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THE THOUGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

主席的話

Neil Jensen
Chairman



As we move into the summer months, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the **HKFC Annual Sports Awards Gala** which was a brilliant success. It was a truly special evening that brought our community together as we swapped playing kit for the fancier stuff to celebrate the dedication, passion and achievements of our members across all sections of the Club.

The room was full of talented sportspeople of all ages, from U18s to Olympic legends. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of Honorary Memberships to two towering figures in the world of sport – **Martin Johnson**, former England Rugby World Cup-winning captain and British & Irish Lions legend, and **Daley Thompson**, Olympic gold medalist and decathlon great. It was an honour to welcome both Martin and Daley to the Club and to have them join our distinguished list of Honorary Members.

We were also privileged to have **Camille Cheng** in attendance at the Gala. As an Olympian and mental health advocate, Camille spoke passionately about Mind the Waves, the charity she co-founded, which supports the mental wellbeing of young people through sport. Thanks to your generosity during the charity auction, the Club was able to raise a considerable amount of money to benefit Laureus Sport for Good and Mind the Waves.

The summer period tends to be a quieter time for some sections, but it also offers a chance to recharge, reflect and prepare for the upcoming season.

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer, and I look forward to seeing many of you around the Club.

Neil Jensen
Chairman

踏入夏季，想花點時間回顧非常成功的年度**香港足球會運動員頒獎慶典**。在這個特別的夜晚，我們整個社區聚首一堂，一同褪下球衣，換上禮服，慶祝本會各個體育部成員的貢獻、熱情及成就。

慶典聚集了很多才華橫溢的運動員，從U18到奧運傳奇，各個年齡層都有。當晚其中一個焦點是頒發榮譽會籍予兩位體育界的傑出人物，分別是前英格蘭欖球世界盃冠軍隊長及英格蘭及愛爾蘭雄獅隊名宿**Martin Johnson**，以及奧運金牌得主及十項全能名將**Daley Thompson**，本會很榮幸可以迎來Martin及Daley，並成功邀請他們加入我們榮譽會員的名單當中。

我們亦很榮幸邀請到**Camille Cheng**出席慶典，身為一位奧運選手及心理健康大使，當晚Camille熱情分享她共同創辦的慈善機構Mind the Waves，機構透過運動照顧年輕一代的心理健康。而有賴大家在慈善拍賣會的慷慨解囊，本會為勞倫斯體育公益基金會及Mind the Waves籌得一大筆錢，用於支持他們的慈善工作。

對於一些體育部而言，夏天往往是較安靜的淡季，但同時也是恢復精力、反思過往及為新一季作好準備的良機。

祝各位有一個愉快的夏天，期待與大家在本會相見。

主席 Neil Jensen



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總經理的話

Matt Rawnsley
General Manager



Dear Members,

As sports seasons come to an end, and injuries and niggles get some rest and time to heal, I'm sure many of you are preparing for a much needed holiday unless your kids are about to break up! My family will be moving out to Hong Kong in early July, so please come and say hi, and introduce yourself to them who will no doubt be adjusting to the heat and humidity!

There's no rest for the team at the Club. Fences will get painted, gutters repaired, floodlights maintained and pitches refurbished. We'll be undertaking two very visible projects in the next several weeks, which will see improvements to the pool jacuzzi as well as the installation of a plunge pool. In addition, we'll be using the quieter period in the summer to replace the Sportsman's Bar decking which is well overdue for replacement.

There'll be some changes to the team too. If you've not met **Michael Mui** yet, our new Head of Operations, please introduce yourself if you see him around the Club. **Michael** has already hit the ground running, taking a leadership role in many of the projects at the Club. I'm currently in the process of recruiting a Director of Sports, a key role which will help shape the strategic direction of sports at HKFC, from juniors to seniors, and from social to performance teams. As one of the leading private members' sports clubs in the world, this is a very exciting opportunity for someone to be a part of our constant push forwards, and I'll be sharing updates when I can.

Finally, we'll also be changing our Club magazine, moving to a quarterly publication. While many members value the magazine, it is often out of date at the time of print. Having a quarterly edition will not only help us communicate what has happened but also provide a more comprehensive guide to future fixtures, events and tournaments. I hope our next Autumn issue in September is both informative and enjoyable, and the team is looking forward to hearing your feedback.

For those heading away, safe travels and see you soon. For those staying at the Club over the summer, I look forward to sheltering in the air-conditioning with you!

Matt Rawnsley
General Manager

親愛的會員：

隨著賽季結束，同時受傷的運動員需要一些休息及治療的時間，相信大家也正為這急需的假期做準備，但如果身邊的小朋友即將放假，那就辛苦各位了！本人的家人將於七月初搬到香港，可以肯定他們都要適應香港的炎熱及潮濕，所以請大家過來跟他們打個招呼及介紹自己，幫助他們更快融入香港的生活！

相反，本會的團隊沒有休息，繼續維護設施的工作，包括在圍欄塗上油漆、修理排水溝、保養泛光燈及翻新球場草地。團隊將會於接下來的幾個星期開展兩個非常矚目的工程項目，分別是按摩浴池的升級工程及冷水浴池的安裝工程。此外，我們也會利用夏天的淡季來更換Sportsman's Bar日久失修的室外地板。

我們的團隊也有一些變動，如果各位還沒遇到新上任的營運主管**Michael Mui**，可以在本會見到他的時候，自我介紹一下，**Michael**亦已經馬上投入工作，在本會的眾多項目中擔當領導角色。本人目前正招聘體育總監，這個重要職位將幫助明確本會體育發展的戰略方向，從青少年組到成人組以及從聯誼隊伍到表現隊伍，而作為其中一個世界領先私人體育會所，這是一個非常令人興奮的機會，可以成為不斷推動本會向前的其中一分子，可以的話，本人會及時分享最新消息。

最後，本會會刊將從月刊改為季刊。雖然很多會員都很重視會刊，但月刊資訊於印刷時往往已經過時，季度出版不但有助我們更有效傳達已發生的事，還為未來賽程、活動及錦標賽提供更全面的指南。希望下期9月出版的秋季刊內容豐富之餘，亦令大家看得入迷，團隊很期待聽取大家的意見。

假如你快將離開，祝你一路順風，希望很快再見面。假如你夏天留在本會，期待與你一同在充滿冷氣的會所乘涼。

總經理 羅施利

NEW BEGINNINGS AT HKFC: WELCOMING OUR LATEST MEMBERS

The Club recently hosted a lively New Members Orientation Reception, a special evening designed to welcome fresh faces into our thriving community. More than just an introduction, this event was a gateway for new members to connect, engage, and truly understand the rich culture of HKFC.

The reception set the stage for an exciting journey, with Membership Sub-Committee Chairman Don Rider delivering an opening address. His warm words encouraged newcomers to dive into the diverse activities the Club offers, underscoring the importance of active participation in shaping their membership experience.

A key highlight of the event was the personal interaction between new members and key figures within the Club—including the General Committee, Membership Sub-Committee, and representatives from various sports sections. These conversations helped to create a welcoming atmosphere and provided invaluable insights into the many opportunities available at HKFC.

To further immerse our new members in the Club's heritage, the Membership Team took the stage to share its rich history, followed by an engaging trivia quiz. Designed to be both fun and informative, the quiz sparked curiosity and deepened their understanding of the Club's traditions in a relaxed setting.

Beyond the warm introductions, attendees indulged in a delightful spread from the Club's renowned food and beverage outlets, enhancing the celebratory ambiance. Representatives from different sports sections encouraged newcomers to explore various activities, ensuring that every member finds a space where they truly belong.

This orientation was more than just a reception — it was the beginning of lasting connections and a deeper appreciation for HKFC. With excitement in the air, we look forward to seeing our new members thrive and immerse themselves in all that HKFC has to offer.

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FAMILY FORUM

THURSDAY, 22ND MAY 2025

At the end of May, our General Manager, **Matt Rawnsley** hosted a Family Forum alongside members of the GC and parents of children of all ages, many of whom are already active in sports and other activities at the club. During the session, Matt presented his ideas of how the current facilities could be improved to promote more engagement with our juniors and their parents. It was an open forum with parents sharing great suggestions and strong support for being more involved in shaping the club's future.

On the night, several members signed up to be involved in a Family Forum group that will meet with Matt on a regular basis to discuss ideas and move things forward. If any members are interested in sharing their thoughts for the future, you are welcome to participate! Please reach out to the Front Desk for more information or book an appointment to see Matt directly and share your ideas!





