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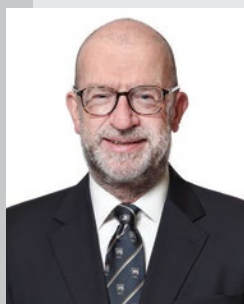
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PORTFOLIO DETAILS OF STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES

The following portfolio functions have been summarised to show terms of reference previously approved by the General Committee (GC).

POLICY WORKING GROUP – Neil Jensen

FUNCTION: to formulate policies for the approval of GC, and to ensure the effective and proper implementation of the Club's published Mission Statement.

FINANCE – Fred Teng

FUNCTION: to take into account financial considerations emanating from proposals and policies considered by GC, and to advise and, if appropriate, give recommendations to GC for approval.

CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS – Jeff Lane

FUNCTION: to consider ongoing review of Articles and Club's Bye-Laws either by initiative or upon instruction from GC, and to make appropriate recommendations.

DEVELOPMENT – Kenneth Ng

FUNCTION: to raise and consider appropriate ongoing and new development initiatives in the short, medium, and long-term for Club's facilities with a view to recommending selected proposals to GC for consideration and implementation.

DISCIPLINE – Damien Laracy

FUNCTION: to process complaints and breaches of the Bye-Laws in accordance with standard procedures to be advised (and to ensure Club's Staff are briefed on these matters) and to apply appropriate sanctions to those Members found in breach. Finally, to provide information to assist GC in evaluating Membership acceptance/adherence to current Bye-Laws etc.

MEMBERSHIP – Don Rider

FUNCTION: to be responsible for admission of new Members, to monitor existing policies and to advise on issues involving membership, including procedural matters (including Sections) and enforcement of these policies.

SPORTS and RECREATION – John Thompson

FUNCTION: to facilitate the development of and Members' participation in recognised sporting activities and competitive recreational activities, and to work with Management towards the optimum use of the Club's sports facilities.

THE THOUGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

主席的話

Neil Jensen
Chairman



Welcome to the first edition of the HKFC magazine of 2023 and may I wish all members and their families the very best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

1st January brings us a new General Manager as **Mark Pawley** steps down after 25 years with our immense thanks. We will be looking to hold an event for Mark later in the year to commemorate his time and to thank him for the service he has given to the club and members.

We therefore welcome **Randal Linhart** as our new General Manager. Randal is no stranger to the club, having previously been Director of F&B and also the Deputy General Manager. We're very excited to have Randal with us and hopefully many of you will have time to catch up with him in the weeks and months ahead. From all of the General Committee and members, I wish him all the very best for his time as General Manager.

January promises to be a very busy month in the club. Here are some of the major events during the month:

- Rugby – **Annual New Year's Day Youth Rugby Tournament** on 1st January
- Hockey – **Junior Hockey Festival** on 14th January
- Soccer – **HKFC vs Eastern BOC Life HK Premier League** on 29th January
- Club Event – **Lion Dance** on 29th January

In December, I announced via Chairman's message that we will be closing the DVD library. I'm now very happy to announce that this space will be converted into a member's workspace lounge which should hopefully be ready to use in late February. More specific details will follow and whilst I know that the DVD library was still loved by a small minority, it's felt that this new area will be a great addition, especially as we hope to sell barista coffee there too.

The swimming pool will close for annual maintenance from 2nd to 27th January and whilst the Sportsman's Bar is now completed, we are waiting for appropriate licensing sign-off with the hope that this can happen at the end of the month or early February.

Finally, it was briefly mentioned in the December edition, but I'd like to pay tribute to a former General Committee member and Vice President of the club **Mr Philip Woolf** who passed away recently. Phil was a lovely guy who gave up a lot of his time for the club and he will be missed by all of us; our sincere condolences go to his family and friends.

If you wish to write to me or speak to me about any ideas you may have for the club, I'd be very happy to hear from you. This is your club and we want to make it the best that we can. Have a great month and I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Neil Jensen
Chairman

歡迎閱讀香港足球會2023年第1期會刊，謹祝各位會員及其家人新年快樂，身體健康，大吉大利。

新任總經理1月1日正式上任，意味著**Mark Pawley**正式離任總經理一職，衷心感謝Mark 25年來的付出。我們今年稍後會為Mark舉辦活動，紀念他在本會的點滴，並為他過去一直盡心盡力服務本會及會員送上謝意。同時歡迎新任總經理**Randal Linhart**，Randal對本會毫不陌生，皆因他擔任過我們的餐飲部總監及副總經理。很高興有Randal的出現，希望未來大家會有空與他碰面、聊聊天。在此謹代表所有常務委員及會員，祝願新任總經理的工作一切順利。

1月肯定也是個非常熱鬧的月份，期間本會有一連串大型活動舉行：

- 欖球 — 1月1日的**年度元旦日青少年欖球錦標賽**
- 曲棍球 — 1月14日的**兒童曲棍球節**
- 足球 — 1月29日的**香港足球會對東方龍獅港超賽事**
- 本會活動 — 1月29日的**舞獅表演**

12月的Chairman's Message曾提到我們將會關閉DVD館。現在很高興宣布原有空間將用作會員專用工作空間，但願二月底就可以投入使用，更多具體詳情將於稍後公布。儘管知道有少數人過去一直喜歡到DVD館消遣，但相信這個新地方會進一步完善本會設施，尤其是當我們同時想在這賣咖啡師調製的咖啡的話，更是一拍即合。

游泳池1月2日至27日會停止開放，以開展周年維修工程。儘管Sportsman's Bar的改造工程現在已經完成，但目前仍需等待許可證通知，希望可以盡快於一月底或二月初全面開張。

最後，12月會刊曾經提及過本會這位前任常務委員及副會長，在此亦想再次向最近逝世的**Philip Woolf**致敬。Phil是個很友善的人，為本會撥出了很多時間工作，陪我們走過高山低谷。他會一直在大家心中，希望其家人及朋友節哀順變。

如果有任何關於本會的想法要跟本人分享，無任歡迎，文字或口頭方式皆可，很樂意聽取大家的意見。這是屬於大家的球會，我們也想盡己所能，做到最好。祝大家有一個愉快的1月，期待與大家在本會相見。

主席 **Neil Jensen**

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GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

總經理的話

Randal Linhart
General Manager



It feels great to write to you for the first time as the incoming General Manager. I need to thank **Mark Pawley** for the hundreds of hours of invaluable information that he has imparted to me, not only during the past few months of handover but literally since the first day I joined the Club. What a hands-on, omnipresent mentor. I am sure you will agree that he well deserves his retirement, leaving behind this legacy of a club that he has been a part of for such a very, very long time. I would also like to thank our President **Nick Hunsworth**, Vice President and former Chairman **Mike Wood**, our new Chairman **Neil Jensen**, the rest of the General Committee and every Member for entrusting me to care for this 136-year-old institution. I am so honoured to serve you and I hope that the smooth transition has assured you that there are some remarkable things to come.

I'm looking back fondly to all that happened in the Club at the end of 2022. We were able to watch those **World Cup** matches that were televised at decent hours and the Club also hosted the **Hong Kong Football Club PSA Squash Open 2022**. It was nice to see some of our usual festive celebrations enjoyed by so many Members, such as the **Christmas Carols**, the **Quiz Night** at Sportsman's Bar, the **AIA Boxing Day Festival of Football England vs Scotland Challenge Cup**, and finally the **New Year's Eve countdown parties** in the Restaurant, Chairman's Bar and Happy Valley Suites. This year we tried something new instead of the Christmas Fete. **Party on the Pitch** was our new event and I hope it was a fun experience for the whole family.

As we start off the New Year, this is the time of year when some of us commit to a **resolution**, usually on the topic of health, fitness and well-being. One look at me and you would be correct in assuming that would be my goal, but this year I think it is important to make a resolution to **reconnect**. After such a long time dealing with **Covid-19**, we are all ready to open our doors to welcoming family, friends and former colleagues back to **Hong Kong**. For reconnecting at home, I have all I need from the **Kiosk**, whether it is great wines, fresh produce and butchery or something unique from the retail shelves. Reconnecting at the **Club** also could not be easier. Aside from the many sports and social venues, there are some really nice **function rooms** to have a private party, and at a value much better than you would find in a hotel or banquet hall.

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

Randal Linhart
General Manager

很高興能夠以新任總經理的身分首次下筆。首先要感謝 **Mark Pawley** 花上數以百計的小時，將相關的寶貴資訊一一傳達，不單是過去幾個月的交接，而是由本人第一天加入本會就悉心教導，是位親力親為、無微不至的導師，相信大家會同意Mark值得過上幸福的退休生活，畢竟他給我們留下了一個打理得妥妥當當的球會。在此亦要感謝會長 **Nick Hunsworth**、副會長兼前任主席 **Mike Wood**、新任主席 **Neil Jensen**、其他常務委員及各位會員把這136年歷史的會所託付給本人打理，很榮幸能為大家服務，新舊人事也交接順暢，相信會為大家帶來一番不平凡的新景象。

2022年底在本會發生過的事實在值得回憶，我們能夠於精選時段在大銀幕上觀看 **世界盃** 直播賽事，本會更舉辦了2022香港足球會 **PSA** 壁球公開賽，很多會員亦盡情投入到我們精心策劃的聖誕活動，包括 **Christmas Carols**、Sportsman's Bar的 **Quiz Night** 及 **AIA Boxing Day Festival of Football England vs Scotland Challenge Cup**，再加上 Restaurant、Chairman's Bar及 Happy Valley Suites 的 **除夕倒數派對**，熱鬧非常。同時我們搞搞新意思，以 **Party on the Pitch** 取代了過往的聖誕遊樂會，希望當天大家體驗到充滿節日色彩的家庭樂。

