredibly honoured to bestow Honorary Membership upon the esteemed Ms. Zhang Yining. Her exceptional achievements as one of the most dominant female table tennis players of the 21st century, including an astounding record of 10 world titles and 4 Olympic gold medals for China, are truly awe-inspiring. Welcoming Ms. Zhang Yining to our esteemed club means a great deal to us, as it represents our deep appreciation for her outstanding contributions to the sport and her remarkable legacy. We extend our warmest congratulations and heartfelt gratitude.

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We were incredibly honoured to have the legendary David Beckham visit our club on Sunday, 4th February! Tatler Asia brought the event to the Club and hosted a sporting round table with the legendary football star, while Laureus ran the football clinic for children. It was a truly thrilling experience to be chosen as the host venue for the events.

Mr. Beckham's presence brought about unforgettable moments that will be cherished for a lifetime. He not only met and played alongside our Crusaders soccer team, but also inspired them with his incredible skills. It was a dream come true for our young players to learn from one of the greatest footballers of all time. Moreover, Beckham's interaction extended beyond the Club as he engaged with children from the wider community at our Main Pitch. This priceless opportunity allowed many young aspiring footballers to meet their idol and create everlasting memories.

During his visit, we had the privilege of presenting David Beckham with Honorary Membership, recognising his immense contribution to the world of football. This heartfelt gesture symbolised our deep admiration for his remarkable achievements and the undeniable impact he has had on the sport.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to David Beckham for gracing us with his presence and making this day truly unforgettable. Moments like these reinforce our commitment to nurturing a love for football, fostering talent, and building a vibrant community.

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INTER-CLUB FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2024

The Inter-club Football Tournament 2024 was held on 23rd January, 30th January and 6th February at HKFC Hockey Pitch. More than 130 team members from 7 clubs joined including **Hong Kong Football Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Hong Kong Golf Club, The Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club, The Hong Kong Club** and **The Aberdeen Marina Club**. Clubs played in group stage matches on the first two days and have the knockout stage matches on Day 3. Hong Kong Cricket Club won the champion title in the final game against Hong Kong Football Club by 3 – 2. The Aberdeen Marina Club and Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club are the Semi-finalist while The Hong Kong Club, Hong Kong Golf Club and The Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club are the Quarter-finalist teams.





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TIM CHOW

TAKES ON GLASGOW



James Tavernier



David McCallum



The HKFC have a close relationship with Glasgow Rangers, one of the world's most successful football teams. Rangers have been sending youth teams to our world famous 7's tournament for nearly a quarter of a century and the Rangers legends are multiple winners of the Masters Tournament.

As a result of this strong relationship the current U18 Hong Kong National Team Captain, **Timothy Chow**, was invited to train in Glasgow with the Rangers Academy.

An extraordinary opportunity for a Hong Kong born and bred kid, Tim has made 20 appearances for the HKFC 1st team at the tender age of 17. He had the opportunity to train in May 2022 with Rangers during their Hong Kong visit and did well enough to be invited for a week's training in Glasgow in December 2023.

The experience of seeing and being involved in an elite professional environment will be invaluable in his future development.

I've coached Tim since he was 14 years old and Covid robbed him of the chance to win titles at the U16 and U18 level. The absence of genuine

competitive football during those years has not prevented him in progressing to be the best 17 year old player in Hong Kong. I believe he will only continue to improve and if he shows the level of hunger and dedication he witnessed at The Rangers Academy then his future is bright.

We hope to build on this experience and further extend our working relationship with Rangers in the future. They will be visiting us again in May 2024 for the 25th anniversary of the HKFC 7s. **David McCallum** will lead them once again and I'll leave you with a few words from David himself.

Stewart Montgomery, 1st Team Coach



"We have a long and rich history with the Hong Kong Football Club. It was fantastic welcoming both Monty and Tim to the Academy Training Centre. We have known Monty a long time and having seen Tim play last year we were happy to see him join us for a week's work. He is a good player and a good kid."

The standard of the HKFC Tournament is first class as is the event organisation. The journey to the Far East is an incredible learning experience for our young players. Exposure to a different climate and culture is extremely beneficial. We look forward to playing in front of all our fans in Hong Kong and we know how well the HKRSC will look after us too. The Hong Kong based supporters always go above and beyond to take care of us as do all the people at the HKFC. See you all soon."

Tim's itinerary for his week at the Glasgow Rangers Academy was as follows:

Saturday, 9th December

I picked Tim up at Glasgow Airport and we drove straight to Ibrox for the home match against Dundee. He bought himself a scarf and celebrated with the Union Bear in the Broomland Road end of the stadium. A 3-1 victory for Rangers included a goal for Tim's hero, Rangers Captain and fellow right back, James Tavernier.

Sunday, 10th December

A rest day for Tim in preparation for the following day when training would begin. A Sunday roast and Celtic losing to Kilmarnock put him in a good mood.

Monday, 11th December

We arrived at the Training Centre at 8am and whilst I attended the morning U18 staff meeting, Tim got into his kit and met the U18 squad. Breakfast in the Player's Canteen followed and then a Coach and players meeting to outline the schedule for the day. It was a brutal start as the U18 squad were taking a variety of Fitness Tests ahead of the Winter Break. Tim performed above the average which was impressive. In the afternoon we were out on the pitch working on some defensive patterns then straight home for a well earned rest.

Tuesday, 12th December

Another 8am start and also a step up in level. Tim now joined the Rangers B squad and they were preparing for an away fixture in Spain against Real Betis. The speed and intensity was up another gear and once again he responded to the challenge by performing well.

Wednesday, 13th December

Only a morning session today as the B squad flew with the 1st Team squad to Seville. Tim was performing well and also finding out exactly what happens ahead of a big European away match in terms of behind the scenes logistics. The early finish also gave us the chance to have a home cooked meal at my mum's. Her cooking put mine to shame.

Thursday, 14th December

We were back in with the U18 squad as they prepared for a home match against Hearts. Some patterns of play in an 11v11 set them up and they'd go on to beat Hearts later in the week 1-0.