Hong Kong Football Club

SPORTS AWARDS

Gala Dinner 2025





Lifetime Achievement Award - Tony Bratsanos



CLUB NEWS



Badminton - Jason Cheng (Male)



Bob Lloyd & Martin Johnson



Hockey - Matthew Greyling (U18 Male)



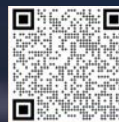
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Soccer - Tara Ramachandran (U18 Female)



Rugby - Craig McSheaffrey (U18 Male)



Squash - Justin Cheng (Male)

WINNERS OF THE HKFC SPORTS AWARDS 2025

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD | | Tony Bratsanos |
| PRESIDENT'S AWARD | | James Po |
| CHAIRMAN'S AWARD | | David Cross |
| HOCKEY | Male | Felix Studholme-Wilson |
| | Female | Nicola Bruce |
| | U18 Male | Matthew Greyling |
| | U18 Female | Sophie Aranha |
| LAWN BOWLS | Male | Adrian Yau |
| | Female | Gloria Ha |
| RUGBY | Male | Pierce McKinley-West |
| | Female | Zoe Teece |
| | U18 Male | Craig McSheaffrey |
| | U18 Female | Elsie Hulme |
| SOCCER | Male | Callum Beattie |
| | Female | Jeanne Dupoirion |
| | U18 Male | Hugo Sundberg |
| | U18 Female | Tara Ramachandran |
| SQUASH | Male | Justin Cheng |
| | Female | Yurisa Yeung |
| NETBALL | Male | Rachel Telford |
| | U18 | Ines Murchie |
| BADMINTON | Male | Jason Cheng |
| | Female | Nora Man |
| GOLF | Male | Jonny Brock |
| | Female | Amy Cheng |
| SWIM AND TRIATHLON | Male | Mayank Vaid |
| | Female | Farah Master |
| TENNIS | Male | Nicholas Kunz |
| | Female | Mary Soo |



Hockey - Nicola Bruce (Female)



Lawn Bowls - Gloria Ha (Female)



President's Award - James Po



Golf - Jonny Brock (Male)



Netball - Ines Murchie (U18 Female)



Rugby - Pierce Mckinley-West (Male)



Swim & Triathlon - Farah Master (Female)



Soccer - Jeanne Dupoirion (Female)



Hockey - Felix Studholme-Wilson (Male)



HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CEREMONY FOR MARTIN JOHNSON AND DALEY THOMSON

SATURDAY, 7TH JUNE 2025





CHRIS HATTAM CUP

U10 BOYS

For the Chris Hattam Cup, the U10 boys invited five other clubs to participate – HKU Sandy Bay, Sai Kung Stingrays, USRC Tigers, Shatin Shapei and Monkeys.

It was a gloriously hot and sunny day, and all teams did well to manage their five pool matches in the heat. With 16 players selected for the squad, the HKFC team were able to manage substitutions to keep the boys from getting too hot and bothered, and at the end of the round robin group stage, we found ourselves top of the group and into the final against 2nd place Sai Kung Stingrays who we had beaten 2-1 in our group match.

The final was a tense affair with Stingrays opening with their trademark back line attacks, but a solid defence allowed us to turnover the ball and power through to open the scoring. A subsequent attack in the next phase of play again brought us to the line, but

teamwork and generosity was almost our undoing as a pass behind the try line was intercepted by Stingrays and almost led to them evening the score. Thankfully our defence was again solid, and one final run at the end of the match resulted in a second try to bring the final score to 2-0.

I am immensely proud of the effort the boys put in to all their matches, and the teamwork and respect they showed to their opposition. I'd also like to thank my coaches **Alex, Chris, Fred and Shane** for leading the team on the day, and to **Lindsay Varty and Shiven Dukhande** for their kind words about their memories of **Chris Hattam**, and for awarding the medals and trophies.

There was some stunning rugby on show from all clubs, a fitting tribute to the memory of **Chris Hattam**.

Chris Kenyon-Edwards
U10 Boys Head Coach





U10 GIRLS

Congratulations also to our U10 Girls who took out the Chris Hattam Cup, defeating USRC Tigers in the final!!

They did so with terrific spirit and sportsmanship befitting of this day on the annual youth rugby calendar to celebrate Chris' life.

"Thank you for inviting us to this meaningful event.

SSP kids and parents had an amazing time, filled with fun and excitement. A big round of applause to FC and all the participating teams for their outstanding efforts and sportsmanship. We look forward to seeing everyone again at the next tournament!"

Shatin Shapei

"Thanks for the great organising Nick & team. Our girls had a lot of fun and like the format!"

Sai Kung Stingrays



END OF SEASON

2024-25 was a banner year for HKFC U9, so there was lots to celebrate at the final training session of the season on 25th May.

Successful tours saw around 45 players travel out of Hong Kong to play at various tournaments and everywhere they went, they played with sportsmanship and teamwork and were a credit to HKFC. The Club trophy cabinet is now over-flowing as U9 won the inaugural HKFC Youth International Cup, two international tournaments in Macau and also brought back silverware from the Kuala Lumpur 10s and the Tanglin Junior Cup in Johor.

Having only transitioned from touch to contact rugby at the start of the season, the coaches are immensely proud of every one of our 70 players and look forward to hitting the ground running when the season restarts in August.



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HKFC HOCKEY

SEASON REVIEW

2024 - 2025



As the sun sets on another exhilarating hockey season, we reflect on a year filled with remarkable achievements, camaraderie and growth. The 2024/25 season kicked off in August with our annual team trials and a vibrant start-of-season social, welcoming our new Director of Hockey **Will Murray**.

MEN'S HOCKEY

This season, HKFC proudly fielded seven teams in the HHKC league structure:

HHKC LEAGUE RESULTS

HKFC MEN'S TEAMS

| | | |
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| HKFC A | | Finished in the top half of the fiercely competitive Premier Division. |
| HKFC B & C | Division 1 | Competed in Division 1, with the C team narrowly missing out as runners-up in a thrilling title race. |
| HKFC D & E | Division 2 | Both placed in the top 5 |
| HKFC F | Division 3 | Champions |
| HKFC F | Division 5 | 6th |

SPORTS

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

The women's section also fielded seven teams:

Ladies A & B Teams:

Both finished in the top 4 of the Premier League and reached the semi-finals of the Guv Dillon Cup. Notably, the Ladies A team triumphed in the HHKC Hockey 5s Premier League Tournament in January.

Ladies C Team:

Achieved a League and Cup double, finishing ahead of the Ladies D team who placed 4th in Division 1.

Ladies E Team:

Endured a tough season in Division 2, while our junior team, the Cubs (Ladies F), finished in 3rd place.

Ladies G Team:

Successfully navigated Division 3, culminating in an exciting run to the knockout semi-finals.



JUNIOR HOCKEY

Our junior teams showcased their talent in various local tournaments, with the U8 regularly finishing in the Top 3, and winning two tournaments. The HKFC Junior Hockey Festival continued to shine as the premier junior hockey event in Hong Kong, featuring 101 teams from across the SAR and Greater Bay Area, with HKFC fielding 16 teams across four age groups.





Saigon: In March, 16 Club tourists competed in the men's, women's and mixed divisions in the Saigon International Hockey Tournament, with the men finishing as runners-up.

TOURING PROGRAMME

This year marked the relaunch of our international touring programme, with 42 tourists participating in three tournaments across Asia:

Bangkok: In December, we took part in the 50th Royal Bangkok Sports Club's King's Cup where the women clinched the Plate final 1-0 and the men secured a 3-2 victory over RBSC in an inter-port match.

Singapore: In February, the Men's C and Ladies' E teams competed in the Singapore Cricket Club Sixes competition.

INTERNATIONAL HOSTING

HKFC solidified its reputation as the home of hockey in Hong Kong by hosting several major international events:

In November, we welcomed the Hockey Hong Kong, China Greater Bay Area Invitational, featuring Guangdong and Guangzhou women's teams against our HK Senior Women and Juniors, with the HKFC hockey juniors taking part as ball patrol and team mascots.

HKFC hosted the HHKC Annual Men's and Women's International Quadrangular Series in March. The

Hong Kong, China Men took on the national teams from Thailand, Indonesia and Chinese Taipei, coming second overall, with key contributions from **James** and **Michael Shepherdson**, **David Evans**, **Ishtiaq Ahmed**, **Ken Tsang** and **Felix Iu**. The Hong Kong, China Women were champions of their tournament, holding bragging rights over Singapore, Indonesia and Chinese Taipei. Ladies A team player **Tiffany Chan** was player of the tournament. Club players **Yiman Chan**, **Melvina Cheng** and **Sze Sze Chuen** also represented Hong Kong, China in the tournament.



REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Throughout the season, our Club saw numerous players achieve international representation:

Senior Level: Windfall Monthong represented at the senior level.

Junior International Representatives:

13 players were honoured, including **Charlotte Wong**, **Hillary Wong**, **Kyra Tsang**, **Shina Tamaki**, **Yoyo Yip**, **Haylie Leung**, **Annabelle Chow**, **Gwyneth Shei**, **Kinya Tsoi**, **Natasa Theil**, **Sasha Theil**,

Zachary Chin and **Stephen Ngai**.