新年伊始，大部分人都會立下有關健康、體魄和身心強健的 **新年新目標**。當然這些也是本人的新年新目標。但本人認為人與人之間的關係亦同樣重要，所以與其他人 **重新連繫** 也是本年的目標之一。經過長時間與 **新冠疫情** 的搏鬥，大家都已準備好歡迎家人、朋友及舊同事回到 **香港**。如果在家中與親朋戚友聚會，**Kiosk** 已為大家準備好一切所需，美酒佳釀、鮮肉蔬菜以至零售架上獨特的貨品，應有盡有。**本會** 亦是舉辦各項聚會的好選擇，除了一眾體育及社交場地外，本會還有寬敞優雅的 **宴會廳**，舉行私人派對就最適合不過，而且還比酒店或其他宴會場所更物超所值。

期待與大家在本會相見。

總經理 林克朗

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Appetizer

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First Course

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Second Course

Crispy Pork Belly, Corn Purée, Baby Brassica
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Main Course

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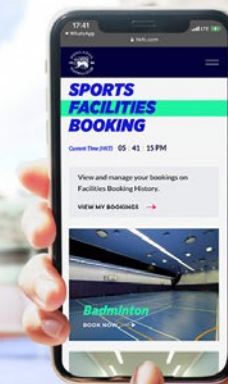
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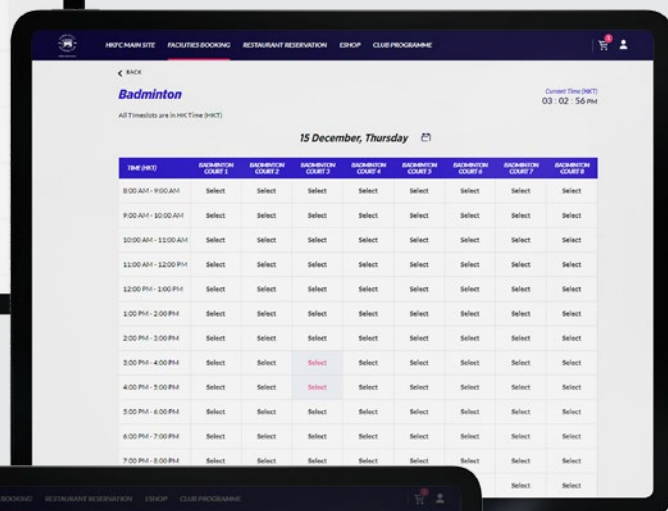
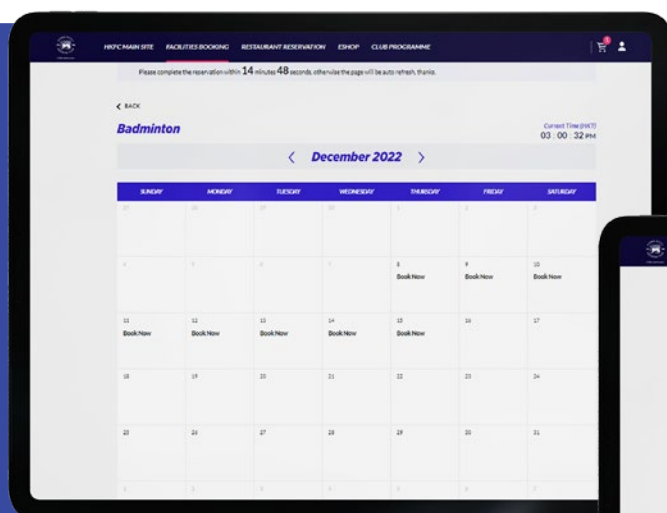




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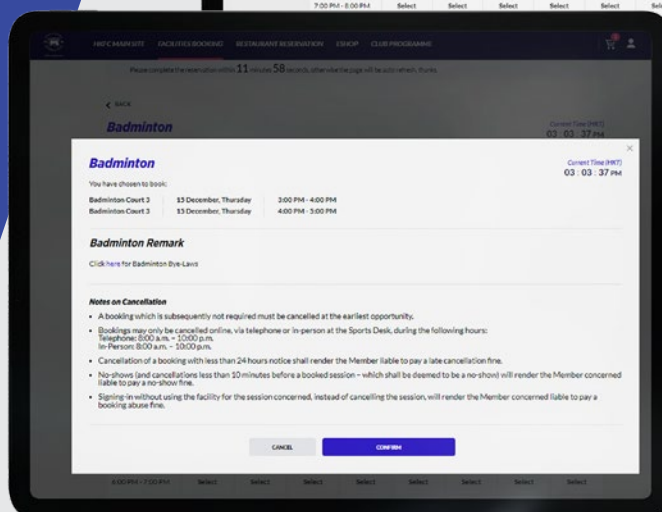
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U12 Blizzards



U8 Snowies

JNA TEAMS FIRST SEASON REPORT

U8 SNOWIES

Snowies had a wonderful first season with most girls having their first run on the courts ever at the beginning of the season. A huge improvement in confidence, game play and ball skills have been made by all. They're really starting to enjoy themselves out there and look strong and cohesive as a team. We can't wait to see how they improve again in round two of the spring season.

U12 BLIZZARDS

Facing an undefeated Unicorns team who dominated opponents to the tune of 93-13 over their past five games (8 goals coming from us in our first meeting), the second-seed Blizzards had their work cut out for them going into the championship match. All season long, the team has shown composure beyond their years, and today was no exception.

Quarter one ended with a 4-2 Blizzard lead, a shocked opponent, and a motion from the referees to end the match due to wet conditions. The proposal was promptly met with a resounding NO from the team. If they were going to win, they were going to do it without an asterisk.

After two quarters of play, the Blizzards held on to a narrow 6-5 lead. Our midfield was coming up with big stops and our defence had dealt a huge blow to the Unicorns' confidence, holding them to a season-low five goals at half. The opponent was cracking, and we were showing no signs of letting up.

The Unicorns, however, came out strong in the third quarter, outscoring the Blizzards 4-2 and taking a 9-8 lead going into the final frame. At this point it was anyone's game, and it was apparent that both teams wanted it. There were a number of lead changes as offence dominated the quarter, and it seemed like neither team could miss. The score was knotted at 12 with less than a minute remaining when the Blizzards dealt the final blow, securing the 13-12 win just seconds before the concluding whistle.

Bravo, Blizzards! Congratulations on your first championship!

U14 TREMORS

Well, that's a wrap. The first season for the U14 Tremors was a huge success with them finishing 3rd in their competition. For a team who are new to U14s and also new to playing together, it was an amazing achievement. The girls continued to improve throughout the season and ended on a high, winning



U16 Storm

against Sandy Bay 17-13 to take out 3rd place. The whole team came together to show strong defence, a fast-paced mid-court and red hot shooting, making for a high-scoring game that kept all the parents on edge and cheering from the sidelines. Well done to the team and we are looking forward to next season.

U16 STORM

Having beaten Valley, Sandy Bay and SKS and tied with HKCC, U16 Storm finished their Autumn round robin tournament in second place. The playoffs took place on 19th November. Storm played a fast-paced game against SKS. SKS played well, and unfortunately Storm could not hold them off, losing 40-34. The finals were played on 26th November. Storm faced Sandy Bay in the match for 3rd place. Storm were strong from the outset, obtaining a prevalent 7-goal lead at the end of the first quarter. As the match progressed, everyone gave their maximum effort and

best performance to clinch the team's well-earned win. The final score was 45-13 to Storm - a memorable way to end the Autumn season.

U19 TWISTERS

U19 Twisters had a relatively sparse season in terms of games owing to weather and cancellations. They played their season finals against the top team in the U19's adjacent pool, HKCC Griffins. The Twisters came out very strong, leading by 5 at the end of Q1. The Griffins picked up their game and caught up from behind for a 1-goal lead at half-time. The Twisters' girls never stopped pushing, contending every single ball, getting the interceptions and turnovers, and working every angle in the attack circle. Final score 23-28 to the Griffins. Twisters came away with a silver medal in the U19s, an exciting season-closing game, undisputable effort and spirit by the whole team.

It was a great first season with the new teammates coming together very well, enjoying the season's training, games and each other's company. Thanks to **Coach Kath** as always for your dedication with the girls. We look forward to another great term in the new year.



U14 Tremors



U19 Twisters

FOR THE FIRST TIME HONG KONG U21 QUALIFIED FOR THE WOMEN'S JUNIOR ASIA CUP 2023!

"After a fourteen-hour flight and a three-hour stopover in Doha International Airport, we have finally arrived in Kazakhstan and are only four hours away from Taldykorgan where the tournament is held!" The Hong Kong U21 Junior Squad set off earlier this month to compete in the Women's Junior AHF Cup 2022, held from 12th to 20th October, in Taldykorgan, Kazakhstan. After 6 difficult games, the team has qualified for the Women's Junior Asia Cup, which will be held in 2023, for the first time in history.

After two years of no competitions, we had a hard time rebuilding the junior team. Many talented players have left Hong Kong to study abroad, making the selection process even more difficult. In the final preparation stage, the team trained day and night (with extra training sessions on public holidays) to prepare for the games. Just when we thought we were finally ready to give it our all, some of our players got injured in the last week as they were not used to the sudden increase in training intensity. It was frustrating because we did not have

much time left, but there were still many uncertainties as to whether we could actually compete or not.

Fortunately, the U21 squad arrived at the destination safely and with the addition of 5 overseas players, the full team met for the first time in Kazakhstan. But little did the team know, the challenges had only just begun.

In a completely foreign country, we struggled to communicate with the locals and get the supplies we needed for the team. The first few days after we arrived, we had trouble sourcing still water because the labels were all in Russian/Kazakh, and we had a hard time adapting to the dry weather.

Despite the unfavorable conditions, our girls fought well and managed to score the opening goal of the tournament against Indonesia in the first game (final score 1-3) and draw Uzbekistan (0-0). In their third game, with 2 goals from **Yammi Chui**, a penalty corner goal from **Caitlin Wang** and a field goal from **Hilary Wong**, Hong Kong ended the game with a 12-0 win against Tajikistan. Thanks to the consistent performance of our two goalies **Xinyao Liu** and **Yoyo Yip**, the Hong Kong U21 Junior



Team was able to safely secure their spot in the upcoming Women's Junior Asia Cup.