Thursday night was Real Betis v Rangers. The B team unfortunately lost 2-0 in the afternoon so we were a bit nervous sitting down in front of the TV for the main event given Rangers had never beaten a Spanish side on Spanish soil. Tim pointed out that when we (yes that's a direct quote) won the Cup Winners Cup in 1972 in Barcelona it had been against Russian opposition. He was already emotionally attached to the Mighty and Famous Glasgow Rangers and joined myself and my pal Craig in celebrating wildly as Rangers destroyed Real Betis 3-2 in Seville to reach the last 16.

Friday, 15th December

It was a day off from training and Tim flew down to London on the first flight from Glasgow to take part in a series of showcase matches in front of US College Scouts. He flew back up to Glasgow on the last flight having performed well. No surprise given the intense level of training he had under his belt throughout the week.

Saturday, 16th December

He completed the week's training back in with the B squad who worked on crossing and finishing. Robbie Fraser the Rangers B Captain presented Tim with a signed shirt and he also got the chance to meet the Rangers Captain, James Tavernier.

It was the end of an incredible week. The opportunity of a lifetime. Tim was a fabulous ambassador for the HKFC both on and off the field. He performed well and the experience will surely mean his future in football is going to be an exciting and successful one.

I'd personally like to thank Glasgow Rangers and particularly Davie McCallum the Head of Professional Development and B squad as well as U18 Head coach Stevie Smith.

BOXING DAY



SCOTLAND

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ENGLAND

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It was once again a perfect setting for the traditional Boxing Day Scotland v England game. The sun shone, the bagpipes played, the gods smiled.

Captain **Max McPoon** proudly led Scotland out alongside England captain **Ricky Wells**. England boss **Rich Le-Gallez** made it to pitchside despite some frantic last-minute transfer market activity, resulting in his two would-be star players staying in bed and **Leo Doyle** resisting the temptation to switch sides and join Perfidious Albion.

A very poignant minute's silence was observed before the game for section legend **Paul Sayer** who recently passed. Former Club Captain Paul played in the first team for many years and was then a mainstay of Dynamics. Paul's photograph was displayed on the big screen and both squads paid their respects. RIP Paul.

Then it was down to business. Both teams started with strong teams with the lowest average ages in the history of the fixture. It wasn't long before Leo Doyle celebrated his return from school and rejection of the Le-Gallez offer by opening the scoring. The bagpipes had

rattled England and the lead was extended by Snelder, Leddel and Snelder again.

Scotland boss **Alan Morgan** resisted an attempt by the Club's first-team supremo **Tony Hamilton-Bram** from the England bench to make substitutions for Scotland. **Gabe Kennish** notched another and it was 5-0 Scotland at half-time. A flattering scoreline and a much closer game than this suggests.

The second-half showed a change of pace as the youngsters were largely replaced by a mix of players from across all of the club's men's and women's teams. It was great to see some father and son combos on the pitch and Section Chief **Mark Grainger** surpassed this with a father and son and daughter combination. The match-up of **Ines Grainger** with **Sofia Robertson** proved to be one of the highlights of the game, as they injected some youthful energy to a second half otherwise long on quality but short on pace.

Having failed to make Scotland's substitutions for them, THB



A very poignant minute's silence for Paul Sayer.



led the line strongly for England. There was some question that a penalty could have been awarded when he went to ground under a strong challenge from **Paul McGunnigle**, of a type more commonly seen in the MMA cage. VAR saw nothing wrong and the game raged on. The crowd was on their feet when an outrageous piece of skill by one of Scotland's speedy wingers saw Boss Le-Gallez nutmegged and sitting on the ground. England had the better of the second half with goals from Campion, Grainger (penalty rebound) and Haythorne Jr. out-weighing a consolation strike from Enrico Mills.

6-3 Scotland. Player of the Match was awarded to Sofia Robertson who rampaged up and down the left wing despite the Grainger family's best efforts to contain her. Thank you to fans, players and sponsors.

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HKLBA MEN'S INDOOR PAIRS 2023



167 teams participated in the Men's indoor pairs competition organised by HKLBA. Four semi-final teams were all from HKFC, which may be a record in this competition. They are **Anthony Yip** and **Dicky Mak**, **Johnny Tsang** and **Neil Roberts**, **Stephen Sy** and **Kenneth Fung**, **Stephen Chan** and **Terence Lee**. The semi final and final will be held on 17th March, 2024 at CdeR indoor green.



3 MEN'S TEAM IN DIVISION 1 TRIPLES LEAGUE

This year's triples league, Men's team has 3 teams (A, B, C) participating in division 1 group. The last time that 3 teams in division 1 should be back to 1973, it is our honour that we did again.



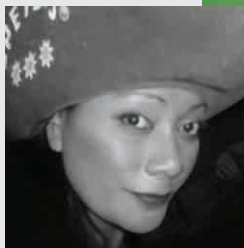
Special thanks to **Patrick Leung** for his incredible photos in Hong Kong Classic 2023 which posted in February Club Magazine.

In loving memory of

ANNE SAMASONI GATELY

20th Feb 1965 - 10th Jan 2024

Anne Samasoni Gately, a former member of the HKFC Lawn Bowls Section, died in Wellington, New Zealand on 10th January 2024, after an illness. All her friends in HKFC show hearty condolence to her family and wish they have strength to bear this great affliction.



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As our last game was the same day as the Christmas Party, we had a wonderful evening celebrating our victory in our Frozen themed costumes! We even drank mouthfuls of champagne out of our huge newly-awarded trophy and danced to 'Let It Go'!

Special thanks to captain and vice captain **Helen** and **Ellie** for organising the roster for our Saturday games and leading the team to winning the league! Also, thank you Istiaq for his superb coaching! And of course, not to mention



Maddie for cheering at the sidelines as well as bringing her delicious sweet treats that gave everyone a boost of energy during half time and after our games! It is definitely the combined effort of both players and coaches which led to our success in the end. Let's now look forward to the upcoming matches and wish the team the best of luck!