Masters World Cup: Our Club was also represented by players in Hong Kong teams at the Women O35s in South Africa and Men O50s in New Zealand: **Nicola Bruce**, **Claire Watson**, **Sammie Hill**, **Sophie Lindsay**, **Dawn Strachan**, **Charlie Webb**, **Hannah Wright**, **Emma Sturgess**, **Hannah Duley**, **Leigh Cummings**, **Jas Titmuss**, **Rene Thiel**, **Andrew Boulton**, **Justin Davidson**, **Simon Shepherdson** (Men's Manager), **Christopher Page**, **Simon Chapman**

(Men's Coach) and **Charlie Poulton**. With additional representation: **Jun Yokoe** (Manager for Japan O50), **Tim Loh** (Canada O50), **Tom Moore** (France O35 Women's Coach).

Asia Cup Qualifiers in Jakarta: Windfall, **James Shep**, **Ishtiaq**, **Ken** and **Felix** represented HHKC Men and **Tiff**, **Melvina**, **Yiman** and **Sze Sze** represented HHKC Women

Sophie Aranha (Ladies As) represented Australia's Northern Territory senior women in the Malaysian Hockey and at U18 and U21 state competitions.

International Umpiring Representation:

Moka Mok (Hong Kong national umpire) and **Alistair Clark** (Masters World Cup)



THE INAUGURAL HKFC HOCKEY 5S

This Easter saw the relaunch of our Easter Tournament, with 28 teams travelling to take part. The new format proved to be a smash hit as we moved from sixes to the internationally recognised format 5s. We hosted an 8-team elite men's competition, a 5-team elite women's competition and 15-team mixed competition. In both the men's and the women's competition, the New Zealand hockey 5s national teams set the tone with some excellent play. The NZ women ran out as the inaugural champions, whilst the Kiwi men suffered a shock semi-final defeat to Hockey Australia Country.

The Aussies lost by a goal in a thrilling men's final to KNS. Over 250 athletes took to the field over the course of the weekend, with teams coming from Dubai, Bangkok, Beijing, New Zealand and Australia, while individual participants arrived from the UK, Holland, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, South Africa, the USA and Argentina. It was an epic weekend on and off the pitch with the quality of play on the field, some of the best hockey seen in Hong Kong for many a year; a real highlight for the local hockey community.

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to all committee members and volunteers who made this season a resounding success. Your dedication and passion brought joy to our members and helped foster a vibrant hockey community. We look forward to building on this success in the next season!

Here's to another exciting year ahead on the pitch!

Lynsey Edgar & Will Murray

PROMISING SEASON FOR MEN'S A HOCKEY TEAM



With the 24/25 season ending, the Men's As sit in 5th place in the Premier Division. With the top flight of HK hockey being back to full strength, the league was as competitive and as strong as it had been for years. Led by coach **Ishtiaq Ahmed**, the boys put together a few big wins against the lower sides, including a few double-digit scoring games. Juniors coach **Felix Lu**, the newest addition to the Club, fitted in seamlessly up front alongside fellow HK star **Ken Tsang** who took home the golden stick.

Hopefully more to come for the 2025/2026 season from the boys who will look to build on a season which showed promise for the future.

James Shep



LADIES CS DEMOLISH SOLIS TO BRING HOME CUP GLORY!

On the (un)hallowed turf of HV1, the ladies C team stepped out to avenge a 5-2 league defeat. The 16-strong squad were brimming with confidence after dispatching Antlers in the quarter-finals and Elite in the semi-finals of the (bizarrely named) Gremlins Cup.

With Ida away on tour (again!), we channelled her goal scoring instincts to take an early lead, with **Sarah T** latching onto a loose ball. "Now the floodgates will open," proclaimed captain **Helen John** – always leading from the front!

Our award-winning doctor, **Eva**, made it 2-0. Then came the Germans – **Lizzie** showcased her extraordinary ability to effortlessly run the length of the pitch and score not once but twice, making the opposition look like confused cones in one of Coach **Ishtiaq**'s training drills. **Ellie** added another two.

Our backline of **Sandeep, Ash, Lyric, Fi** and **Moka** were formidable, roared on (quite literally) by the indefatigable KC – decisively stamping out any attempt on goal. The youthful contingent – **Maggie, Blathnaid, Naia,**

Haylie, Annabella and **Maddie** – put in a serious shift throughout the cup rounds. Stepping up whenever they were called upon.

The 6-0 win was the culmination of a season of hard work on the training pitch, unwavering commitment and patience from Coach **Ishtiaq**, and incredible support from family and friends on the sideline. Cheers team! Now to celebrate on the open top tram!

Sarah Trueman



WELCOME HOCKEY TOTS!

Following a pilot project in December, the youngest members of the HKFC Hockey section participated in a new Hockey Tots class this season, led by Coach **Mike**.

Run by our experienced coaches, Hockey Tots at HKFC provides a fun introduction to hockey and ball games focused on physical and cognitive development skills. The sessions are aimed at children from 3-4.5 years old and provide a great foundation for entering our HKFC Junior Hockey Programme. Registrations are open for the 2025/26 season and due to an increase in demand, two classes will now take place at the HKFC hockey pitch each Saturday morning, with places limited to 10 per session. Please reach out to jha@hkfchockey.com for more information.

Jen Russell

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HONG KONG MEN'S BOWLER OF THE YEAR 2024



Stephen Sy
Bowler of the Year 2024



National Triples Champion
Left to Right: Stephen Sy, Kenneth Fung, Terry Kung

Our Section's very own **Stephen Sy** lifted his first Bowler of the Year Award after a year of successful accomplishments!

The Bowler of the Year (BOY) Award is the sports' highest honour award presented to the bowler who has accumulated the highest number of points by competing in the National Championship events throughout the whole year.

Stephen, who joined HKFC in 2019, has won the Champion of National Triples and National Fours Championships since last year. He also reached the Semi-finals of the Hong Kong International Bowls Classic Singles 2024 and narrowly losing to the Scottish world number 3 Iain McLean.

"I am truly honoured to receive the BOY Award. I would like to take a moment to thank my wife **Jay**, my parents and my daughter **Jillian** for their unconditional support, love, patience and understanding."

"Huge thanks to my superb teammates and friends for their hard work and support all along. A massive thank you to the Club and I hope to continue making you proud!"

With our Section's **James Po** lifting the BOY Award in 2023 and **Stephen** this year, it was the second consecutive year that HKFC was achieving this award. We wish **Stephen** and all our Section bowlers all the best in the coming season!



National Fours Champion
Left to Right: Heron Lau, Adrian Yau, Stephen Sy, James Po



Hong Kong International Bowls Classic Singles Semi-finalist



Women's Triples Bronze
Left to Right: Cheryl Chan, Yu Yee Sin, Helen Cheung



Girls' Singles Silver
Gloria Ha



Men's Triples Bronze
Left to Right: Po Ting Hei, Kenneth Yiu, James Po



Men's Singles Gold
James Po



Men's Pairs Silver
Left to Right: Tony Cheung, Lyndon Sham

ASIAN LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

Our Section's bowlers **Christina Yeung, Gloria Ha, Yu Yee Sin, James Po, Kenneth Yiu, Lyndon Sham** and **Tony Cheung**, alongside with **Sunny Chung**, the Assistant National Coach, represented the Hong Kong China Lawn Bowls Team in the Asian Lawn Bowls Championship and the Asian U25 Lawn Bowls Championship in Clark, Philippines. After 6 days of tough schedules and conditions, the Hong Kong China Team proudly brought back a remarkable result of 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze medals!

James, who was the Men's Singles runner-up of the Asian Lawn Bowls Championship last year in Pattaya, Thailand, beat the home player **Ronald Lising** of Philippines 21:16 in the finals to be crowned Champion in the same event this year.

"I am absolutely thrilled and honoured to bring home a gold in Singles and a bronze in Triples at the Asian Championship after a year marked by challenges, disappointments and setbacks. Throughout this journey, I never lost confidence in myself, and my dedication has truly paid off."

"I owe a heartfelt thanks to my coaches and teammates, whose unwavering support and guidance have been invaluable, especially during the toughest moments. Looking ahead, I will continue pushing myself to bring more trophies to Hong Kong and lead HKFC back to the top spot."

Next year's Asian Lawn Bowls Championship is set to take place in New Delhi, India.



LBA ANNUAL PRIZE PRESENTATION DINNER

HKFC shines at the Annual Prize Presentation Dinner of the Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong, China, which was held on 23rd May 2025 to present prizes to all winners throughout the past year, recognising all the efforts paid.



AZ ALKMAAR CROWNED SOCCER SEVENS CHAMPIONS

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The Standard Chartered Priority Private HKFC Soccer 7s delivered world-class action as teams from around the globe competed across three tournaments at the club. This year, the event expanded its women's tournament with the addition of international sides **Wrexham AFC** (Wales) and **Chonburi FC** (Thailand), who travelled to complete the draw.



Elsewhere, the men's tournament was at its finest, featuring Premier League sides **Aston Villa**, **Brighton & Hove Albion**, **Leicester City**, and **West Ham United** battling for glory.

But it was the Dutch side **AZ Alkmaar**—tournament newcomers—who upset the odds, defeating defending champions Brighton in a tense golden goal final.