Putting the tournament aside, the trip was also a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the girls to bond with local children (we played football together!), experience local cultures and try eccentric local cuisine like horse meat and camel milk.



HKFC REPRESENTATIVES

Players
Yammi Chui
Xinyao Liu
Caitlin Wang
Hilary Wong
Yoyo Yip

Head Coach Arif Ali

Umpire Tiffany Chan



YAMMI CHUI, CAPTAIN

"Probably my last U21 tournament but happy to make history with such a young and energetic team. A rough tournament but the girls persevered through adversity. A special shout-out to **Caitlin, Hilary** and **Yoyo** for a strong international debut! And of course a solid performance from **Xinny**! More to come!"

XINYAO LIU

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to represent Hong Kong once again since my debut tournament 4 years ago. It was a great experience to see improvement and personal growth in my abilities as well as playing with many new up-and-coming talented juniors."

CAITLIN WANG

"I am so grateful to have participated in such an amazing tournament. As a debuting player, this experience has been surreal and it has been great getting to know my teammates and improving with everyone. Many thanks to our coaches and the team for helping me grow as a player and making this tournament so memorable!"



HILARY WONG

"This was a great first international tournament for me as my teammates and I trained hard almost every day before the tournament, and we were able to stay strong and give our 100% in our matches. I am glad I could have this amazing opportunity to play hockey at an international level and meet players from different countries. Most importantly, I am really happy that Hong Kong is now qualified for the Women's Junior Asia Cup in 2023!"

YOYO YIP

"This is the very first time I represented Hong Kong in an international tournament. I still have many things to learn, but I am glad that I have this opportunity to play at this level. Through this experience, I have learned a lot from my fellow keeper Xinny and goalkeepers around Asia, and I was able to test my limits and see what I am capable of. This was a great experience to help me grow personally as a player and as a person. I would also like to take this chance to thank our coaches for guiding us along the way. This team would not be the same without them!"



FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF YOUTH RUGBY

A short report this month (“hurrah” I can hear some cheer) as the standout event, since my last statement, was the return of **“The Sevens”**. Junior Youth teams were fully involved the road from the stadium in the “Showcase Games”, and much fun was had by all and success by Club teams.

Much fun was also had in the stadium, in particular by our younger players for whom a break of nearly three years between **“Hong Kong Sevens”** was too a long time. It is stated that “a picture paints a thousand words”, so I will let the attached photo do the talking...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

By the time you read this report, we will have had Christmas and New Year’s Eve, and the Year of the Tiger will be drawing to a close. So, as the roar of 2022 fades, we hop in 2023 with the Year of the Rabbit, more specifically, Water Rabbit, and I wish you all **Kung Hei Fat Choy!**

Denis Brock, Chairman



U12 BOYS RICHARD HAWKES ROUNDS 1 & 2

The U12’s “Holy Grail” (Richard Hawkes Trophy) is the focus for HKFC U12 Boys this season, with multiple rounds of games - expertly arranged by our very own **Jacinto Ferreira** and **Berangere Danjoux** - culminating in Grand Finals in March. This year, we are entering 3 teams across the 4 leagues, which provides all our players a feast of competitive rugby at an appropriate level.

Due to pitch restrictions and limited playing numbers amongst other clubs, our boys are learning 7s this year closely guided by Club hooker, former NZ schools representative and parent-favourite **Matt Dobbyn**. The boys are learning to take space, attack edges, limit numbers at the breakdown, and shortened, contested scrums and lineouts - watch out the Hong Kong 7s in 2023!



U12 GIRLS

KIM LAM CUP

ROUNDS 2 & 3

All our teams have shown significant improvement both before, during and after RH Rounds 1 & 2 in October and November.

For FC3, highlights of the tournaments include **Sholto Bulloch's** first try for Club, **Naiose Martin's** strong leadership, **Anish Fujibayashi's** dazzling running, **Shun Matsuda's** relish and aggression for rugby and **Alasdair Wyllie's** positioning and attacking running. FC3 have won some / lost some / drawn some... but are growing in confidence and should have a great chance of winning their division come March.

FC2 have enjoyed some outstanding results under the committed leadership of **Colin Powrie**. We are proud that FC2 are the best 2nd team across all clubs based on results and have enjoyed winning almost all their games, with the exception of the play-off vs Discovery Bay 1st team at Tin Shui Wai. FC2's performance shows the depth of our squad, a very positive sign for us as we transition to 12 and ultimately 15-a-side. Standout performers at FC2 include strong-running **Jackson Whittaker**, the distribution and passing of **Tetsuo Sugimoto** and **Jo Takaishi**, the pace of fast-learning **Harrison Young** and the agility of **Andre Chan** and **James Raper**.

FC1 are Batman / Gryffindor / Thor to Valley 1st's Joker / Slytherin / Gorr. Valley are unbeaten and we are closing the gap between us - currently at 2 tries down from 4! FC1 are looking for physical dominance from our standout forwards **Thomas Wood** and **Simon Ferreira Danjoux**, continued commitment from **Tomas Lafontaine**, sniping runs from **Quinten Yeung**, leadership and guidance from **Gus Grewcock**, X-factor from the excellent **Oli Howarth** and finishing from **Daniel Jones** and **Hugo Cubells**. Get fit soon **Will Foyn**. We need you!!

A massive thanks again from all players to Jacinto and Berangere for arranging Richard Hawkes!!



ROUND 2

A solid performance by our **U12 girls** in the **Second Round** of the **Kim Lam Cup** in the distant fields of Tin Shui Wai. Our FC1 girls had a challenging schedule against the first tier teams in Hong Kong - USRC, Valley Fort, DB Pirates. The opposing teams were pumped up to go against FC this round. Our FC1 squad started the day with a tough match against arch-rival USRC Tigers, in a cowboy shoot, answer try-for-try, ending with a 3-3 draw. Strong performance by **Amika Potgieter**, **Emily Pomana** and **Cara Riddell**, all contributing tries and defensive tackling by **Ellen Loo** and **Caroline Lindsay**. Next, FC1 went up against an amped Valley team who pummeled Club with a strong offence before **Liv Bannon** blasted up the wing for 1 try. Yet, FC eventually conceded the match 1-3. Great defensive effort contributed by **Emily Pomana**. In their final regulation match, our Club girls went up against DB. FC1 jumped out to a 2-0 lead with a great series of passes from **Amika Potgieter** to **Emily Pomana** to **Caroline Lindsay** to score the try! Club continued to dominate, winning the match 6-2. In the finals,

FC1 went up against HKU1 and quickly set the tone with great performance by **Ally Po**, **Nina Gourlay** and **Ellie Roddy** on offence and **Mathilde Gaudre** on defence. In beautiful series of passes, scrum half **Eleanor Hartwright** passed out to **Amika Potgieter**, followed by a pass to **Emily Pomana**, then passed out to **Cara Riddell** who then took it inside to **Ellen Loo** with a pick and go around the corner to score. Great flow of rugby! FC1 was triumphant with a 6-0 win over HKU1. Our FC1 girls finished the day with a **2-1-1** record. Although it was a building day, none of the teams outclassed our FC1 girls. It was a solid foundation from which to build for our U12 Girls team. Well done girls!

Allen Schoonmaker

ROUND 3

HKFC U12 girls played in Third Round of the Kim Lam Cup on 4th December back in Happy Valley. Again, the team faced off against major rivals USRC Tigers, Valley and DB Pirates.

FC1 built on their second round showing with a strong win against DB (4-0) and a comeback victory against Valley, coming out 4-3 winners after

going behind, making up for their loss in the previous round. However, FC1 went down to a 4-1 loss against a physical Tigers side in the preliminary round robin. In the final round of games, FC1 faced off against Tigers again, improving on their showing but narrowly conceding a 3-2 loss despite a brave defensive effort.

Emily Pomana maintained her try scoring run with another six, with **Jessica Cowan Choi**, **Caroline Lindsay** (2) and debutant **Liliana Kahu** (2) also contributing to the try count. Special mention to brave defence from **Mathilde Gaudre**, tenacious tackling from **Eleanor Hartwright**, and great commitment and rucking from **Ally Po** and **Ellie Roddy**.

With a number of players out at conflicting events, the remaining girls stepped up to demonstrate the depth in the squad and their ability to improve game by game. Fantastic team spirit saw the team bouncing back from adversity both within and across the games. Well done!



SANDY BAY FESTIVAL



U7

80 players across 9 teams descended on Kings Park as HKFC U7 came for a day of bouncy castles, cotton candy and rugby! The practice matches done at training clearly paid off as the HKFC teams showed a maturity and match awareness which belied their years and was a level above the opposition on the day.

When the final whistle of the final game blew, U7 ended with a record of 33 wins from 37 matches and over 100 tries scored!

There were dazzling performances across the park.

William Bundy scored the first try of the day with a fine side step, one of his haul of six tries on the day. In the same team, there were tries for Maxi Wong and Scarlett Woo, both playing in their first festival for HKFC. **Jay Hazarika** top scored, ending the day with 10 tries, while **Tristan Zhou**, **Marcus Kwok**, **Sebastian Yip**, **Aiden Hou**, **Julius Tan** and **Vaikalafi Pomana** also bagged multiple tries.

While the individual performances merited recognition, perhaps more pleasing for the coaching team was the quality of defence. The kids were really starting to defend as a unit and worked relentlessly to chase runners and recover the ball.

U9B

The progress being made by Club's U9 boys was clear to see at the Sandy Bay tournament. They showed solid teamwork and their intuition for the game continued to improve.

Club teams were especially strong in defensive play and showed good aptitude in adapting to the ruck. Time and again Club boys held the line under fierce pressure which is a testament to the great work being done by coaches and player alike, week in, week out.