Hilary Wong



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SOME OF THE MAIN HIGHLIGHTS

HKFC Natixis Sequins were crowned **League Champions** of HKCR Championship League 3.

There were **6 victories** on the pitch, including 2 exciting Youth Showcases played by our U12 Boys & U10 Girls.

HKFC Natixis Ice player & HKCR international **Aileen Ryan** played her **100th match** for HKFC, scoring 2 tries!

The **bouncy castles, facepainting, smoothie bikes, passing games, calligraphy & spray tattoos**; all activities that were kindly sponsored for our families to enjoy!

What a great day out, we already can't wait until next year!



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TAI PO FESTIVAL U5 – U11



Returning recharged after the year-end break, the U5 – U11 age groups enjoyed 2 Sunday's worth of solid training before the 1st festival of 2024; heading up to EduHK Sports Centre for the Tai Po Festival on 21st January.

The weather was perfect for rugby, with the air in New Territories noticeably cooler then when boarding the bus in Happy Valley in the morning!

There was lots of great teamwork, passing, tackles and tries from our players with the level of progression in everyone's ability pleasing to see. The handing out of medals at the end of the festival left wide smiles on all the faces concluding another successful outing for HKFC.



SENIOR COACHING DAY

Fresh from some strong league wins the day before, a number of our senior players woke up early on a January Sunday to help coach our youth squads for Senior Coaching Day. This event is one of the highlights of the Youth Rugby calendar and offers a great opportunity for our young players to get to know and learn from some of the world class players at our Club.

Highlights of the day saw Club captain **Hugh McCormick-Houston** struggling valiantly against some strong tackling from our U10 girls and Hong Kong International Glyn Hughes giving U8 a tackling masterclass as they prepare for their transition to contact rugby.

On behalf of all of the Youth Rugby Committee, a huge thank you to all the senior players that gave their time and made for such an engaging and inspiring session. One Club!

ON GOING PO LEUNG KUK PARTNERSHIP

Po Leung Kuk ("PLK") recently recognised the Youth Rugby Section for its outstanding contributions and commitment to the community through its rugby program. With a longstanding partnership, the Youth Rugby Section has always extended invitations to PLK children to join its rugby program, nurturing talent from junior to senior levels.

To broaden its reach, weekday evening sessions are organised at the PLK premises on Leighton Road. These sessions provide an opportunity for children who may not be able to join the regular program to engage in rugby activities. In addition to developing rugby skills, the program aims to coach communication, leadership, problem-solving, English, and other essential life skills through the sport.

The Youth Rugby Section's commitment to talent development has led to the progression of several players from youth teams to adult teams.

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HKFC EVISU INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SQUASH OPEN 2023

We are delighted to share the highlights and achievements of the recently concluded **HKFC EVISU International Junior Squash Open 2023**, held over the Christmas holiday. This platinum Asian squash junior event drew an impressive turnout of over 530 junior players from across Asia, with participants travelling even from the United States. The five days of action-packed squash across six age groups for boys and girls made this tournament a memorable celebration of talent and sportsmanship.

CHAMPIONING THE FUTURE STARS

The tournament's final matches showcased exceptional talent and determination. In the Girls' Under-19 final, Hong Kong, China's representative **Leung Ka Huen** secured her first-ever championship, defeating **Au Ling Yu** in three straight games with scores of 12-10, 11-7, 11-3. The Boys' Under-19 final saw Korea's Kim Kun, the No. 1 seed, emerge victorious against Hong Kong,

China's representative **Tam Tsz Shing**, with a valiant fight and scores of 11-5, 11-6, 11-3.

In the Girls' Under-17 category, Hong Kong, China's **Ena Kwong**, the No.1 seed, triumphed over teammate **Cheung Tsz Ching** in a thrilling final that went to the deciding game, concluding with an impressive 16-14 victory.

HONG KONG DOMINANCE

A special congratulations to our homegrown talents who excelled in various categories – **Sidney Victor Huang**, **Chloe Lo Pui Yin**, **Ho Kiu Wong**, **Ka Yau Chung**, **Nicholas Min-Suh Cho**, **Wan Hei Luo**, and **Wai Chun Hung**. They emerged as champions in the Boys' Under-15, Girls' Under-15, Boys' Under-13, Girls' Under-13, Boys' Under-11, Girls' Under-11, and Boys' Under-9 categories, respectively. We are proud to announce that 19 Hong Kong Football Club juniors secured spots in the top 16, with 6 reaching the semi-finals and 3 becoming champions. Special recognition goes to Sidney Huang, Nicholas Cho, and Ka Yau Chung, who not only made the club proud but also secured the coveted titles.

GRATITUDE AND RECOGNITION

The prize presentation ceremony, graced by esteemed guests such as the Honorable **Duncan Chiu**, Chairman of Squash Association of Hong Kong, China, **Mr. Cedric Tyen**, Honorary Secretary of Squash Association of Hong Kong, China, **Mr. Teddy Pun**, Juniors Chairman of Hong Kong Football Club Squash Session, and director of EVISU Group Limited, and **Mr. Chu Kin Wai Oscar**, Assistant Leisure Manager I (Sports Funding) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, marked the culmination of the event.

Heartfelt thanks to **HK Squash** and **Dick Lau** for their invaluable contributions to the success of this remarkable tournament, ensuring the seamless operations that made it all possible. A special note of gratitude is extended to our co-sponsor, **EVISU Group Limited**, for their generous support. Congratulations to all the deserving winners, and we eagerly look forward to welcoming you back for another thrilling edition of the HKFC EVISU International Junior Squash Open next year.

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CLUB PRIDE

IN HONG KONG'S 4 NATIONS TOURNAMENT

Hong Kong's netball community came back with full force to host its first 4 Nations tournament since COVID, the last one held in 2019. The tournament brought national teams from Brunei, Papua New Guinea and Philippines. In the same weekend, the men's team played in the Hong Kong Challenge Cup against Pakistan. Both events were supported by an army of local enthusiastic volunteers.