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

STANDARD CHARTERED PRIORITY PRIVATE HKFC SOCCER 7S CLUB TEAMS REVIEW



Not to understate the excellent running of the Soccer Sevens OFF the pitch where generous time was given up by numerous volunteers, I want to take a moment to highlight the Section's successes ON the pitch at this year's event.

HKFC MEN'S 1ST TEAM

Our Men's 1st team topped their group with 9 points in the Main tournament, beating 3 professional teams on the way to a Shield Final against Western Utd. Although they lost this final, they did finish 6th overall, recording victories over Leicester City, Aston Villa and inflicting the only defeat on eventual Cup winners **AZ Alkmaar**. All achieved with the inclusion of 3 players from our U18s, **Cai McGunnigle**, **Jack Bennie** and **Nicky Kedwards**, in the 7s squad.



SPORTS

CAPTAIN'S SELECT

The Captain's Select had a fantastic tournament, given the 10 players were taken from no less than 4 Club teams: Wanderers, Albion, U22s and U18s.

The camaraderie and teamwork they quickly found helped them get to the Plate Final and beat YYL Select in a one-sided affair. This win allowed yours truly to take home silverware for the first time in 21 years as player or coach in this tournament! Credit to Captain **Marvellous Stuart Muldrew** who led the team and to U18 Goalkeeper James Wright who kept no less than 4 clean sheets.

HKFC WOMEN'S TEAM

Our Women's Team faced challenging Group games but rallied to win the Plate Final, defeating Eastern Thunder from Singapore on penalties. On the way, they went toe-to-toe with pre-tournament favourites Wrexham and achieved a creditable 0-0 draw, but team captain Audrey Menard sustained a torn ACL in the game; we wish her a speedy recovery from injury. Amy Sleeper edged 'player of the tournament'

for HKFC, slipping into an unfamiliar midfield role, and a shout-out to 2 U18s in the squad, **Katie Hulbert** and recent addition **Dawn Wong** who looks a great prospect, scoring two goals in the competition.

HKFC MASTERS AND CHAIRMAN'S SELECT

Our Masters teams, it has to be said, under-achieved versus expectations, with a strong 1st Team supplemented with guest player **Luis Boa Morte** narrowly failing to reach the Cup semis. Instead they came undone with a 0-1 defeat to Wallsend via a late goal which underlined the fine margins of the Masters competition. They had to settle for the Plate Final, winning it on penalties after a thrilling late rally to tie the game in normal time.



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THE 85TH RBSC INTERNATIONAL
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SQUASH



BANGKOK TOUR THE 85TH RBSC INTERNATIONAL SQUASH CHIANG MAI CUP

YURISA YEUNG REFLECTS ON HER FIRST JUMBO DOUBLES ADVENTURE

Stepping onto the court at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club (RBSC) was an experience I'll never forget. From 2nd to 4th May, the club buzzed with energy as 71 teams – the highest turnout in 12 years – battled through 110 matches in only three days. And there I was, part of HKFC's six-team contingent (Carmen Lee with Nigel Anthony, Alan Ng with Singapore's Vincent, Jonathan Tjia with Julian Tanner, Adrian Ng with Malaysia's Kenny Foo, myself with Mark Low, and in the Masters event, Gillem Tulloch with Phil Head), diving headfirst into the chaotic, exhilarating world of Jumbo Doubles for the very first time.

FROM SQUASH TO JUMBO DOUBLES: A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME

If you think traditional squash is intense, wait until you experience Jumbo Doubles – it's



like regular squash turned up to eleven. Played on a court roughly twice as long and 1.5 times wider than standard, with four players battling it out, the game becomes a thrilling chaos of ricocheting balls, lightning-fast reflexes and strategic teamwork. Where singles squash is a duel, Jumbo Doubles is a gladiatorial team sport – exhilarating, unpredictable, and utterly addictive.

I have to thank my partner **Mark Low** for introducing me to this incredible format. His cat-like reflexes at the front





court saved us countless times, while I did my best to hold down the back. The dynamic was completely different from singles – instead of controlling the game, we were constantly adapting, communicating and covering for each other in a fast-paced dance across the expanded court.

BAPTISM BY FIRE: LEARNING THROUGH TOUGH MATCHES

Our tournament run was brief but packed with valuable lessons. First up: Under Control, featuring an ex-Singapore national player – their precision and shot placement were simply relentless. Though we fought hard, their experience shone through. Next, we faced HKFC's dream team of **Nigel Anthony** and **Carmen Lee** (a former Hong Kong pro and Tanglin Jumbo Doubles champion). Another tough loss, but what an honour to compete against such calibre of players!

While I wished we could have played more matches, those intense battles against world-class opponents taught me more about Jumbo Doubles strategy than any casual game ever could. The extended rallies, the need for perfect positioning and the absolute importance of teamwork left me completely hooked on the format.

MASTERCLASS VIEWING: THE FINALS THAT STOLE THE SHOW

Even when we weren't playing, the tournament delivered world-class entertainment. The finals between Kayod 1 (Philippines national team players) and Are You Ready (seasoned veterans) was an edge-of-the-seat thriller, with both games reaching 11-10. At championship point in the second game, Kayod 1's back player unleashed a straight drop that left their opponents stranded.

Watching these masters at work, I noted three crucial lessons:

1. Positioning is survival – Anticipating shots and cutting angles are more important than raw speed

2. Communication is oxygen – The best teams called every shot and moved as one unit

3. Patience pays dividends – Consistency and smart shot selection trump brute force every time

These insights have completely changed how I'll approach my next Jumbo Doubles tournament – hopefully with a more favourable draw!

THE RBSC EXPERIENCE: SQUASH, FEASTS AND CAMARADERIE

The Royal Bangkok Sports Club elevated the tournament from competition to celebration. Between matches, we feasted on unlimited drinks and delicious Thai food – fragrant curries, Pad Thai wrapped in crispy egg nets, skewers of grilled meat, coconut ice cream to cool the burn – all enjoyed courtside while watching the action. The atmosphere was electric – part high-level competition, part squash festival – with laughter and cheers echoing constantly around the venue.

THE POWER OF SUPPORT

What made the experience even more special was the camaraderie of our HKFC contingent. Between matches, we became each other's loudest supporters – analysing games, sharing tips and cheering every point. Whether celebrating a spectacular rally or laughing at missteps, the team spirit turned the tournament into a collective adventure.

To all the partners and families who travelled to cheer us on – your energy in the stands, whether celebrating our best shots or encouraging us after mistakes, gave us that extra boost when we needed it most. This was never just about individual matches, but about our squash community coming together.

FINAL THOUGHTS: A NEW ADDICTION BORN

This experience exceeded all expectations – the high-level competition, the camaraderie and the sheer fun of Jumbo Doubles have me

completely hooked. Special thanks to Mark for the opportunity and HKFC for the support.

One thing's certain: I'll be back for more. More rallies, more chaos, more unforgettable moments. See you at the next Jumbo Doubles!

SQUASH



Jumbo by name, jumbo by nature, not only was the squash court massive (reportedly 6 times the size of a regular court) but also the tournament itself, with teams scheduled to play anytime between 8am and 12:15am, quarter past midnight, and that was before any delays.

Suffice to say, a lot of self-discipline was needed by players to “rehydrate” properly in the evenings before late night matches.

For anyone wishing to join a future jumbo tour, do get on court before the event or your match starts if you can. It's incredibly different – how much higher you have to hit on the front wall (rather than just harder) is very alien. The other big difference from regular Squash is the tactics with one in the front and one in the back. Both aspects were very hard to learn in a match setting. It was also evident which pairs had played a lot of times together.

Overall, it was a great experience. I learnt a lot and would certainly sign up for another tour and play again.

Most importantly, thank you to **Adrian Ng** and the squash section for organising and supporting – a great time was had by all. Personal dream comes true for me as well – taking Elizabeth to the Grand Palace and to meet a giraffe for the first time!

REPRESENTING HONG KONG, CHINA



Justin Cheng shares his recent experience representing team Hong Kong, China.

This February, I represented Hong Kong in the Asian Junior Team Championships, playing in position 1. The tournament took place in Hong Kong and consisted of a group stage followed by knockout rounds. Our goal was to break into the top four and secure a medal, which meant we needed to beat either India or Pakistan.

Our group included Hong Kong, Thailand, Taiwan and Japan. Although Thailand and Taiwan were relatively comfortable matches, Japan was a formidable opponent; we had previously lost to them 0-2 in the World Junior Team Championships. Winning against Japan would enable us to face the loser of the India-Pakistan match, maximising our chances of reaching the top four.



For the match against Japan, the playing order was 3, 2, 1. We played in the centre court, and a supportive audience gathered for our home team. Given our past loss to Japan and my previous loss to the same opponent, I hoped both my teammates would win to alleviate the pressure on me. However, when our position 3 teammate, **Wong Wing Kuen (Rain)**, struggled with nerves during his match, I became even more anxious. He lost the first two games 5-11, 4-11. Although he played better in the later games, he ended up losing 1-3.