In total, Club entered 4 teams comprising of over 50 players, by far the biggest entry from any competitor in this age group.

Particular credit goes to the boys for coping with the accelerating intensity of tackling and speed of attack that each tournament brings. This also drives home the importance of weekly training. The



frozen oranges at the end of the games went down a treat and boys trooped off in great form, knowing they flew the flag for Club with accomplishment.

We are already looking forward to 2023.





U10G

HKFC continued their domination of the A stream as HKFC 1 and HKFC 2 each ended the day with a 100% winning record. The progress even in the few weeks, since our last festival was clear for all to see as a combination of strong running and committed tackling, was too much for the opposition to handle.

In the B stream, HKFC entered 2 development teams who performed admirably even as they faced off against other clubs first and second teams. It was a tough ask, but the girls finished with a respectable record of 3W, 3D and 2L. For FC3, tenacious running from **Elizabeth Barsha** and **Tara Swaminathan** led to a number of tries and for FC4, **Jessica Bundy's** fearless tackling led to a number of turnovers and tries saved.

As always, the girls were smiling from start to finish and were a credit to HKFC in their sportsmanship and skill.



U11 SQUAD A

U11 Squad A had a successful and fun day at the Sandy Bay RFC Festival.

FC1 played three and won three - defeating USRC Tigers, a spirited Sai Kung Stingrays "A", and finally an outmatched Shatin Shapei.

FC2 played three, won two and lost the third to the referee! First up was Flying Kukris. Then Sai Kung Stingrays "B" team, and finally the hosts SB "B" team.

Many thanks to the bench of coaches for their efforts in preparing Squad A: **Adam, Daniel, Evan, Graham** and **Mark**.

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U7

HKFC U7 brought 4 teams and 49 players to So Kon Po for the 7s showcase.

Coach Anthony and **Coach Andrew** led their HKFC Pumas team as they steamrolled all before them, recording emphatic wins over Tai Hang Tung, Discovery Bay and Sai Kung.

It was a similar story for HKFC Tigers - **Coaches Clare, Tom** and **Gav** encouraging and cajoling the team in equal measure to see off Sai Kung, USRC Tigers and the Flying Kukris.

Chum, Marcos and **Dave** saw their HKFC Rhinos perform very strongly in matches against Aberdeen, Sai Kung and SCAA Causeway Bay, which just left **Coach Andrew's** Lions. The Lions' day started in strange circumstances with Discovery Bay Pirates arriving short of players. The Lions' generosity backfired as the two players they lent to the Pirates teamed up to score the opening try of the day against HKFC! The team quickly rallied, recovering well in that game before seeing off the Monkeys and Shatin Shapei. You can see a video of HKFC Lions' try of the day by scanning the QR code below. Incredible teamwork!

Equipped with their medals, a number of players headed over for their first taste of international

Scan the QR Code

To view the video of HKFC Lions





U9B



U10G



U7



U8

rugby, watching the HK7s with their teammates. The perfect end to a fantastic weekend.

U8

Fresh off the heels of their games at Tigerfest the previous weekend, 6 teams from the U8s descended to So Kon Po to experience what was for many of them their first taste of sevens rugby. The Avengers, Incredibles and Titans squads each fielded 2 teams, with each team playing three matches. Taking what they had learned from their games last week and in some cases looking for some revenge for previous defeats, the U8s took to the field with strength and speed, winning the majority of their games. I am reliably informed that kids, parents and coaches all had a great time at what was a fantastically organised event, and the kids were all rightly proud of their medals. I can't wait to see even more improvement and growth for these kids in the future!

U9B

The Sevens weekend was a spectacular three days of rugby for the U9 boys that started with the Sevens' Showcase tournament and ended with an

appearance on Monday's NOW TV news bulletin.

The Showcase tournament at the SCAA grounds was the second group of matches in a week for U9 boys, and they showed their ongoing progress through their solid and consistent tackling throughout. Club entered 5 teams into this age group including a development squad, which is itself a reflection of the strong uptake of rugby this season.

Across the five teams the body positioning was correct and their ability to read the game continued to improve. The boys have been quick to adapt to contact rugby, which is no mean feat given the disruption to their rugby training in the previous three seasons. They also behave correctly while on the pitch.

After the medals were handed out, several of the U9 boys gathered to meet and watch the Sevens games at the Sports Stadium with new and old friendships being cemented. The highlight was a clutch of U9 boys wearing Club jerseys, making the NOW TV news bulletin from the Fan Zone.

It was a fantastic weekend of fun for players, coaches and parents.

U10G

On a damp and grey Sunday, U10G took four teams to SCAA stadium in Causeway Bay for the 7s showcase festival. Coming hot on the heels of Tigerfest the week before, the girls were excited to get back into competitive action.

FC1 hit the ground running, winning all three games by a wide margin, continuing their dominance of the age group with a cumulative score of 25-2. Meanwhile, FC2 bounced back from a narrow loss in their first game to record resounding victories over hosts SCAA Causeway Bay and USRC Tigers

In the B stream, FC3 and FC4 shared 3 wins and 3 losses. Wins by a wide margin over Sai Kung Stingrays and Discovery Bay Pirates offset by a couple of challenging encounters with a very tough Valley side. The girls performed very well, with a number of moments of individual brilliance leading to tries. Medals duly earned, the squad made their way to HK Stadium for a day spectating at the HK7s.



HKFC - CENTAURS TOURNAMENT IN SINGAPORE

Tours are back! Some of our younger U16 boys who qualified to play in the U14 Centaurs tournament flew into Singapore on the weekend of 26th November. It was a very special time for the boys not only to play in an international tournament, but importantly, it allowed them to catch up with old teammates (flying in from Japan, Australia and New Zealand), who were joining up with the squad. Seeing them altogether on the Friday afternoon meeting up by the pool showed us all how important these social connections were after Covid restrictions affecting us all over the last few years. Friendships that started in the minis continue to grow even now.

SATURDAY - GROUP GAMES

Once acquainted again, the boys knew they wanted to show Singapore what HKFC had to offer. Quickly getting used to the heat and humidity, the boys started the group games. First up were SCC. We were out of the blocks quickly and never looked back. Finishing with a 29-0 victory. The second game was against TRC Eagles. Club dominated in a 34-0 victory. Impressive when only a 12-minute game.

Next up were Oldham JR Spartans.

The games were getting more physical, and the boys were loving it. An insane chip and catch over their backline by Ollie Phillips resulted in a try that had everyone shouting 'no way!' A 19-0 win and qualification for the cup semi were secured. However, there was still one team to go in the group stage, Centaurs Baa Baas. They were also undefeated and looking to top the group. This was a battle in which Club controlled the ball for larger periods of time and won 10-0 to top the group.

SUNDAY - FINALS DAY

CUP SEMI FINAL VS SAINTS PANTHERS

Rain during the morning made the conditions tricky on the grass pitch. We kicked off and put Saints under pressure. Penalties were occurring on both teams, however we started to take control and scored a try. It stayed tight like this for much of the game until right at the end, we broke the line and then a defensive kick through allowed Liam Gordon to score. Club were heading to the final winning 12-0.

CUP FINAL VS CENTAURS BAA BAAS

A repeat of the group game and the boys were fired up. Club came out of the blocks hard and determined, and within 5 minutes were a try up after our forwards took control (5-0). Centaurs started to gain more possession, and we were putting the pressure on. The tackling

was phenomenal; Club kept them at bay. With about six minutes to go, Centaurs had a scrum inside their own twenty. The Club pack, with a strong push, regained the ball and halfback Alex Dodd picked up the ball to take us into a 12-0 lead after the conversion. The boys didn't look back and added a third try on the final play to make the final score 19-0 to HKFC - Cup winners. Fantastic effort by the team and well-deserved, in total they accumulated 123 points and 0 points conceded in 6 games. They played rugby with passion, strength and creativity that could not be matched. Coaches and parents from other teams spoke about how impressed they were.

We would like to thank Centaurs for hosting a terrific tournament - very well-organised and lots of fun! Also, thank you to the parents who allowed the boys to go, so we could create a team and for their wonderful support.

Finally, what we learnt from this. Well, one, the HKFC rugby program is a credit to itself - developing not just great players but also children who love the game and show great respect and fairness. Two, we all love a Tour! Three, memories have been created that will last forever - just like the friendships and bonds that this weekend has helped enhance further. Congratulations Team.

Liam Gordon, Alex Dodd, Matthew McQuhae, Gregoire Giron, Hugo Teng, Nicholas Keeley, Lucas Lafontaine, Kota Wong, Charlie Bourne, Ollie Phillips, Alvin Ng, Jack Barton, Jayden Wai, Michael Lee

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**Division 6 Champion - Men's D Team**

Charles So, Chung Ming Sang (Captain), Philip Chan, Anson Wong, Raymond Tso, Chan H.B., Dexter Chan, James Cheuk, Howard Lok, Roxy Ho, Mobin Yau, Marshall To

**Division 3 Champion - Men's C Team**

Chan Shu Wing, Suen C.S., Timothy Or, Mobin Yau, Kenny Tam, Frankie Siu, Thomas Tam, Patrick Fong (Captain), Ian Yau, Raphael Chan, Wong K.H., Matthew Lee

K. K. Law, Wilson Kwong, Leo Yau, Kenneth Wan, Patrick Mok, Derek Wyllie, Donald Wu, S. K. Ng, Neil Herrington

HKFC ACHIEVED PHENOMENAL RESULTS IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE 2022

**Division 6 Champion - Men's D Team Best Team**

Dexter Chan, Chung Ming Sang, Philip Chan (Skip), Leo Yau, Charles So

With the last game being played on 26th November, our section teams did exceptionally well in the 2022 Premier League with three teams: Women A, Men C and Men D being champions; Men A, Men E and Men F being runners-up of their respective divisions. That meant promotions for Men C, Men D, Men E and Men F. Whilst Women A had regained the champion title since 2015, may Women A retain the title for many years ahead and to break the record of our nine consecutive wins up to 2015.