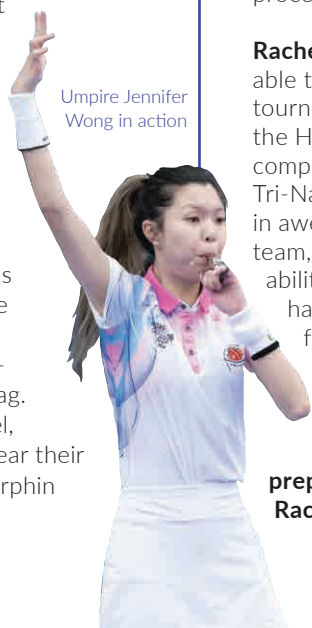
The weekend saw Hong Kong women defeat Brunei and Philippines by a comfortable margin. But ultimately was humbled by Papua New Guinea, currently ranked 34 in the world, in the final (33-57). Whilst taking second place in the tournament, HKFC takes immense pride to see Club representation take on diverse roles in the tournament. **Rachel Telford** and **Zenia Wong**, mid-court double duo, made their debut on court.

Zanne Pienaar, dominant defender, made her debut as the women's assistant coach.

Veronica Arnold, Club coach, served as assistant coach to the national men's team.

Jennifer Wong, this season's star shooter, was appointed to officiate the mens' series - one which awarded her with a hard-sought A Badge to her bag. We sat down with Rachel, Zenia and Veronica, to hear their reflections on their endorphin boosting weekend.

Umpire Jennifer Wong in action



INTERVIEW WITH RACHEL TELFORD AND ZENIA WONG

How does it feel to represent Hong Kong in your first Opens tournament?

Zenia: "Absolutely amazing! It feels like a full-circle moment as I started my netball journey in the U14s Academy, and the team was so supportive and welcoming throughout the entire preparation process and tournament."

Rachel: "It's quite surreal being able to represent Hong Kong in this tournament. I've grown up watching the Hong Kong team play in this competition back when it was the Tri-Nations and remember being in awe of all of the players on the team, wondering if I'd ever have the ability to do the same one day. To have this opportunity to play my favourite sport and represent Hong Kong is something I'm incredibly grateful for."

What training was involved to prepare the team?

Rachel: "As a team, we would

have weekly team training as well as netball targeted gym sessions with Joint Dynamics. All of the team also played in the Ladies League and getting to play games once a week was also very helpful. Personally, having HKFC training on top of Opens training was beneficial for me to ensure my netball skills and fitness were up to scratch."

How do you mentally prep for matches?

Zenia: "Closing my eyes and visualising myself doing positive things on court such as hitting the circle edge and feeding calmly. Reminding myself my goals and that I got this!"

Rachel: "Within the hour before the match, I think it's very important to get into a good mood and hype up with the team before warm-up to ensure you step onto the court with the right attitude."





Assistant coach
Zanne Pienaar coaching
national women's team

Memorable moment(s) of the tournament?

Rachel: "It's very difficult to choose moments because there were just so many! Some of my favourite moments came from rewatching games and strategising with my teammates, especially my roommate (Zenía!) and the middies unit. Playing against other countries, who have different types of experience and styles of play compared to what I'm used to in Hong Kong, was also very memorable!"

Zenia: "The opening ceremony and seeing our friends and family in the crowd, cheering on the HK Men's at their Challenge Cup game against Pakistan."

Most challenging part?

Rachel: "This tournament was definitely physically challenging. I've never really experienced playing games at this intensity back to back, so overcoming the physical tiredness and soreness, especially towards the end of the tournament, was a challenge."

Who's your tournament MVP?

Zenia: "My roommate Rachel - she was relentless in defence and turned over lots of ball, and stepped up when the team needed it!"

Rachel: "My tournament MVP is our captain **Ann Lo**! I think she did an amazing job in the defensive circle and took the opportunities to hunt for the ball. Many of those opportunities led to some great turnovers for our team. As primarily a defender myself, I really admired her energy and willingness to go for every ball this tournament."

Anything you'd like to share with aspiring netball players?

Rachel: "Keep learning, believe in yourself, and remember why you play. Always be open to learning, from your coaches, teammates, players you look up to, or even watching yourself back. If you have a goal for where you want to be as a player, put yourself out there and believe you can achieve it. And what I think is most important, remember why you love netball (for me it's because I have a lot of fun and I love being able to play as part of a team)! It really helps to remind yourself when you're feeling less motivated."

Zenia: "Don't be afraid to ask your coaches for feedback and put effort in working on those areas and believe in your ability even when things get difficult! You might encounter heartbreaking losses throughout your journey and it's normal to feel upset but always pick yourself back up, communicate with your teammates and focus on the next game. Most importantly - have fun and cherish the off-court friendships you make! And always warm-up properly and strap your ankles!"

INTERVIEW WITH ASSISTANT COACH VERONICA ARNOLD



The mens have had a number of international matches this season, how does it feel to represent Hong Kong again?

Veronica: "Singapore Nations Cup and then HK Challenge Cup vs Pakistan. Feels good to be involved with the international scene again. Having had a rest, I feel I have recuperated my energy so have enjoyed it. The men's team was something different for me from U21s and Womens so it was also interesting too."

What do you think the national team has achieved from the challenge cup?

Veronica: "Raised the profile in HK which is important, and for the men that were directly involved, pride and the belief in themselves."

Do you notice a different style of play, when coaching mens compared to womens?

Veronica: "Definitely a difference between the two. The women are far more experienced and aware of systems and the normal old netball tricks. However, the men are, without any disrespect to the women, are

PLAYER PROFILES

RACHEL TELFORD

Research Assistant

Occupation

Since I was 8 years old!

Have played netball since

WD, C (but also GD, GK for HKFC)

Positions

I was born (my dad actually played football for HKFC before)

HKFC member since

ZENIA WONG

Law Student at HKU

13

WA/C

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SENIORS MATCH REPORTS



Assistant coach
Veronica Arnold with
national men's team



physically built differently which already exposes a different style, ie their dynamic movement, agility and elevation. Saying that, the men are very inexperienced compared to the women, especially systems and game smarts. It won't take them long to pick it all up though!"