Next up was **Tommy**. We were confident he would secure us the win, and he did take the first two games. However, in the third game, while tied, he began taking risky shots and lost quickly. "He's injured," Coach **Faheem** muttered. **Tommy** limped off the court as physios rushed in with painkillers for his ankle. Despite the pain, he pushed through in the next game and won, tying the match score against Japan at 1-1. As he limped back out, he patted me on the shoulder and said, "This time it's your turn!" referring to my previous loss. I nodded and went to warm up.

I had a slow start in the first game but then engaged in a gruelling rally of 113 shots. From that moment onwards, I took the initiative. The points were long and exhausting, turning the match into a test of endurance. Finally, I won 11-6, 11-6, 11-9.

After Japan, we faced India, needing a win to secure a spot in the top four. The night before our match, we analysed the India-Pakistan games together. Unfortunately, the next day, I struggled against their position 1 player who was incredibly fast and consistently hit backcourt drops. Despite the games being close, he often pulled ahead at critical moments. I even had game ball at 10-8 in one game but still lost 0-3. Rain then lost his match 1-3, and suddenly, our hopes for a medal evaporated.

Despite our disappointment, we focused on performing our best in the 5-8 section. We defeated Kuwait 2-0, but then we had to face Japan again. This time, Ren played aggressively, but I lost 0-3. Disappointingly, **Tommy** followed with a close 2-3 loss, and we lost to Japan this time.



| ASIAN JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS | | | | | |
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| | Justin Hong-chen Cheng | 11 | 11 | 11 | 3 |
| | Natthapat Theerasilp | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| | Justin Hong-chen Cheng | 11 | 11 | 11 | 3 |
| | Hong-Rui Pan | 2 | 6 | 4 | 0 |
| | Shu Takahashi | 11 | 11 | 9 | 3 |
| | Wing Kuen Wong | 5 | 4 | 11 | 1 |
| | Tsz Shing Tam | 11 | 6 | 11 | 3 |
| | Shunsaku Kariyazono | 9 | 11 | 8 | 1 |
| | Justin Hong-chen Cheng | 11 | 11 | 11 | 3 |
| | Renshi Makino | 6 | 6 | 9 | 0 |
| | Arihant Kalamangalam | 12 | 11 | 11 | 3 |
| | Sunil | | | | |
| | Justin Hong-chen Cheng | 10 | 6 | 9 | 0 |
| | Yusha Nafees | 8 | 11 | 11 | 3 |
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SUNDAY SOCIAL WITH SINGAPORE CRICKET CLUB

On 11th May 2025, we enjoyed a fun Sunday Social with the Singapore Cricket Club from 9am to noon.

Despite the long holiday weekend and Mother's Day yesterday, we had two great events in a row. The weather was perfect for tennis and socialising.

The match was exciting, with SCC scoring 99 points and us close behind at 98! Every point counted, and the friendly rivalry made it even more enjoyable.

Afterward, we received a sweet message from a committee member at SCC: "You guys are absolutely wonderful and such fab hosts! Cannot thank you enough for this morning."

It was a great day filled with sports and friendship, and we can't wait for more events like this!





CHARITY CLUB: ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS & DEMENTIA CARE

On 4th May 2025, a bright Sunday morning, the Charity Cup took place to support the Hong Kong Alzheimer's Disease Association. The event aimed to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and provide care for those affected.

At 9am, players filled the courts, excited to compete. Thanks to our generous sponsors – Protiviti, the Squash Section, AIA, and ATA – we had great prizes for winners and raffle tickets for everyone.

Ryan Swallow won the tournament, showcasing his amazing skills. **Charlotte** tied with **Guillermo** for second place, so they had a fun rock, paper, scissors showdown to decide the winner. **Charlotte** lost, but we all laughed it off!

In the raffle, **Hayden Quach** won the grand prize – a Yonex racket. The cheers filled the air, celebrating our community spirit.

The Charity Cup was more than just a tournament; it brought us together to support those living with Alzheimer's disease, making a meaningful impact for a brighter future.





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INTER-SECTION CUP

This year's Inter-Section Cup, to claim sectional bragging rights for the next 12 months, had to live up to last year's extremely successful revitalisation after five years of non-competition, when seven sections rode a 52-seater bus along the 55km Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, taking the Society's four new sets of Qi10 TaylorMade clubs with them, to battle it out in Macau for the very first time.

That resulted in both the Nett and Gross competitions ending in ties between four different sections. As the sunlight faded and the rain returned, the deadlock was broken in true HKFC Golf Society style with an indoor putt-off across the restaurant carpet into an empty beer glass(!), which Tennis and Hockey filled at the expense of Rugby and Soccer. The celebrations then rolled on, much like our bus, long into the night. How could we top that in 2025?

Thankfully, to help us achieve that goal, we were able to secure a booking up at Fanling, another first for this event. However, we were unfortunately only allocated 24 tee times, which meant, due to the four-golfer team system, that the Golf Society would not be able to enter this year. Hopefully that will be remedied next year and, if there's anyone reading this from the Netball section who feels they would also like to join in the fun n frolics, please do get in contact with us to arrange that as we'd love to have you 'complete the circle'.

The I-S Cup format means that every stroke of all four golfers counts towards their overall section's team total, both Nett and Gross, and has resulted in

some very tight competitions over the years. But it also means that any last-minute dropouts can destroy a section's chances of being competitive. Sure enough, although this was well highlighted, your organiser received a Saturday late night, panicked WhatsApp message a mere 40 hours before tee-off from **Ali Murray**, the Lawn Bowls captain, pleading for help, lamenting that one of his team had withdrawn 'sick' and, despite his best efforts, he hadn't been able to find a replacement. Fortunately, a long-time member of the Football and Golf section/society, **JP Cuvelier**, had earlier that day asked where his spot was, as it turned out that his own section's captain had not only not picked himself but hadn't informed JP of his non-selection. Ali, with all the speed, energy and vigour that Lawn Bowls are well-known for, immediately pounced on this chance, petitioning his Chairman to fast-forward JP's application for membership, allowing them to field a four-man team, alongside **Phil Head** who previously had helped the Squash section engrave their own names on this trophy several times, and a 'newcomer' **Jeremy Lam** who, although being a long-time Discovery Bay golfer, had never before played in a HKFC event. They say you should fear the unknown...

Thankfully, this year, the weather Gods smiled on us on Monday morning, and we were able to tee off in

Phil Head, Jonny Brock, Gilem Tulloch, Ryan Black



Hockey Team Best Dressed



Jeremy Lam, Greg Brutus

very pleasant conditions, a blessing during May in Hong Kong.

With nine hole prizes available on every other hole, some rewards of individual sparks of brilliance were available alongside the main team titles. Sure enough, these were won by eight different individuals – NTPs-**JP Cuvelier, Jonny Brock, Ryan Black, Gillem Tulloch, Andrew Wood & Phil Head*2, LD-Alistair Todd, LP-Ian Petersen** – whilst the fashionista title for Best Dressed Team went to the Hockey fourball. As this is also considered a social event, instead of Best Gross and Best Nett, we overturned the tables to those more likely to be needing new balls, with **Greg Brutus** and **Ian Petersen** claiming those particular sleeves. The winners then either had to down a shot of whisky as they collected their prizes or bribe someone else in their team to do it for them, which all bar The Chairman, on a health drive, happily did as the various photos should clearly show.

As to the overall team competition, I'm happy to say that once again five sections competed very strongly with each other, with last year's Nett and Gross champions propping up the other end of their respective tables this year, whilst Squash, previous multiple winners, fought their way to the other end, with team scores ranging from 49 to 62 points Gross and an even tighter 113 to 120 points Nett.

However, this battle proved to be immaterial as all five sections were completely and utterly outclassed by the sixth section who used an extremely heavy roller to win both the Nett and Gross titles by over a quarter of a century of points, thereby crushing the others and recording the heaviest ever victory in the short history of the Inter-Section Cup as they engraved their section's name deeply on the prestigious trophy for the first time.

Huge congratulations go to all four of the Lawn Bowls section mentioned above for their outstanding golf on the day, scoring a massive 88 points Gross and 149 Nett team total. And for anyone else who ever may feel let down at the last minute by a fellow team member, this just shows that persistence, creative problem-solving, as well as fast-track membership applications, can go a long



Alistair Todd



Chris Page, Ben Chandler, Colin Lunn, Kien Ng

FINAL TOTAL - NETT

Lawn Bowls 149 pts

FINAL TOTAL - GROSS

Lawn Bowls 88 pts

LONGEST PUTT HOLE 18

Ian Petersen

LONGEST DRIVE HOLE 14

Alistair Todd

NEAREST TO THE PIN

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| Hole 2 | Jean Paul Cuvelier |
| Hole 4 | Jonny Brock |
| Hole 6 | Ryan Black |
| Hole 8 | Gillem Tulloch |
| Hole 11 | Andrew Wood |
| Hole 13 | Phil Head |
| Hole 17 | Phil Head |

way in helping secure a glorious victory.