We also had a champion and a runner-up rink in our Men D with skips **Philip Chan** and **James Cheuk**. Well done to all our section players!

Division 1 2nd Runners-up - Men's A Team

Ken Fong, Tony Cheung, Wong C T, Kenneth YIU, Charles So, Patrick Choi, Heron Lau (Captain), David Chiu, Stephen SY, Dicky Mak, Kevin Fung, Terry Kung

**Division 6 2nd Runners-up - Men's E Team**

Johnny Tsang, Kelly Yu, Kenneth Wan, Francis Chau (Captain), Edmund Leung, David Phu, Henry Cheung, Jack Law, Arthur Yiu, Philip Sze, Chan C.M., Fred Ma, Neil Roberts, K. K. Law

**Division 7 2nd Runners-up - Men's F Team**

Bernard Young, Danny Leung, Vitas Wu, William Fan, Stanley Luk, Koon Cheng, S. K. Lam, Patrick Mok, Eddie Lok (Captain), Roger Nissim, Barry Ho, Peter Chow, Gerry Yim

Division 1 Champion - Women's A Team

Phyllis Wong, Emmie Wong, Shirley Ma, Josephine Lam, Christina Yeung, Rita Shek (Captain), Camilla Leung, Phoebe Ho, Yunse Ha, Cherry Tsoi, Eva Yu, Connie Chung, Celena Kwok, Honor Siu, Wanis Sze



PREMIER LEAGUE 2022

Division	Position	Team
1	2nd	Men's A
	9th	Men's B
3	1st	Men's C
6	1st	Men's D
7	2nd	Men's E
8	2nd	Men's F
10	5th	Men's G
1	1st	Women's A
2	5th	Women's B
3	4th	Women's C



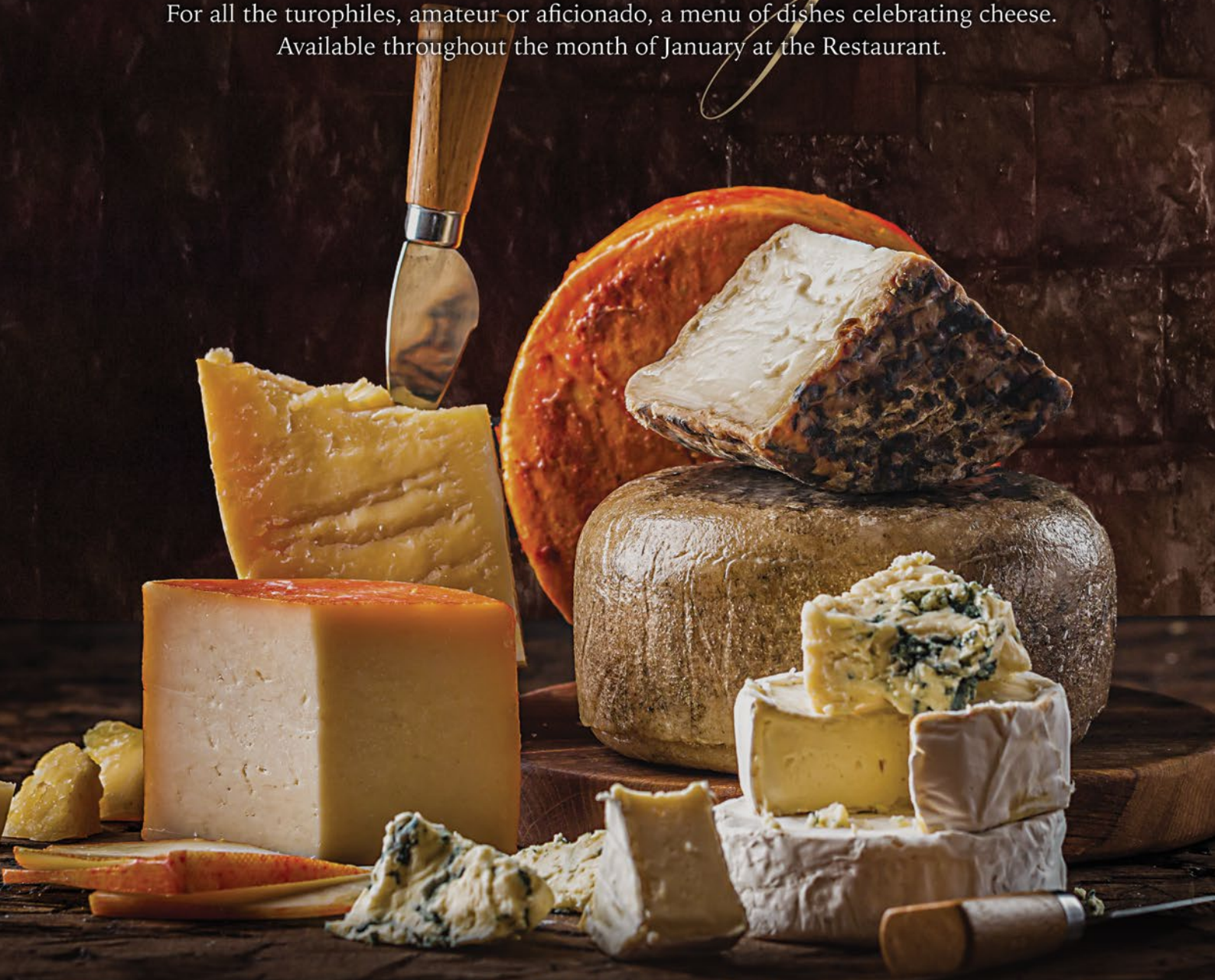
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WEEZ WALK

LOOP THE ISLAND



For the third year in succession, the Soccer Section is proud to be involved in the Weez Walk which is a fundraising family friendly challenge organised by the Weez Project and their charity partner KELY Support Group. The aim of the challenge is to raise funds and increase awareness of youth mental health issues and suicide prevention.

In previous years, the HKFC Junior Soccer Coaches have 'Looped the Island' to raise funds for this very special charity. This year, we are opening the event up to the rest of the Section and Club.

The Weez Walk 2023 will take place from 14th January to 19th February 2023 and it involves walking or running the Hong Kong Island Coastal Trail. The route spans 62km around the perimeter of Hong Kong Island where you can take in all the amazing sights and sounds of the island's coastal areas, from rural to industrial, from beaches to urban, this route has it all.

The Weez Walk was established by the Soccer Section Tony Bruno in 2021 in

memory of his son Jamie Bruno as a casual event to raise funds and awareness of youth mental health issues in Hong Kong. Tony completed the walk in 12 hours and 58 minutes, a personal best that will be hard to beat! Because of the success of Weez Walk in 2021, the idea of hosting a yearly event open to all was born.

The Weez Walk 2022 was an incredible success, involving over 700 runners, walkers and the occasional baby stroller and raised over HK\$2.1m.

The net proceeds from this initiative will go to KELY Support Group and be used fully to develop and deliver preventative mental health programmes for young people in Hong Kong.

They are a community group that is working to increase awareness of youth mental health issues and campaigning to prevent youth suicide.

Their **Vision** is for there to be zero youth suicides in Hong Kong.

Their **Mission** is for there to be help and support for young people in Hong Kong who are facing mental health challenges, especially those who are contemplating self-harm or suicide.

Their **Aims** are:

- To encourage young people to seek help for themselves and to help others.
- To help educate teachers and parents to know more about mental health issues.
- To advocate for improvements in youth mental health, including suicide prevention.

To achieve this, they collaborate with and raise funds for specialist youth and mental health organisations who have the expertise to deliver practical, relevant programmes and information for Hong Kong's youth and to provide accessible, expert resources to help young people and the adults around them. They also campaign for suicide prevention and improved mental health support for young people.

WEEZ WALK

2023

14 JAN - 19 FEB

WALK or RUN the Hong Kong Island Coastal Trail
Raise Funds and Awareness on SUICIDE PREVENTION & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Organisers





KELY Support Group (KELY) is a Hong Kong-based non-profit organisation whose mission since 1991 is to equip young people with the skills, knowledge and opportunities needed to support themselves and each other. They envision a world where young people are empowered to reach their full potential.

KELY Support Group collaborates with schools and other partners to offer programmes to Chinese- and English-speaking youth between the ages of 14 and 24 around our three core focus areas: Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Mental Health & Well-being, and Positive Youth Development.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS

KELY works to prevent and reduce the harm associated with drug and alcohol abuse. Their Drug and Alcohol Awareness programmes equip young people with the skills and knowledge needed to avoid using drugs and alcohol, protect themselves, make healthy choices and support their peers.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

They take a preventative approach to their Mental Health & Well-being programmes and focus on helping young people to understand their own emotions, cope with stress and know how to help themselves as well as their peers. In situations where they identify additional mental health needs, they work with a strong network of referral organisations that can provide in-depth one-on-one counselling.

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Their Positive Youth Development programmes create opportunities for young people to explore and develop life skills and creative expressions, increasing their aspirations for the future. They focus specifically on disadvantaged youth who typically don't have access to skills-building programmes of this nature.

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BOXING DAY FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL



The precise date of the inaugural 'Auld Enemy', England vs Scotland challenge match, is a fixture which historians have been unable to determine but is thought to date back to at least 1892, coinciding with HKFC's controversial decision, despite vociferous dissent from the membership, to accept Scottish members into the Soccer Section.

It was **2008** and, having recently returned to Hong Kong, I was looking forward to participating in the England vs Scotland challenge match. Alas, I was informed that the game had degenerated into a competitive and feisty affair, with the teams generally comprising of First Team and Yau Yee League players, with little or no social team involvement. Interest in the match had dwindled with the game not being held since 2004. The only football on the day involved the annual Swire vs Jardines, 'Jock's Pot' taipan challenge match, which I was invited to officiate.