How do you prepare the team for international exposure?

Veronica: "The men have been training before last summer, and trained once a week. They were drilled by head coach, **Grahame Johnston**, over and over to trust the process we were developing. They had the opportunity to have games against the national women's team and some mixed teams for us to see their development and progress. This game exposure was hugely beneficial for their development and growth."

Memorable moments from the 4-nations weekend?

Veronica: "Loads for both men and women! First time there was a joint event for both sexes. First time men's played in front of their home crowd for an international game. There was a first for the womens with regards to players coming through the HK coaching programmes, ie U14, U21 and Opens. Personally, I felt there was a great atmosphere and noticed a lot of the NHKC committee members visibly involved, which made the weekend feel like a real community effort."

What core values guide your coaching?

Veronica: "Value, respect and trust each other. Be honest and encourage 2-way communication. It is the hope to develop thinking players. And just as important, ensure everyone is learning and having fun at the same time."

HKFC CLUB

VS

HANTANG PHOENIX

FINAL SCORE

35 – **11**

KEY MATCH MOMENT

Club worked really hard within the first 5 minutes against Hantang Phoenix, taking the lead by 6 goals at the end of the first quarter, which set the rest of the match's tempo. We continued that work rate throughout the match and kept momentum with all the combinations throughout the match. Really proud of the team for bringing back their first win within the Premier Division.

TEAM WORK-ONS

Attack to work hard from Defence and to score from all the turnovers.

MVP/WHY?

Megan Lui who came on court and made a significant impact. She carried the ball well in attack and applied good pressure in defence.

HKFC MONSOONS

VS

HKCC DEMONS

FINAL SCORE

30 – **48**

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SONICS

KEY MATCH MOMENT

Seeing as we miraculously made it to the Premiership level this half of the season - playing against the best teams in Hong Kong, our team goal is, whilst not aspirational, is to not get obliterated. In the first quarter, we trailed close behind Demons by about 4 points! We had a chance before it all went pear shaped!

This was also the first match where Monsoons managed to get a record number of players to play. Roll on rolling subs!

TEAM WORK-ONS

We're a defence-heavy team. So moving the ball down mid court safely to the attacking end needs work. And we need to think smarter & faster by changing up our play when our opponents get on a winning streak.

MVP/WHY?

Queenie Wong - stepped up to play C - out of position and physically taxing! She took multiple dives for the team and has the bruises to show for it.



SPORTS

JUNIORS

We are delighted to announce that two of our Junior players, **Zoe Holland** and **Rachel Shin**, were selected for the Hong Kong Regional Academy to participate in the 12th International Youth Netball Challenge hosted in Singapore in October 2023.

The Juniors also had a very busy December with the first part of the league and training running until mid December and ending the season off with a Junior Christmas Party.

We currently have a total of 12 teams participating in the JNL with 5 of the U12-U19 teams competing in the Premiership in the second half of the season.

With matches only starting on 25th February 2024, the Junior League is well underway with their training that started in early January already. We are excited to see how the teams progress this year in their new divisions.



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HKFC ATA AUSTRALIAN OPEN SOCIALS 2024



The Australian Open Socials of 2024 took place on 27th January, against the backdrop of pleasant weather. A total of 25 players enthusiastically participated in this event, forming four teams named after native Australian animals: the Roos, the Koalas, the Dingos, and the Wombats. The ATA tennis organization deserves special thanks for their excellent organization and the thoughtfully tailored order of play, which was beautifully presented to all participants.

To add to the festive atmosphere, everyone embraced the occasion by dressing up in Australian costumes, vying for the coveted title of the best costume award. In a display of creativity and enthusiasm, James Piachard's prisoner outfit ultimately won the prize, capturing the attention of all present.

The tournament featured five rounds of highly competitive first-to-six-game matches, where players showcased their skills and determination. In addition, two bonus rounds were incorporated into the schedule. The first bonus round

was the highly anticipated "King of the Court" for singles, which saw Team Wombats dominating and securing all of the scores. The second bonus round was the "King of the Court" for doubles, providing an enjoyable and challenging experience for all participants.

Acknowledging outstanding individual performances, Hayden was honored with the best shots award for his exceptional display of skill and technique. Meanwhile, it was Team Wombats who emerged as the champions, accumulating a remarkable 77 points, the highest among all the teams, and earning them the well-deserved best team award.

The Australian Open Socials of 2024 provided an unforgettable day of tennis and camaraderie, with participants showcasing their talent, creativity, and team spirit. It was a testament to the passion and dedication of all those involved, creating lasting memories and an atmosphere of celebration.



TENNIS SOCIETY HKCTA WINTER LEAGUE 2023

MEN'S A+

This season marked one of the A+ Men's team's most impressive campaigns in recent years. Competing in a challenging pool that included CCC, KCC, AC, FPCC, IRC, and HKFC, we faced each team twice. Out of the 10 matches played, we only suffered two losses, both of which came at the hands of our cross-road rivals, CCC.

Advancing to the semi-finals, we confronted CRC on their home courts. Despite the formidable challenge ahead, we battled hard but ultimately fell short with a score of 5/1. It was a closely contested match, with two matches ending in 6/7 6/7, which could have turned the tide in our favor. Despite the outcome, we can look back on the season with immense pride, as it was truly a fantastic campaign.

As we look ahead to 2024, we are determined to build upon this success and strive for even greater achievements. With the experience gained and the lessons learned from this season, we are confident that we can take that next crucial step and aim for an even more exceptional performance. The team is eager to embrace the challenge and give it our all in the pursuit of further success.

Nathan

MEN'S A

Splendid turnaround season from the Men's A team this year and overall we are super proud of the immense effort that everyone poured in. We only came slightly short in the playoff finals but it is truly a remarkable feat to remember that we were not even in the conversation last season. A special shoutout to everyone that came to cheer for us - hopefully we have made you proud too! The grit and grind on court alongside with bants and beers off court shall carry us on as we take on the A+ challenge next.