How can 2026 supersede this? Who knows, but hopefully both Golf and Netball will be able to join in and add to the drama of it all.

Rawen Huang, Graeme Brechin, Piers Brunner, Greg Brutus



Award Ceremony

Nick Allen, Alistair Todd, Anthony Ford, JP Cuvelier



HOCKEY TEAM

Jonny Brock
Anthony Ford
Rene Theil
Chris Page

SQUASH TEAM

Andrew Wood
Gillem Tulloch
John Thompson
Kien Ng

RUGBY TEAM

Ryan Black
Ian Petersen
Colin Lunn
Graeme Brechin

LAWN BOWLS TEAM

Phil Head
Alastair Murray
Jean Paul Cuvelier
Jeremy Lam

TENNIS TEAM

Nathan Booth
Greg Brutus
Alistair Todd
Ben Chandler

SOCCER TEAM

Greg Zuo
Rawen Huang
Nicholas Allen
Ryan Woollford



WINNING TEAM - Thomas Tsang, Douglas Morton, Anthony Ford, Colin Lunn

PETERSEN CUP 2025: HEAT, HANDICAPS & HEROICS

**TUESDAY, 3RD JUNE 2025
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Colin Lunn

This year's Petersen Cup brought the drama before a ball was even struck. With eight evenly matched teams, each sitting comfortably at a team handicap of 10, things were looking perfectly balanced until the day before the event. A last-minute dropout led to a higher-handicap replacement, nudging one team up to a handicap of 11. There were a few mutters, a raised eyebrow or two, but it's Petersen: we crack on.

To add to the tension, the Hong Kong Observatory had hoisted thunderstorm warnings that morning. For a while, it looked like we might be playing in wetsuits, but with just 30 minutes to go before tee-off, the warning was lifted. Crisis averted... or so we thought.

What followed wasn't rain, but brutal, breathless humidity. The temperature soared and there wasn't a whisper of wind. It was so hot that even the most prepared players found themselves soaked through by the turn – and yes, there may have been a discreet shirt

swap or two along the way to stay cool. We'll chalk it up to heat management and not push the rulebook too hard this time!

SCRAMBLE WITH STRATEGY

The format stayed true to Petersen tradition: Texas Scramble, with a twist. Every player had to contribute at least three tee shots, but no more than six. This turned the captains' roles into a tactical balancing act – who hits when, and where, and how many shots are still to be used? By the back nine, some were calculating tee shots like accountants.

With thick air and tricky pins, it was a tough scoring day – only three teams managed to shoot under net 60, and those were our podium finishers.

POST-ROUND TRADITIONS

Sticking with tradition, the winning team made a successful plea to the bus driver

for a quick detour to the local 7-Eleven where they stocked up on celebratory beverages for all 21 passengers.

Chairman **Phil Head** took the mic (figuratively) and tried to rally the group into a game of Spoof. In theory, it was a great idea – but with 21 people guessing numbers from 0 to 63, the game quickly turned into a logistical marathon. Eventually, we opted for something a little simpler: cracking open drinks and enjoying the ride back with laughter and banter.



Anthony Ford

That spirit carried on into the Sportsman's where the post-round stories got longer, the scores got better, and the day's heat was soon forgotten.

Another unforgettable Petersen in the books – thanks to all who took part and made it such a brilliant day.

UNTIL NEXT YEAR – STAY COOL, PLAY SMART, AND MAYBE LEAVE SPOOF TO GROUPS OF FOUR.



3rd place - Paul Tsang, Phillip Nunn, Michael Rinaldi, David Cross



Graeme Brechin

Rene Theil



Chris Meecham, Phil Head, Lillian Haynes, Rawen Huang



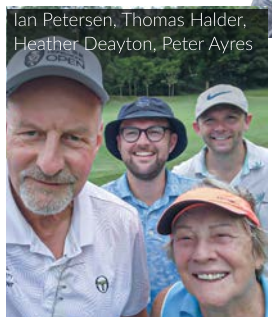
Graeme Brechin, Chris Burley, Stephen Knight, Donald Roberts



Heather Deayton



Jonny Brock



Ian Petersen, Thomas Halder, Heather Deayton, Peter Ayres



Max Cheng

WINNERS

| | | |
|-----|--|----|
| 1st | Douglas Morton, Anthony Ford, Thomas Tsang, Colin Lunn | 55 |
| 2nd | Greg Medhurst, William Chan, Rene Theil, Mike Haynes | 56 |
| 3rd | Phil Nunn, Michael Rinaldi, David Cross, Paul Tsang | 58 |

NEAREST TO THE PIN

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| Hole 2 | Colin Lunn |
| Hole 4 | Jonny Brock |
| Hole 8 | Carmen Lee |
| Hole 11 | Graeme Brechin |
| Hole 13 | Anthony Ford |
| Hole 17 | Thomas Halder |

LONGEST DRIVE HOLE 14

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| Women's | Heather Deayton |
| Men's | Max Cheng |

Max Cheng, Jim Suttie, Alasdair Putt, Yison Fong



2nd Place - Rene Theil, Mike Haynes, William Chan, Greg Medhurst



3rd Place - Michael Rinaldi, David Cross, Phil Nunn

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HKFC SWIMMERS SHINE AT VRC RACE SERIES

Participating in the VRC challenge proved to be a delightful experience for members of the Swim and Triathlon society, providing a refreshing midweek escape on Thursday evenings to engage in friendly competition. The series commenced with a time trial for the first of six races, followed by staggered starts in subsequent events based on individual initial timings. This inclusive format ensured participants of all skill levels had a fair chance to excel. Racing at varied times amid the serene waters of Deep Water Bay added a unique charm to the event, culminating in the final race which concluded with a delicious BBQ to cap off the series. Congratulations to our swimmers **Braedon Sharp, Shane Davis, Randall Arthur, Simon Holliday, Christina Sjöholm** who clocked some speedy swims amongst the wider competition!

ROBIN'S SUCCESS AT THE WORLD MASTERS GAMES



The World Masters Games, organised by the International World Masters Games Association, is a celebration of athleticism for seasoned competitors. This year, our sports member Robin competed in the 3km Open Water Swimming (OWS) event for the 35+ age group at Breeze Canal in New Taipei City. The actual race day was a chilly 18 degrees Celsius air temperature, but **Robin** excelled in the two laps of 1500m each.

Adrenaline fuelled, he achieved an excellent time of 45 minutes and 34 seconds, and with 109 male competitors from various age groups, the first 400 meters were particularly intense, with swimmers vying for position in close quarters. Well done to **Robin** for his podium finish in such challenging conditions!



SUCCESS AT THE MIDDLE ISLAND CHALLENGE

The Middle Island Challenge saw impressive performances, with **Fred** and **Farah** clinching victory in the 3.8km open water swim. The event showcased remarkable talent, resulting in three podium finishes: **Braedon** secured gold in his age group, **Robin** took silver, and **Harrison** also achieved gold.

Additionally, the junior squad participated enthusiastically in the 400m category, contributing to a vibrant atmosphere at the competition. This event highlighted the strength and determination of all participants, making it a memorable day for everyone involved.

SPORTS



STUNNING PERFORMANCE AT THE SWIMJUNKIE 8KM OCEAN SWIM

On 4th May, **Nico** showcased his skills in the Swimjunkie 8km ocean swim held on the beautiful volcanic island of Camiguin in the Philippines. Competing against a strong field, he finished an impressive 2nd in his age group with a time of 2 hours and 15 minutes.

The race was not only a test of endurance but also offered breathtaking views of the island's stunning landscape. With such a remarkable performance, there is hope that more members from the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) will join this thrilling event next year.

A PERSONAL TRIUMPH AT THE SOLO HYROX IN BANGKOK FOR SUSAN HOOD



In a remarkable display of determination, **Susan** tackled her first solo Hyrox competition just six months after giving birth to her fourth child. Setting a personal goal to regain fitness, she aimed to conquer the 8km run interspersed with eight challenging workout stations.

On competition day, **Susan** maintained a steady pace during the run, prioritising endurance over speed at the workout stations to ensure she could finish strong. The final challenge – the daunting 100 wall balls – proved to be the toughest part of the race.

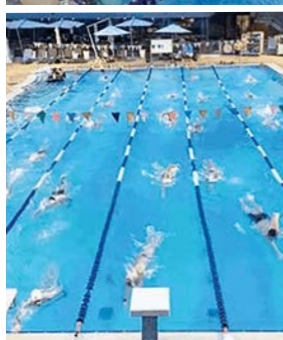
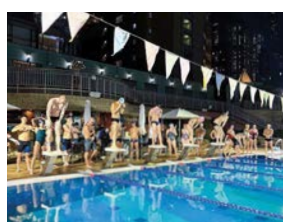
Crossing the finish line in an impressive time of 1 hour and 17 minutes, **Susan** placed 22nd out of 677 women and secured 5th in her age group. This achievement not only marked a significant personal milestone but also served as an inspirational testament to the power of setting goals and pushing through challenges. Well done, **Susan**!