Five days later, I attended the HKRU's annual New Year's Day Youth Tournament at the Club - a joyous, all day family event attended by over 2,000 players, family members and friends, socialising over food and drinks and involving a full day's youth rugby programme. I asked myself, "Why could the Soccer Section not aspire to hosting a similar football-based event?"

In **2009**, I was charged with reintroducing the annual England vs Scotland match, providing a greater emphasis on social involvement and a Section-based family event. Following the successful reintroduction of the fixture, a bigger event was planned for 2010, augmenting the annual England vs Scotland match and the 'Jock's Pot' matches with two

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UNDER 12 HKFC VS HKFA KICK OFF: 10.00AM (11-A-SIDE ON FULL PITCH)	UNDER 10 HKFC VS TAI TAM TIGERS KICK OFF: 2PM (9-A-SIDE ON TADP PITCH)
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junior football exhibition matches. These matches comprised U12 and U14 boys HKFC vs HK Junior Football League (HKJFL) select teams, with the teams respectively arranged by Chris Plowman, Mick Lonergan and Ed Fordham. Initial response from the HKJFL teams was neither encouraging or supportive, with the U14 boys match eventually contested between two teams comprising exclusively of HKFC representation. However, the signs were encouraging and the seeds had been sown for development.

Whilst attempts to obtain event sponsorship from either Swire or Jardines failed to reach fruition, **2011** saw the introduction of the first Junior and Youth Soccer Programme supplementing the traditional senior matches, with four

boys' matches of different age groups arranged between HKFC select teams and both HKJFL and HKFA youth teams.

Whilst **2012** and **2013** provided an expanded Youth Football programme, with challenge matches for HKFC teams against outside opposition including Tai Tam and South China at U10 boys, U12 boys and both boys and girls at U13, there was still a reluctance for any participation by the majority of the HKJFL teams, albeit several HKJFL junior players supplementing the HKFC teams on the day.

2014 saw the first 'Festival of Football', with a full junior football programme prior to England vs Scotland fixture, which featured boys' and girls' teams of various age groups and teams from HKFC, Kitchee and Sun Pegasus. The Junior Programme sought to introduce a sense of occasion for the young players by having all teams meet in the changing rooms where kits were hung with shirts on pegs, and the teams entering the pitch accompanied by the UEFA Champions League anthem, a tradition which persists to this day.

Although the England vs Scotland match was well and truly re-established and the day being enjoyed by family members, the reluctance of the HKJFL teams to participate in the Junior Programme persisted. This matter needed to be addressed for the Junior Programme to continue as a meaningful event.

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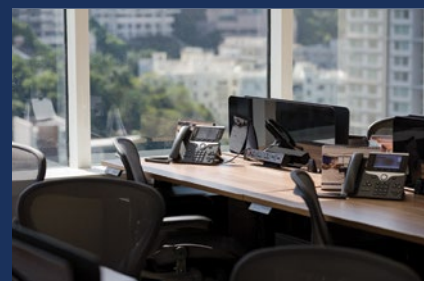
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FIRST TEAM PROFILES

WOMENS



KENDRA BUI

JOINED WOMEN'S TEAM 2019

POSITION

Centre Forward, Centre Midfield,
Centre Back

One of the key players on our team, Kendra is an exemplary footballer whose ability allows her to control the game; whether she is dribbling through for a shot on goal, holding off multiple opponents in the midfield, or solidly stopping an opponent from breaking through our lines, Kendra can always be trusted to provide the team with a sense of stability and confidence.

Hailing from Toronto, Canada, she has played soccer since her youth and represented McGill University while she was in college, eventually being named in one of the college's All-Star teams.

Kendra is a rock to the team, and her presence on the pitch and at social events always results in the bar being raised to a higher level.

Kendra says, "From my first season at the club until today, the women's programme has seen tremendous growth! It's been a wonderful opportunity to unite girls and women from all backgrounds and I'm grateful to be a participant. I have very high expectations for the team and can't wait to see what we're able to achieve."



GINA BENJAMIN

JOINED WOMEN'S TEAM 2021

POSITION

Centre Midfield, Centre Forward

A late bloomer to the world game, Gina only started playing football at 15. Through her natural talent, at 16 years old she was already playing for the Sheffield United Women's First Team, where she played alongside Tottenham Hotspur's Amy Turner for several years. Gina then moved to study at Lincoln University where she captained the university's first team for 2 years.

Gina first joined Eastern when she moved to Hong Kong, and then transferred to Kitchee where she played for 2 seasons before transferring to HKFC.

Absolutely potent in her attack, Gina is a threat to be reckoned with. She is always on the hunt for a goal, and our opponents are often nervous about having to defend against her.

Gina says, "It's been an honour and pleasure joining Hong Kong Football Club. There is such a sense of team spirit on and off the pitch. We have amazing players that I love battling for, week in and week out!"

MEN



MARTIN FRAY

JOINED MEN'S TEAM 2020

POSITION

Defender

In his first year at the club, under the management of Tony Hamilton-Brown and Dan Beattie, HKFC, Martin was part of the team that won the Hong Kong First Division title, winning every single game throughout the 2020/21 season. Promotion to the Premier League followed, but unfortunately the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in the league being cut short before the team could properly come together.

Before joining Hong Kong Football Club, when he first moved to Hong Kong, Martin played for German All Stars in the Yau Yee league. He always enjoyed playing against the HKFC teams as he felt that they were the most competitive and challenging games. Before leaving the UK, while studying, he played for Manchester Metropolitan University's first team and then several teams based around Manchester in the North West Counties League Division of England.

Martin says, "We have had an excellent start to the season, brought in some quality players and been given an excellent environment to come and train, thanks to the stewardship of the manager Tony and the coaching team of Monty, Anto and Pimmy. We greatly appreciate the support we have had on and off the pitch. The home games have an amazing atmosphere and look forward to finishing as high up the table as we can."



EMMET WAN

JOINED MEN'S TEAM 2020

POSITION

Defensive Midfield, Centre Back

Emmet started playing football at 8 years old in Ireland before moving to Leicester at 11 where he represented Leicester county and local teams throughout Secondary school. He then moved to Cape Town, South Africa at 17 for a two-year full-time football scholarship playing under Danish coach - Roald Poulsen. Following this, he moved to Hong Kong and joined Kitchee in 2013 where he played professionally in the HK Premier League until 2020, and represented other teams such as Lee Man FC and Southern District FC. He was part of the Kitchee team with Paulo that won the treble under the management of José Molina, scoring his first professional goal against Chonburi in the AFC. He has also represented the U23 Hong Kong national team at the Asian games in Incheon, South Korea. Emmet joined the Hong Kong Football Club in 2020 and was part of a team that was unbeaten in the 2020/2021 season.

Emmet says, "I am grateful to be part of the first team with talented players and coaches with a strong bond which is reflected on the pitch. We have shown that we can compete at the highest level in Hong Kong and aim to be in the Hong Kong Premier League for many seasons to come. The structure of our football club also means that talented young players will continue to make the transition into the first team and can look at Rapha, Justin and Tim this season for inspiration for their pathway to professional football. I am looking forward to what's ahead and doing my best for the football club this season and beyond."



SECTION SPOTLIGHT ON: "THE RUBBER MAN" 46 YEARS & COUNTING

I've sat on the Soccer Section Committee a couple of times. The first time round as a Team Representative and Social Convenor and on this second round a stint as Section Captain, Section Chairman, General Committee Representative and now Dynamics Representative. It's through being on the committee that I got to know **Bobby Lawson** or at least I thought I did until researching a recent event to recognise his enormous contribution to the Soccer Section.

The first thing I learnt was that Bobby had a nickname. Who knew? Clearly only those who were around in the 70s and 80s, **The Rubber Man**, not for reasons you might be thinking of but for having elastic legs and being able to make tackles like no other.

Bobby started out playing for the first team but I'll come back to that a little later. Bobby also played for 517 and Wanderers, winning the Yau Yee League alongside legends such as **Dave Anderson, Alan Liddiard, Les Curl, Tommy Nevin, Martin Stocks** and **Tommy Henderson**.

In later years, Bobby played for the **Dynamics** with a cameo or two for the Rovers.

In 2009, I was charged with reintroducing back to the first team. Picture the Scene. It's the 1979/80 season and Hong

Kong Football Club is playing in the First Division. For those who need some help with the era, some key facts:

- MacLehose made the first trip to Beijing to discuss Hong Kong with the Chinese government
- **Billy Semple** was playing for Seko (Yes Scott's dad)
- The MTR opened its first line
- **Tony Sealy** was playing for Crystal Palace
- Pink Floyd were the Christmas No. 1
- Nottingham Forest retained the European Cup

The real action, however, was, happening in the Hong Kong First Division. 10th May 1980 to be precise, HKFC played Kui Tan and battled away into the dying minutes of the game 0-0 and on the verge of relegation, the game exploded. HKFC, with their backs to the wall for most of the game, not to mention the slight hint of favouritism shown to local relegation battlers in the lead up to this fixture, won a penalty in the last two minutes of the game. When **John McGunnigle** 'rammed' the ball home, the Hong Kong Football Club stadium erupted with a pitch invasion worthy of an FA Cup final.

Many of our members who have played at the highest level will let you know what an achievement this was to stay in the First Division.



Club Colts 25 Years THE PLAYER

Michael Sealy	James Mckee
Michael Campion	Matt Orr
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Jack Sealy	Jack Beacher
Calvin Harris	Seb Page
Keith Robertson	Mike Wilson
Andy Bratsanos	Kyle Lau
Tommy Smith	Liam Doyle
Rory Loneragan	Oliver Muh
Robbie Scott	Derek Ng

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West Ham's Cup

Wembley, May 10. — First Hamming gave First Ham United a surprise 1-0 win over Arsenal in the English Football Association Cup final at Wembley stadium today.

A capacity crowd of 100,000 saw the second division underdogs West Ham score in the 13th minute of the 90-minute final and then play with cool confidence to work up Arsenal's pressure after the interval.