Colin

MEN'S B

Having secured our Group victory

with a game to spare, the B team was pitted against KCC, the Group 3 winners, in the playoffs. Unfortunately, **Mylesy Ormerodev**, a reliable cornerstone of our season, was ineligible to participate due to having played for the A team more times than allowed. Nonetheless, our team showcased its incredible depth of talent and managed to find suitable replacements. Moreover, we were fortunate to have the advantage of playing on our home court, which energized our fans and led to a resounding 6-0 victory, securing our promotion to the A division.

Awaiting the draw for the final against PTC, the only undefeated team in the 30-team Division, we were unfortunate to be drawn away, resulting in a diminished support base. Nevertheless, we are immensely grateful to the few loyal spectators who stood by us. The opposing captain, in an unconventional move, wore a sleeveless shirt, while our own Captain of Tennis, **Shaan Bhoj**, sported mustard tracksuit bottoms, matching their captain's outfit with his unique style. The court conditions were different from what we were accustomed to, as we typically play on a different surface. In an attempt to adapt, we arrived 10 minutes earlier to familiarize ourselves with the conditions. Despite being unable to secure a set in the first round, we fought back and claimed a set in the next round (courtesy of **Nadeem & Romain**). We even had three match points in another round (thanks to **Henry & James**), but unfortunately, we were unable to convert them, eventually succumbing to defeat in the final.

Nevertheless, it was an incredible season, and I had the pleasure of leading the squad in my first season as captain. Finishing second in the Division and earning promotion were significant achievements, and I am proud to have been a part of this journey with such a talented and dedicated team.

Nadeem

LADIES A+

Ladies A+ finished the 2023 Winter League season 3rd out of 6 teams in Group 1. Under the leadership of **Vicky Hui** and **Julie Tringa**, the Ladies A+ tennis team has achieved remarkable success this season. Their guidance, expertise, and unwavering dedication have been instrumental in the team's ability to achieve such impressive results. Thanks to all of the players for their hard work and support, we had some strong wins and made great progress this season. Hope everyone enjoyed the matches and look forward to the upcoming season!

Special thanks to **Rachel** for vice-captaining and playing all of the matches! She showed up for our team every week with great energy and enthusiasm.

Vicky

LADIES A

The Ladies A players have had an outstanding season, finishing in 2nd place out of 9 teams in group 1 and securing a spot in the semi-finals. Not only have they showcased their remarkable tennis skills, but their team spirit has also flourished under the leadership of Captain **Nicol Cheung** and Vice-Captain **Charlotte Cheung**. **Charlotte** has been instrumental in fostering a sense of unity within the team by organizing tennis socials, which have provided valuable opportunities for teammates to practice their skills throughout the season. **Jennifer, Olga** and **Rachel** have shown remarkable improvement, earning their place in the playoffs. **Portia, Claudia, HanYan** and **Sihui** have been invaluable teammates, contributing significantly to the team's success. The team owes a special thanks to **Vivien**, whose strategic guidance has played a crucial role in maximizing the team's chances of winning matches. Nevertheless, the support from our teammates, as well as our friends and family, has been the driving force behind our success. Their support has been an invaluable source of motivation, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a strong support system behind us.

With such a strong foundation, the team is poised to continue improving and achieve even better results in the next season. Good luck to everyone!

Nicol



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Terry Mackay



Lawrence Chong, Terry Mackay, Justin Flowers

GOLF OUTINGS

MONDAY, 8TH JANUARY 2024 DEEP WATER BAY

We started our 2024 golfing season with a relaxed day at Deep Water Bay, which is an excellent course for dialling down your irons.

All 15 of us were expecting a frigid start because the weather had been a little chilly over the New Year; nevertheless, the early January sun boosted temperatures to a comfortable 20 degrees Celsius! However, the strong winds from the South China Morning Sea made it extremely

difficult, forcing the majority of us to play the round for longer than normal.

For our Deep Water Bay and smaller courses, we opt to play an alternate format which involves other fun golf games. Today we played Split Sixes and took the winner of each team to determine who finished first, second, and third overall. We also held four nearest to the pin competitions, but due to the windy conditions, only one person was able to land on the green that day.

Always an excellent day out in Deep Water Bay, and congratulations to the winners - results are shown below.



Stephen Knight



Jane Fung



Eric Lee, Johnny Lam, Jane Fung

NEAREST TO THE PIN

Hole 2 Jane Fung

SPLIT SIXES WINNERS

1st	Jane Fung	61 points
2nd	Terrance Mackey	57 points
3rd	Stephen Knight	47 points



John Dainton, Alain Roberge, Martin Wright.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JANUARY 2024 KSC NORTH

Just a few days after playing at Deep Water Bay, we headed back to the golf course. Our venue was at the KSC North Course.

Most members were still away which we had a modest group of 16 players for the day I got to play with **Dori Dainton, Jonny Brock,** and **Alistair Murray** in a friendly doubles match. Thank goodness I was paired with **Dori**, as she carried me for the entire back nine, bringing us all even at the end of the round!

I believe most of us were still getting back into the swing of things after the holidays, as the most of us scored quite high, with the lowest gross score only being "officially" 98!

However, we had tense count back to determine the stableford winner as both first and second place had a total of 33 stableford points. Congratulations to **David Lindsay** on his first Stableford win, scoring 19 points on the back nine to 14 points.