HKFC S&T SOCIETY HOST THE ANNUAL INTER-CLUB EXTRAVAGANZA!

On 16th May, the swimming society hosted the annual Inter-club Extravaganza, a time to celebrate the Hong Kong swimming community. In attendance were some world class athletes that included current Masters World Champions, Channel Swimmers and other Ultra-marathon Swimmers, and multiple Hong Kong Record Holders in both the pool and open water. Clubs represented were LRC, RippleFly, Southside Swimming, AVOHK, Fastlane and 26 Coaching.

We started the evening with a training session comprised of 3 of our Olympians' favourite 500m swimming sets, and then proceeded to have some fun relays to liven up the place before the grand showdown, the 4x50m Relay. HKFC put forward a strong relay team who recently broke the Hong Kong Masters record and took out the win and bragging rights for the year!

Massive thanks to our amazing committee members **Christina** and **Shane** for putting together a fabulous evening enjoyed by all.



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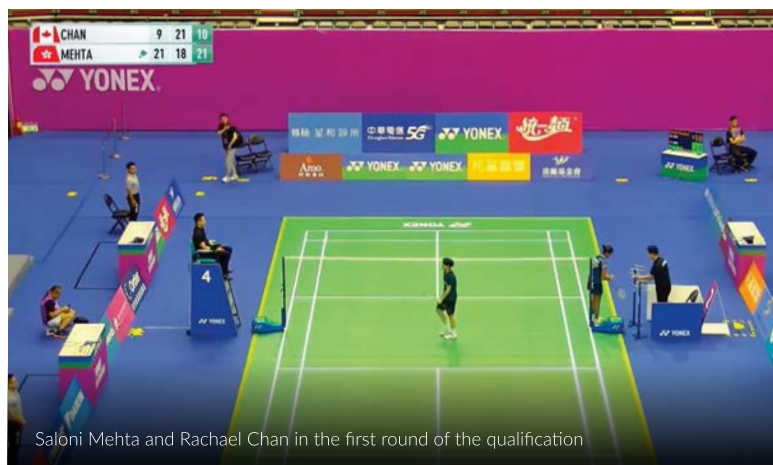
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TAIPEI OPEN 2025

The tournament was a part of the prestigious BWF World Tour Super 300 series, featuring a total prize pool of \$240,000. **Saloni** began her campaign in the qualifying rounds where she secured a hard-fought victory over Rachael Chan of Canada in a three-set match. In the subsequent round, **Saloni** faced a formidable opponent from Thailand, Thamonwan Nithiittikrai. Despite a determined effort, **Saloni** concluded her tournament journey after a competitive three-set encounter, with Nithiittikrai ultimately prevailing.



Saloni Mehta and Rachael Chan in the first round of the qualification



Happy Lo Sin Yan

THAILAND OPEN 2025

Saloni entered the qualifying round, while **Happy** was drafted directly into the main draw. With strong support from the home crowd, **Saloni** delivered a determined performance against Tidapron Kleebyeesun, a local Thai player. Despite her efforts, Kleebyeesun demonstrated superior adaptability and strategic play, ultimately defeating **Saloni** in three sets.

Happy also faced a challenging draw, coming up against Pornpawee Chochuwong, the current world number 7 and also a home favourite. Unfortunately, **Happy** was not at her best physically on the day and was unable to advance, losing to Chochuwong in straight sets.

MALAYSIA MASTERS 2025



Malaysia Masters 2025, held from 20th to 25th May at the Axiata Arena, KL Sports City. The BWF World Tour Super 500 tournament offered a \$475,000 prize pool and attracted top talent. Due to a last-minute withdrawal, **Saloni** moved from reserve to the qualification round against Myanmar's Thet Htar Thuzar, ranked 76. The match was intense with long rallies and attacks, but Thet ultimately prevailed.

HKFC JUNIOR SQUAD REPORT



HKFC AND TORQ SPORTS JUNIOR BADMINTON TOURNAMENT 2025

The HKFC and Torq Sports Junior Badminton Tournament 2025, held on 10-11th May 2025, showcased an exciting and professionally organised competition for young badminton talents. This annual event, a collaboration between the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) and Torq Sports International Limited, is a highlight in the junior badminton calendar, bringing



Left to right: Coach Dawn, Nixon Chiu, Lauren and Ellen Lui, Cara and Hannah Yip, and Coach Mark

together promising players from various age groups to compete in a spirited and supportive environment. There were over 300 entries with more than 200 games played over the weekend.

The annual tournament not only promotes competitive play but also emphasises skill development, teamwork and sportsmanship under the guidance of internationally qualified coaches. The event is part of a broader junior badminton development programme that nurtures young athletes from grassroots to elite levels, providing them with ample opportunities to compete and grow throughout the year. The tournament was hosted at HKFC's state-of-the-art sports hall, offering a professional setting that matches the high standards of coaching and competition. Players were grouped by age and skill level, with a detailed timetable ensuring smooth progress of matches over the two days. The event attracted a vibrant atmosphere with enthusiastic participation from juniors, coaches and supporters, highlighting the Club's commitment to fostering badminton talent in Hong Kong. Overall, the HKFC and Torq Sports Junior Badminton Tournament 2025 was a dynamic celebration of youth sport, combining competitive excellence with a strong community spirit and setting the stage for the next generation of badminton stars.



Team Head Coach John Leung (left) with our Squad A player Henry Zhang, first runner-up in U16 boys singles event



Team Head Coach John Leung (left) with our U12 player Anabelle Kiu, second runner-up of the U12 girls singles

RESULTS OF HKFC JUNIOR SQUAD

U12 GIRLS SINGLES

Bronze Anabelle Kiu

U14 GIRLS SINGLES

Bronze Lauren Lui

U14 BOYS SINGLES

Silver John Lo

U14 BOYS DOUBLES

Bronze John Lo and Partner

U16 GIRLS SINGLES

Gold Ellen Lui

Silver Hannah Yip

Bronze Reyna Mehta

Bronze Bianca long

U16 GIRLS DOUBLES

Gold Lauren and Ellen Lui

U16 BOYS DOUBLES

Bronze Raymond Jiang and Harmann Ho

U18 GIRLS DOUBLES

Bronze Cara and Hannah Yip

U18 BOYS SINGLES

Gold Ellen Lui

Silver John Lo

Bronze Chau Pak Yin (Kenneth)

U18 BOYS DOUBLES

Gold Perry Mui and Partner

Silver Michel Chen and Jack Du Yat Kiu

Bronze Chau Pak Yin (Kenneth) and Partner

U23 BOYS SINGLES

Gold Chung Kai Chung (Carson)



HKFC junior squad and team coach Dawn on the left

YAU TSIM MONG BADMINTON INVITATIONAL CUP LEAGUE

On 27th May 2025, the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) Junior Squad competed against the Yau Tsim Mong District Team in a series of exciting badminton matches. The encounter showcased the remarkable talent and determination of both sides, with several games coming down to the wire. There were a few particularly close contests, including the ladies' doubles which ended at 20:22 and the first men's doubles narrowly lost at 19:21. Despite these tough results, the HKFC Junior Squad displayed outstanding sportsmanship and resilience, reflecting the hard work and

dedication they have put into their training. A highlight of the evening was the second mixed doubles match where the HKFC Junior Squad delivered an awesome win with a commanding score of 21:12. This impressive victory not only boosted team morale but also demonstrated the squad's potential and fighting spirit.

As the team looks forward to their remaining two matches, we wish them the best of luck. With their commitment and positive attitude, the HKFC Junior Squad is well-positioned for continued success in the tournament.



(Left to right) Michael Chen and Jack Du both played their part in the recent inter-school Jing Ying secondary school tournament

ALL HONG KONG INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION 2025

We are delighted to announce the remarkable achievements of our teams in the recent All Hong Kong Inter-school Competition 2025. **Jack's** school secured the position of first runner-up, while **Michael's** school proudly claimed the title of second runner-up. Congratulations to both players for their dedication, hard work and outstanding performances. Your commitment and teamwork have brought great pride to your schools and set an inspiring example for your peers. Well done to all involved!

YMCA JUNIOR BADMINTON COMPETITION 2025

Param and **Aaryan's** journey in badminton is a testament to dedication, teamwork and enduring friendship. Having grown up as schoolmates, their bond extended seamlessly onto the badminton court where they formed a formidable doubles partnership. Their recent success is not just a reflection of their talent, but also a reward for the countless hours of hard work and commitment they have invested over the years. Through rigorous training, mutual support and unwavering determination, **Param** and **Aaryan** have demonstrated what can be achieved when passion meets perseverance.



Param Mehta and Aaryan Shah with their champion medals and prizes

COACHES'S CORNER

HEAD COACH JOHN LEUNG'S TRIP TO MALAYSIA MASTERS 2025

The team coach recently met with the Badminton Association of Malaysia (BAM) head coach **Kenneth Jonassen**.