Arsenal, defending holders of the trophy, decided to play their third successive English Cup final, failed to dominate the midfield until late in the match. Bromley's early goal always looked likely to be decisive in the face of Arsenal's inexperience in attack.

West Ham became the third second division club to win the Cup, following in the footsteps of Sunderland in 1977 and Southampton in 1976.

West Ham's victory was both a midlife, where the team's manager, Bobby Robson, said and 17-year-old Paul Allen — the youngest player ever to appear in an English Cup final — controlled a large percentage of the game.

Several others also benefited and Frank Lampard was well held by Alan Smith and West Ham captain Billy Bonds.

Amateurs beat soccer 'system'

Hong Kong amateur football's first team yesterday won the Hong Kong Football Club's first all-amateur side to win the trophy since the first all-amateur side to win the trophy in 1970.

Club manager Norman Vase hit out at "the system" after seeing his team scrape home against Kui Tan with a John McGinnigle penalty two minutes from time.

Kui Tan were Cup relegation.

"They've used everything to get us back into the Second Division," said Vase in the team dressing room afterwards, referring to the local football association hierarchy.

"They have switched forward around to accommodate other relegation struggles, for instance."

"This is not just a case of beating one team here today we've beaten the whole system."

Club chair backs to the wall for most of yesterday's game, eventually won in dramatic fashion when Kui Tan's former national team goalkeeper Lo Kwok-wah found Club forward John Waller during a minor squall in the penalty area.

Referee Cheung Kwok-kui immediately awarded a penalty and, after heated exchanges between Kui Tan players and the official, McGinnigle roared home the spot-kick.

The match of wild scenes on the sidelines.

Club reserve men, officials and spectators charged on to the field and local fans, who had been widely behind the reprobate side throughout play, joined in the jubilation in one of the most emotional scenes ever witnessed at the Hong Kong Stadium.

(See also Page 26)



By MARK GILES

Club wrote a new, and totally unexpected except by themselves, chapter into the annals of Hongkong soccer yesterday in one of the most dramatic affairs seen at the Hongkong Stadium.

The all-amateur side were just 120 seconds away from virtual extinction to yet another season in junior soccer when Kui Tan goalkeeper Lo Kwok-wah blew a fuse — and with one senseless action sentenced his team to the Second Division ranks.

Club, on the defensive almost throughout this climactic anti-relegation struggle, broke repeatedly in the closing minutes and with two minutes left a dangerous cross was taken well by 'keeper Lo with striker Steve Waller challenging.

Waller gave Lo a little nudge with his shoulder and the custodian retorted with a vicious — and, under the circumstances, ridiculous — knee into the groin that saw the forward crash to the ground.

A draw would have almost certainly kept Kui Tan in the top flight as Club face Happy Valley in their last game and, with just a point yesterday, would have needed a win on Wednesday.

Referee Cheung Kwok-kui pointed immediately to the penalty spot, prompting amazing scenes from spectators and players alike.

Kui Tan protested vehemently. Club players danced around merrily and the fans — who included a sizeable number of Europeans — began to chant and sing in a fashion normally reserved for Wembley Stadium or Hampden Park.

Referee Cheung stood firm, his foot on the ball and waved away anyone venturing within conversation distance.

And when the mayhem died down, up stepped the experienced, nervous John McGinnigle to ram home a perfect spot-kick wide to Lo's right, giving the 'keeper no chance at all.

What followed would not have been out of place at the end of a Cup final. The crowd — Europeans and locals apart — went absolutely wild with delight. Club fans' famous chant of "come of you blues" was mimicked by the rest of the crowd and an atmosphere prevailed that has not been witnessed since Hong Kong hosted the 1978 World Cup preliminaries.



In the 90s, youth football in Hong Kong was very different to what it has developed into today. For young men, there were no football options other than what were played at school. Bobby led the development of **The Colts**, creating an opportunity for youngsters to continue playing football, experience an adult league, develop their skills, provide a pathway and a new source of talent for the First Team.

Over the years, there have been many players who have progressed to play first team professionally and for the Hong Kong National Team, demonstrating the success of The Colts and its contribution to the Soccer Section and Hong Kong Football in general.

The word Legend sometimes get overused, but certainly not when referring to Bobby Lawson and his immense 40-year involvement with the Soccer Section Committee as first team captain, Soccer Section Captain, Soccer Section Chairman, General Committee Representative and Colts Representative.

This is a huge commitment and contribution and it was a privilege to honour him at a dinner event on 3rd December 2022. Cheers Bobby and here's to many more years seeing you at the Club.

Stephen Tew



LEAGUE TABLE									
Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Seiko	22	18	3	1	58	15	+43	39
2	Happy Valley	22	14	4	4	39	20	+19	32
3	Bulova	22	13	3	6	36	20	+16	29
4	South China	22	9	7	6	26	16	+10	25
5	Tung Sing	22	10	4	8	42	41	+1	24
6	Sea Bee	22	8	5	9	19	24	-5	21
7	Eastern	22	6	8	8	26	34	-8	20
8	Caroline Hill	22	6	8	8	24	31	-7	20
9	Yuen Long W	22	6	10	10	27	31	-4	18
10	HKFC	22	6	11	11	21	31	-10	17
11	Kui Tan R	22	6	12	12	23	29	-6	16
12	Urban Service R	22	1	20	20	12	61	-49	3



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The Annual Wing Ding Squash Tournament is the ever-cherished and revered tournament of the social calendar year for Squashers, and this year proved to be another big hit. Hosted by our HKFC Squash Section this 19th November, teams from across Hong Kong came together to compete in (an almost) non-stop fiasco which rolled on from 9am with final games concluding at almost 6pm! 13 teams of 13 players began their journey of a fast-paced round robin tournament which really tests the players.

HOW IT WORKS

Players begin their first matches on the horn and amass as many points for their team as possible. The horn sounds every three minutes, which begins the following round of matches. The catch is there is no buffer time between matches, and matches all occur on different courts. Players must reach their next court and may play on without an opponent even being present... Which is often the case! Each transition time looks a little like Spain's Running of the Bulls, and is equally as colourful. Did I mention, all players are in dress-up? Enter the next complication...

COSTUMES

Each team is given only one dimension to fulfil their team's costume, a colour. Other than that, it is free reign. Leather? Spandex? Denim? All acceptable, and indeed advised. This year, we saw the likes of: the Red Devils, some ballerinas in White, the Flintstones in orange, the Yellow Minions were a pretty cool outfit, we also had the Blue I-don't-know-what-they-were's, and in black was a whole team of very realistic, very beautiful Wednesday Addams'. A colourful display of humans, matched only possibly by a Wyndham Street on Halloween. I feel that some of the participants are particularly keen to get back into their outfits owing to the excess leg they got to show out there... Especially that last team. Phwoah.

COURT SPRINTS

One rather painful phenomenon added to the agenda this year was the court sprints. To suffer the indignity of reaching a court only to be told to run for three and a half minutes. Running back and forth inside a wooden box of almost 10 metres in length, otherwise known as a squash court. One particular ding-dong head, **Gergo Schlösser**, set us a record of 56 court sprints on that fateful day. No mean feat! However, he went on to lose his following matches as he tried

to regain his breath over the next few games. "That wasn't smart", he very accurately later realised.

WHY?

You don't always need an excuse for a dress-up! In this case however, all proceeds raised through donations, player fees, and raffle tickets went to SCMP and RTHK's Operation Santa Claus, whose beneficiaries included worthy charities such as Children in Need, the Pathways Foundation and Riding for the Disabled, amongst many others. A huge thank you to the event's main sponsors St. James's Place, Hill Dickinson, Burke & Company Solicitors and Squash-Me, without whom all of this kerfuffle couldn't happen. Needless to say, this year the infamous Wing Ding raised a whopping (and over-target) \$412,400! A fine excuse for a sweaty, social, squash romp indeed. Well done everyone involved and as always, to friends and family for your support.

BUSINESS TIME

Okay, now for the business end... The numbers. Well firstly, the ever-keen Max Lee from HKFC Vice Squad was dropping bombs all day and scored a whopping 230 points as the event's top scorer! On a raw points basis, we had Team Squash Gear in third place with 2,019 points. In second, we would have team Blade Revolution if not for their rather surreptitious sneaking in of a BONUS 201 points for best costume, boosting them into the lead narrowly over HKFC Vice Squad with 2,038 points! Well done to Blade Revolution who took the competition not by squash but by showin a bit of leg. I'm lookin at you **Phil Head**



and **Dave Robinson**. Who says looks don't matter, eh? Rather interestingly, if you tap 2,088-2,038= into a calculator, it tells you that only 50 points separated first and second this year, so a tight comp it was!

Thanks again all for a full day of fun for a good cause, not to mention the exceptional squash which was only mildly boosted by many of Hong Kong's current playing professionals! Shout out to the absolute superstars including **Max Lee, Alex Lau, Tomato Ho, Henry Leung and Tsz Wing Tong** who took time out from their schedules to join the commoners, having a hit for Operation Santa Claus.

FUNDRAISERS

No.	Team	Raised
1	Squash-Me.io HKFC	\$89,976
2	SJP Spankers	\$49,238
3	HKCC Premier Select	\$26,500
4	ISRC	\$25,000
5	Utd Service Rec. Club	\$24,584
6	Hill Dickinson Swingers	\$21,200
7	KCC - Burke & Co.	\$18,850
8	HK Squash Gear	\$17,450
9	HKFC Vice Squad	\$17,300
10	HKCC Angels	\$16,000
11	Blade Revolution	\$12,400
12	Ladies Rec. Club	\$9,300
13	Royal HK Yacht Club	\$7,900
14	Sprints	\$0

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Total Raised \$412,548

TOP POINTS SCORERS

No.	Player	Team	Points
1	Max H Y Lee	HKFC Vice Squad	230
2	Justin	SJP Spankers	194
3	Sheung Wai Ching	Blade Revolution	212
4	Abbie Leung	HKCC Angels	193
5	Sydney Huang	HK Squash Gear	184
6	Niaz	KCC - Burke & Co.	199
7	David Rundle	SJP Spankers	185
8	Dinesh Hathiramani	ISRC	188
9	Vee Lo		173
10	Mandy Wan	HKCC Angels	192
11	Aidan Au	SJP Spankers	128
12	Ethan Bai	Royal HK Yacht Club	125
13	Raghav	Ladies Rec. Club	130

HONG KONG JUNIOR CLOSED TOURNAMENT

This year's HK Junior Closed Tournament provided a fantastic opportunity to put all they've learned from our fantastic coaching team into practice and test their skills against the best in their age categories. The full results are as follows.