**"IF YOU THINK GOLF
IS RELAXING, THEN YOU'RE
NOT PLAYING IT RIGHT."**



Alistair Murray, William Chan, Dori Dainton, Jonny Brock



Lucia Lee, Dorothy Lam, Albert Lam, Gilbert Law

NEAREST TO THE PIN

Hole 6	Jonny Brock
Hole 7	Graeme Brechin
Hole 11	Thomas Yiu
Hole 13	Graeme Brechin
Hole 14	Thomas Yiu

LONGEST DRIVE HOLE 17

Men's	Johnny Brock
Women's	Lucia Lee

STABLEFORD WINNERS

1st	David Lindsay	33 points
2nd	Dori Dainton	33 points
3rd	Jonny Brock	32 points



Jonny Brock

Graeme Brechin



Lucia Lee



David Lindsay



Dori Dainton



Terry Mackey

Thomas Yiu, Terry Mackey,
Graeme Brechin, David Lindsay

TEAM COACH REPORT

I am passionate about coaching and would like to see an all rounded success in the HKFC overall badminton development. The young players in the squad are demonstrating their stamina, perseverance and ability to recover from losses. These young talents deserve their chances to shine for HKFC and make their growth positively memorable.

John Leung

UPCOMING JUNIOR EVENTS

January – May 2024
HKBA Doubles League

January 2024 – Ongoing
HKFC Junior Badminton
Ladder Series

February 2024
HKFC Junior Badminton
Club Championship

May 2024
HKFC and Torq Sports
Junior Tournament 2024

Summer 2024
HKFC and Torq Sports
Overseas Junior Invitational
Team Tournament

JUNIOR ASSOCIATED MEMBERS REPORT

HAPPY LO NOMINATION FOR HONG KONG SPORTS STARS AWARDS

With the Road to Paris Olympics getting closer, our elite JAM Happy Lo will be away for 3 back to back tournaments, Iran International Series, Sri Lanka International Series and Asia Team Championship 2024 in order to maintain her Olympic qualification.

Further to her achievements, she has also been nominated in the Cathay 2024 Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards. All National Sports Associations in Hong Kong, China will be nominating their best athletes to compete for this honour. The four award categories for this year's will be "Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Men", "Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Women", "Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Team Event", and "Hong Kong Sports Stars Award for Team Only Sport". Five athletes will be awarded in each category for

Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Men and Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Women.

The highest votes among the winners, one male and one female awardee will be awarded "Best of the Best Hong Kong Sports Stars Award for Men/ Women" respectively. Please show your support to the pride of HKFC junior associated member.



JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS REPORT

HKBA DOUBLES LEAGUE 2024 MEN'S GRADE E



The Hong Kong Badminton Association Doubles League 2024 has commenced last week. Our Grade E men's team had their first match on 21st January 2024 against "Yu Kung Team". Despite the age difference (opposing team players almost doubled their age of our young talents), it was a favourable win of an overall 6:3 for our junior team in the open age team tournament. HKFC junior men's squad will be playing against another team in the round robin stage on 10th March 2024.

HKFC Junior Team in HKBA Doubles League Men's Grade E (left to right) – **Coach Dawn, Alvin Yap, Anthony Chuang, Michael Cha, Michael Chen, Jack Du, Carson Chung, and Nixon Chiu.**

FEATURE REPORT

HKFC Junior Member
Curtis Cheah



HKFC Junior
Associated Member
Nicole Wan

HKFC Junior
Associated Member
Evelyn Zhu



MAINLAND BADMINTON TRAINING CAMP 2023 DONG GUAN

About 10 of our junior squad team players attended the 3 days badminton training camp in Dongguan, Mainland China on 27th – 31st December 2023.

It was an intensive 3 days camp that concluded with a local tournament. Our players all ended up first in their group Safe, however, due to schedule conflict, they could not complete the competition. They will be looking forward to next year!

HIGHLIGHTS IN MARCH

FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS



I carrot believe it's Easter, how egg-citing!

Our F&B team has already planned a list of activities during the Easter holiday, including the Easter Buffet at the Coffee Shop and Easter Set Menu at the Restaurant.

Easter goodies are also available at the Kiosk.

COFFEE SHOP



K-Pop Kitchen

Annyeong-Haseyo! K-pop vibes in every bites!

Buffet Upsell Dish: Korean Mixed Grill Platter

Beverage: Hwachae and Yuzu Soda

Monthly Special: Rice in Soup

POOL BAR



Pan-tastic Pizzas

Crispy, cheesy and delicious, indeed they are pan-tastic!

SPORTSMAN'S BAR

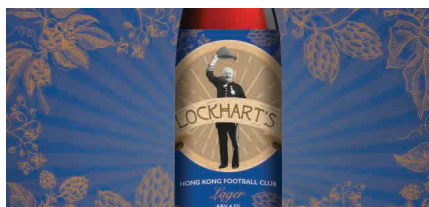


Curry Up 2

Curry Up 2 the Back Patio and enjoy some tikka, vindaloo, masala and everything else.

Fun Activity: Goal Guessing

Weekly Special: Thai Style Burger



Friday, 22nd March

**HKFC Beer: Lockhart's Lager
"By The Members, For The Members"
Launch Party**

TIME 6pm - 9pm
VENUE Sportsman's Bar Back Patio

RESTAURANT



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FAMILY LOUNGE



Croffles

Where croissants meet waffles...

Beverage: Origin Tea

COCKTAIL



Thursday, 29th February | Friday, 1st March

Guest Mixologist - Gavin Yeung

Gavin Yeung is the Co-founder of Kingsman and Senior Editor at Tatler Dining and is responsible for the creative direction and mixology at Kingsman, a Cantonese salon that champions the forgotten tradition of indigenous Cantonese spirit.

TIME 6:30pm - 10pm
VENUE Chairman's Bar

CHAIRMAN'S BAR



Prime Roast

Treat yourself, it is a cut above the rest.

CAKE SELECTION



New selection coming in Mid-March!

Pick up the cake order form at the Front Desk or Coffee Shop to find out more.

KIOSK



Hot Items - New Retail Products

Ken went on a hunt for new products, be sure to check them out.