Jonassen, a Dane with a strong coaching pedigree working with current top 10 men's singles players from Denmark, **Viktor Axelsen** and **Anders Antonsen**. **Yogendran Krishnan** is a former Malaysian badminton player and currently part of the coaching staff for Malaysia's national men's singles

department under BAM. **Yogendran** was appointed as a men's singles coach to support the national squad alongside head coach **Kenneth Jonassen**. It was a good catch up for **John Leung** with some of the top coaches in the badminton circuit, reminiscing about professional days as players and discussing on the current professional level tournaments.



Left to right: Malaysia National Team Men's Singles coach Yogendran, HKFC Team Coach John Leung and Malaysia National Team Head Coach Kenneth Jonassen

UPCOMING JUNIOR EVENTS

January - July 2025
HKFC Junior Badminton
Internal Ladder
Climb to the top!

April - June 2025
Yau Tsim Mong
Invitational Team League
More smashing action!

June 2025
Fung Kum Cup
Junior Team Tournament
Battle for glory!

July 2025
HKFC and Torq Sports Overseas
Junior Badminton
Team Tournament
Go global!

September 2024 - July 2025
HKFC Junior Badminton
Team Challenges
Bring it on!



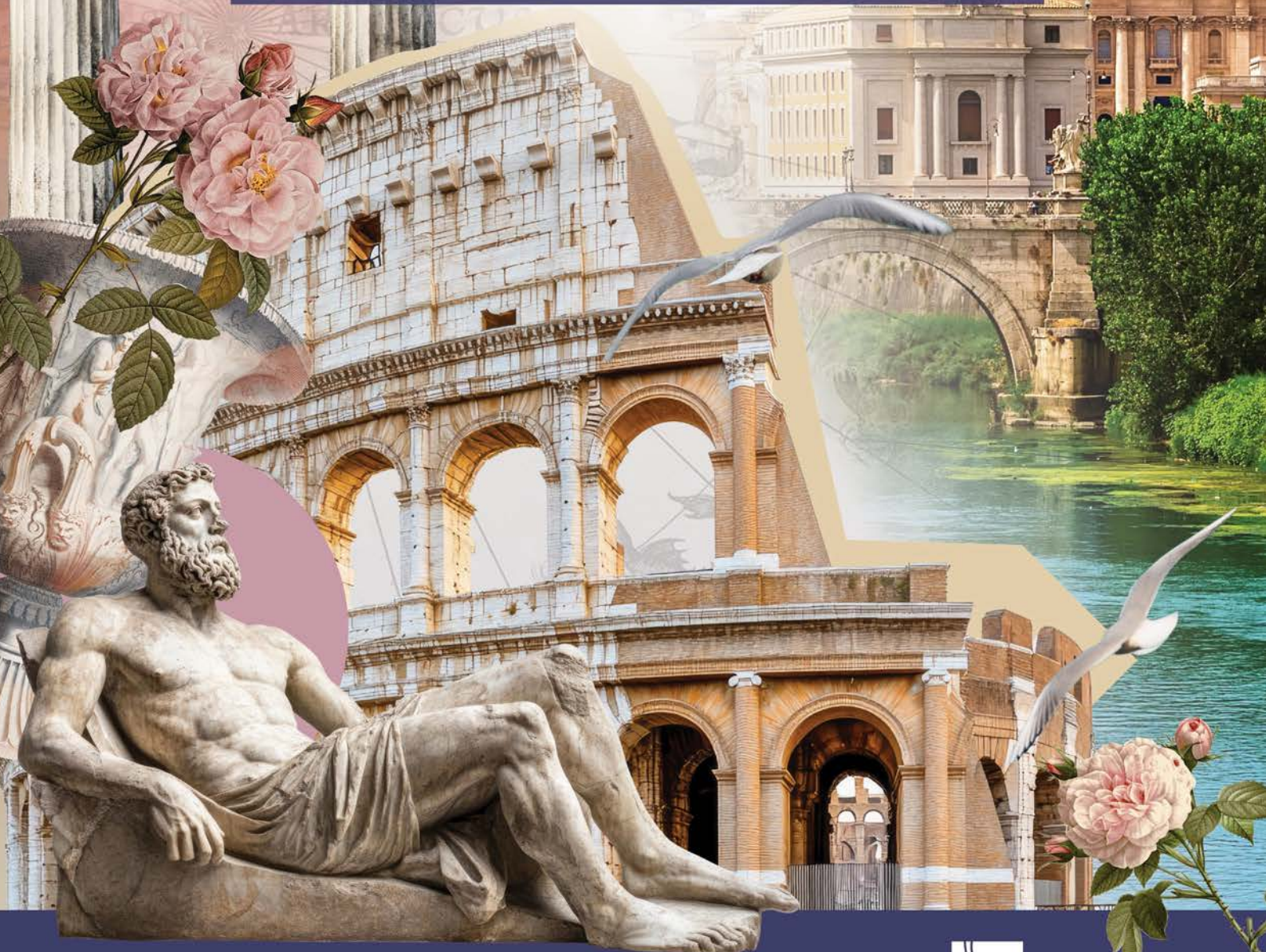
HIP HOP CUP 2025: NORA SHINES BRIGHT!

We're thrilled to announce that **Nora** has brought home the Champion title in the Women's Doubles – Open Group at the Hip Hop Cup 2025! Her dynamic performance and infectious energy electrified the court, showcasing the incredible dedication of our Badminton Society members.

This victory reflects **Nora's** hard work and commitment. It serves as a reminder of the importance of continuous training and perseverance. We look forward to building on this success in our future competitions!

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BOWLING INTEREST GROUP REPORT

68TH FESTIVAL OF SPORT 2025 TENPIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS INTER-CLUB CHALLENGE CUP – CHAMPION

BIG Congratulations to our bowling team invited by the Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress to compete in the Inter-Club Challenge Cup on 5th May 2025 at SCAA. Our representatives **Roy Chan, Clara Chiu, Emy Clarke** and **Tracy Tam** brought home the Champion trophy with an exceptional 2126 total pinfall. Emy and Roy achieved very good results with average game of 193 and 191 respectively.



HKICTB INDIVIDUAL SINGLE HANDICAP TOURNAMENT 2025



On 1st May 2025, Bowling Interest Group sent a team of 10 players to join the subject tournament at Top Bowl in Kai Tak. A total of 35 players from 7 clubs joined this event and everyone enjoyed this exciting game.

BIG team achieved fabulous results and won all the prizes!

RESULTS

| | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Champion | Keon Chung |
| 1st runner up | Daniel Cheng |
| 2nd runner up | Clara Chiu |



HKICTB LEAGUE

The 2024-2025 Hong Kong Inter Club Tenpin Bowling League is still ongoing at the time of writing and we have two more matches before the end of this season. In our recent away game against Kowloon Tong Club, Emy Clarke achieved her best series with three 200+ games (202, 216 and 226). Well done, **Emy!**

BIG is ranking third on the handicap league and fifth on the scratch league, and the team will work hard to strive for better results.



WE WELCOME ALL CLUB MEMBERS TO JOIN BOWLING INTEREST GROUP. PRACTICE TAKES PLACE EVERY MONDAY EVENING AT 7PM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING UP TENPIN BOWLING AS A SPORT, PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

HIGHLIGHTS IN JULY & AUGUST

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DATE Friday, 11th July 2025
Friday, 8th August 2025
The second Friday night of each month

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VENUE Chairman's Bar

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TIME 7pm Welcome Drink, followed by Dinner

VENUE Restaurant, 2/F

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Sunday, 31st August 2025**Wine Fair: From Small to Big Bottles**

TIME 1:30pm – 6:00pm

VENUE Lockhart Room, 2/F

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SPECIAL EVENT



Friday, 5th September 2025

Back to School Pool Party

TIME 6pm - 9pm
(Food last until 9:30pm)

VENUE Poolside, 2/F

PRICE \$420 per adult
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IN SEPTEMBER

WINE EVENTS

Friday, 12th September, 2025

Private Dining Room Wine Dinner: **Terrazas Wine Dinner**

Friday, 18th September 2025

Wine Masterclass: **Caviar & Sparkling Tea**

Friday, 26th September, 2025

Wine Dinner: **Dog Point Wine Dinner**

Saturday, 27th September, 2025 | Sunday, 28th September, 2025

Wine Fair: **Mid-Autumn Bazaar**

COFFEE SHOP

Buffet Buffet: **Brazilian BBQ**Monthly Special: **Traditional Shunde Cuisine**Beverage: **All Around Banana**

POOL BAR

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Beverage: **All around banana**

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Saturday, 20th September 2025 | 7PM-10PM

Special Activity: **Band Bash**

CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Mardi Gras Foods

Tea Set: **Royal Afternoon Tea**Beverage: **Whisky Flight (Balvenie)**

Friday, 12th September 2025 | 7PM-10PM

Special Activity: **Jazz After Hours**

CAPTAIN'S BAR

Khachapuri (Georgian Cheese Bread)

Beverage: **Black Sesame Latte**

FAMILY LOUNGE

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Beverage: **Red Bean Fleece**

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