WINE EVENTS



Thursday, 14th March

German Wine Master Class

TIME 7pm – 8:30pm
 VENUE Happy Valley Suite 1, 2/F
 PRICE \$258 per person
 \$50 refund for any wine purchased right after the class



Saturday, 16th March | Sunday, 17th March

Wine Fair: High Rating with Best Deal

TIME 1:30pm – 6:00pm
 VENUE Lockhart Room, 2/F
 Tasting available



Friday, 22nd March

Cheese Wine Dinner

TIME 7:30pm Welcome Drink, followed by Dinner
 VENUE Restaurant, 2/F
 PRICE \$838 per member
 \$888 per member's guest

Enquiries and Bookings: 2830 9532
 or restaurant@hkfc.com

PREVIEW
IN APRIL

SPECIALS

HKFC Beer: Lockhart's Lager

Available in Sportsman's Bar, Captain's Bar, Chairman's Bar and Kiosk!

WINE EVENTS

Saturday, 13th April | Sunday, 14th April

Wine Fair: Bin End Sales

Thursday, 18th April

Wine Masterclass: Unusual Grapes

Friday, 26th April

Wine Dinner: American Dream

COFFEE SHOP

Themed Buffet: K-pop Kitchen

Monthly Special: Donburi Mania

Buffet Upsell Platter: Korean Mixed Grill Platter

Beverage: Hwachae & Yuzu Soda

POOL BAR

Pan-tastic Pizzas

Beverage: Hwachae & Yuzu Soda

RESTAURANT

British Classics

SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Back Patio: Greek Salad & Souvlaki

Weekly Special: Fried Seafood

CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Omega Catch

Tea Set: Tea Time in Paris

Cocktail Promotion: Infused, Not Confused

CAPTAIN'S BAR

Food: Pastitsio

Beverage: Coffee Bean Selection

FAMILY LOUNGE

Food: Croffles

Beverage: Kids Juice

KIOSK

Hot Items: Butchery Block -

New Items from the Butchery

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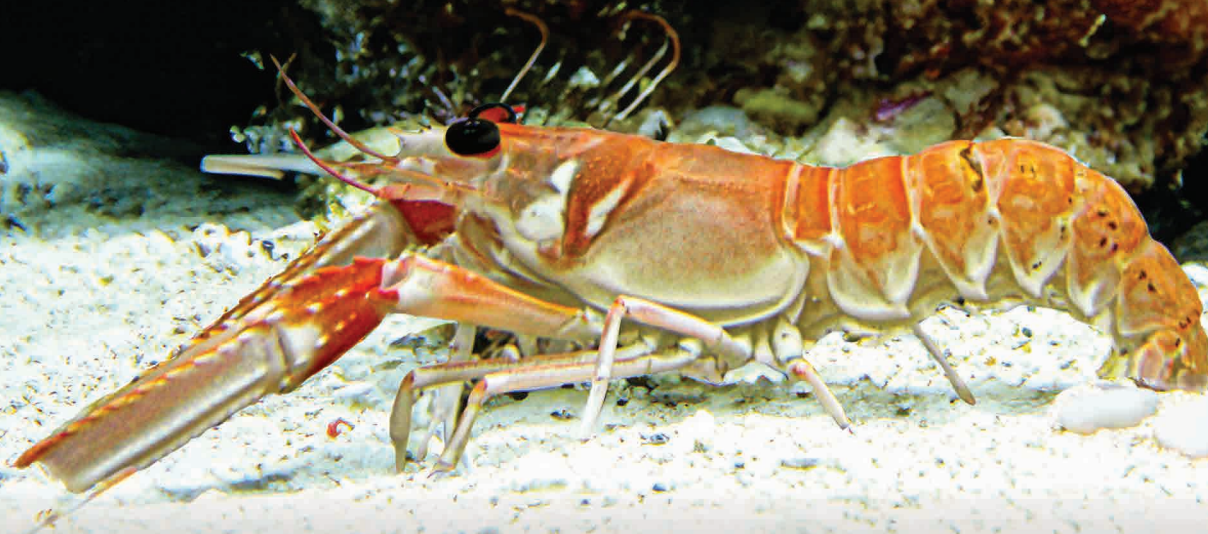
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Prawn



RESTAURANT

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CHRISTOPHE'S *Chronicles*

Our Club has embarked on an exciting venture of producing our own beer, and the enthusiasm among our members has been palpable. We wanted to create a unique brew that represents the spirit of the Club. To ensure that it was truly a beer

“BY THE MEMBERS FOR THE MEMBERS”,

we organised tasting sessions where members had the opportunity to sample various flavors, styles, and ingredients. The discussions were lively, with each member sharing their thoughts and preferences. It was a collaborative effort that allowed us to narrow down the choices and select the perfect combination of flavors. Additionally, we encouraged members to suggest names for our beer, and the creativity was astounding. After much deliberation, we finally settled on a name that truly captured the essence of our Club and “Lockhart’s Lager” was born. This experience has not only brought us closer as a community but also given us a sense of pride in producing a beer that is uniquely our own. Cheers to the Club’s camaraderie and the delicious brew we have created together!

So come down to the launch party on the 22nd of March at the Sportsman’s Bar Back Patio and enjoy a great barbecue spread together with our very own lager. Raise a glass to Sir Lockhart’s visionary spirit and the vibrant sporting culture of the HKFC.

Cheers! I look forward to seeing you all down at the Club soon.

Christophe Horrenberger
Director of Food & Beverage



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- ② Alpha Taste Cream Cheese with Greek Feta \$48
- ③ Evita Green Olives Pitted in Brine \$48
- ④ Evita Kalamon Olives Pitted in Brine \$48
- ⑤ Koukakis Strained Yogurt 0% \$122

Savoury

- ⑥ Gluten Free Bakery Gluten Free Pizza Margarita \$88
- ⑦ Reditiki Ladopitta Traditional Frozen Pitta \$72
- ⑧ Reditiki Ladopitta Frozen Whole Grain Pitta \$78

Drink

- ⑨ Epsa Lemon Iced Tea \$15

Sweet

Sokolata Agapitos 1944

- ⑩ Caramel Sea Salt Flakes \$48
- ⑪ Super Super Hero & Milk Chocolate \$45
- ⑫ Spider Super Hero & Milk Chocolate \$45
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- ⑮ Bat Super Hero & Milk Chocolate \$45

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