BOYS

Under 17	Justin Cheng	Top 4
Under 15	Elliot Lam	Top 32
	Vicson Sun	Top 32
Under 9	William Pun	Top 4
	Quang Aaron Le	5/8

GIRLS

Under 19	Mariko Tam	5/8
	Valerie Huang	5/8
	Hailey Wong	Top 4
Under 17	Jillian Lam	Top 8
	Clarissa Li	9/10
Under 15	Ipsa Mishra	9/16
Under 13	Lam Ying Tung	Top 4
	Chung Ka Yau	Top 4
Under 11	Hailey Chiu Hiu Ching	Top 4

GIRLS UNDER 11 – TOP 4 HAILEY CHIU HIU CHING

It was an unexpected result for me to get my first Girls U11 title in Hong Kong Junior Squash Championships 2022. I had placed the 3rd/4th seed in this tournament. It was a tough road to the championship. I had to match up with the top 2 seed players in the semi-final and the final.

My physical fitness and tactics have greatly improved after I trained in HKFC. Special thanks to my coach Carmen Lee. Your patience and teaching made me grow a lot. I also have to say thanks to my teammates. I love you guys and can't wait for the next training session.

GIRLS UNDER 13 – 1ST RUNNER-UP LAM YIN TUNG

I am delighted to participate in Hong Kong Junior Squash Championships 2022 which is my last competition in the U13 age group. Since most competitions in Hong Kong were postponed because of Covid-19 until August this year, it is a precious opportunity to compete with other opponents again. As a result, I particularly cherish every squash competition and try my best.

I would like to thank every person who has helped me no matter in trainings or competitions. In my opinion, although prizes and trophies make the competition more exciting, the process of training and trying my best in the game is more important. I hope that I can improve my weaknesses in the game and strengthen my strengths. Lastly, I hope that everyone who loves playing squash can find their goals and continue training hard for it!



GIRLS UNDER 13 – TOP 4 CHUNG KA YAU

My name is Elva Chung. I am 11 years old. I have just got the second runner-up of Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR—Hong Kong Junior Squash Championships 2022 Competition in the group of GIRLS UNDER 13. I was surprised because my opponents were very strong and a year older than me. It was hard at first but when I completed the competition, all the practice was worthy. Also, I have learnt that if we want to get good results, we should always try our best and be focused. At last, I hope I will get the champion in the next competition.





BOYS UNDER 17 – TOP 4 JUSTIN CHENG

Although I didn't play true to my seeding, I think I played decently this tournament. I'm looking forward to playing Tam Tsz Shing again in the future, and I aim to add more pressure to him this time and hopefully even win.



AARON QUANG LE

I felt really upset because I lost. I was really sad because I thought I was going to have 3nilbar I did not. I played really well in the third game to win 10-7. I was not happy I came 6th and will try harder to come to P23 next time. I wish the next competition is at HKFC because I like the glass court. B.Y: Aaron Le

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HKFC CLUB 2022 CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Mario Riccio had an exceptional tournament, taking home the Men's Singles title, Men's Doubles title and lost in a close Mixed Doubles final with the Ladies' Singles and Doubles winner **Samantha Ho**.

Shaan Bhojwani took home the Singles and Doubles championships in the Closed Men's events while **Charlotte Cheung** got the double in Closed Mixed and Closed Ladies' Doubles championships.

It was two fantastic weekends of tennis and so happy to see everyone out there competing in all events.



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	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-Up</i>
Open Men's Singles	Mario Riccio	Andrew Town
Open Ladies' Singles	Samantha Ho	Jenny Tong
Open Men's Doubles	Mario Riccio & Anthony Su	Roy Cheng & Alistair Todd
Open Ladies' Doubles	Samantha Ho & Karen Hui	Aparna Kanthan & Jenny Tong
Open Mixed Doubles	Toby Clark & Tanya Clark	Mario Riccio & Samantha Ho
Closed Men's Singles	Shaan Bhojwani	James Piachaud
Closed Men's Doubles	Shaan Bhojwani & Myles Ormerod	Nadeem Siddiqui & Lennard de Haan
Closed Ladies' Doubles	Charlotte Cheung & Jennifer Feng	Isabelle Tang & Penny Austin
Closed Mixed Doubles	Lennard de Haan & Charlotte Cheung	James Piachud & Emma Piachud





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INTERVIEW WITH OUR LADIES CAPTAIN



PORTIA CHAN

What inspired you to become Club Captain?

"Hong Kong Football Club has a very friendly and diverse tennis community and it is always fun to be part of the tennis team where I met some new and old tennis buddies as well. With a few of my teammates moving out of Hong Kong, I think it is the time for me to contribute to build and sustain this culture and community."

What is the most difficult thing about being Club Captain?

"There are a big group of tennis enthusiasts in both Ladies Day and Night Leagues. With limited courts availability, it is a challenge for us Captains to provide more opportunities for our members to take part in matches and social games."

What are you learning about Club Tennis since joining the Tennis Society Committee?

"I only participate in Night Leagues and the Ladies Day League is totally new to me. There is much more social than the matches themselves as compared with Night Leagues, and something I would look forward to taking part in if I have the luxury of time!"

How long have you played tennis for the Club?

"I joined our HKFC Ladies' Team in 2015. Time flies when you are having fun! It has been 7 years already!"

Do your families play tennis?

"My brother Angus is the Men's A Team Captain as well. My parents used to play socially when we were young, but now they enjoy being in the spectator stand more."

How do you prepare for HKTA League matches?

"Other than the pre-season training with coaches, I try to organise different social games to let the team try pairing with different players. On match day, I will make sure I have some food before the match so that I have enough energy to sustain the 3 sets!"

How do you see the League tennis at the Club evolving?

"It's great to see more and more junior players joining ATA training and Tennis Society's social events these few years. I believe that it is critical to develop the interest in tennis from a young age no matter you are playing socially or competitively. And I am looking forward to seeing more young players joining our league teams as well!"

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GOLF OUTING



WEDNESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER 2022 KSC EAST COURSE

We returned to the Kau Sai Chau East course for our November Golf Society outing after a seven-week hiatus. What a lovely course to play on after such a lengthy break!

We had a gloomy day with some light drizzle for most of the day, which reminded me of the UK in late spring and early autumn.

Despite the challenging East course, we all played fairly.

We had a first-time East Course player, **Gail Wright**. This was Gail's and **Quinton Wrigley's** first golf outing in 2022.

I started things off with an awful drive to the left, but somehow managed to keep it in play. **Terry Wright**, **Lindsay Wright**, and **Andy Ho** came next. **Terry Wright**, our current club champion, opened with par and then a birdie on Hole 2, completing the front nine with a score of 37, and finished with the day's lowest gross total of 82, just missing a podium spot with 31 points. He did, however, share the longest drive with **Colin Lunn**; both drove approximately 250 yards into the wind, and the outcome was too close to call.

Colin Lunn finished third in the stableford competition with 32 points, with second-place finisher **Paul Walters** with 33 points. Both swiftly left after the round to attend a BBQ, leaving **Amy Cheng (Walters)** in charge of collecting their prizes and their golf bags. **Jonathan Li** won first place with 35 points.

This event also includes the new GEO award which is given at the discretion of the GEO and could be given for exceptional effort, luckiest shot, worst shot, first-time player, and so

on. Basically anything noteworthy or deserving of a small award. **Gail Wright** and **Quinton Wrigley** received a prize for attending their first tournament and attempting the east course for the first time (**Gail Wright**).

Congratulations to all the winners, and congratulations to everyone.

"I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced."

Lee Trevino, 6-time Major Champion with 29 PGA Tour wins

Happy golfing!

William Chan

STABLEFORD WINNERS

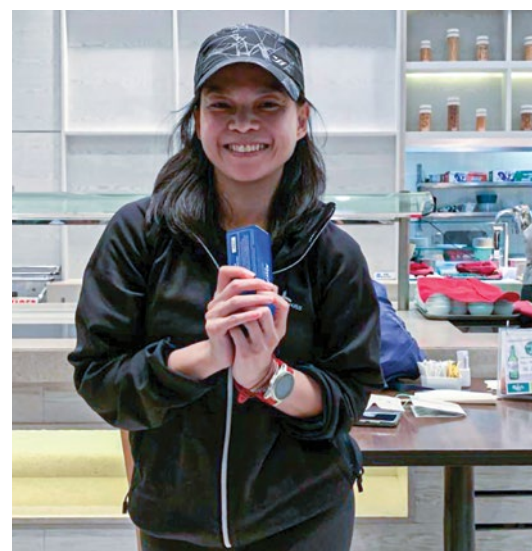
1st	Jonathan Li	35 points
2nd	Paul Walters	33 points
3rd	Colin Lunn	32 points

NEAREST TO THE PIN

Hole 3	Lindsay Wright
Hole 5	Albert Lam
Hole 8	Gail Wright
Hole 13	Amy Cheng
Hole 14 *2nd shot	Lindsay Wright
Hole 15	Bill King

LONGEST DRIVE HOLE 17

Women's	Amy Cheng
Men's	Terry Wright Colin Lunn



Longest Drive and Nearest to the Pin Winner - Amy Cheng



Gail Wright and Quinton Wrigley

Stableford Winner - Jonathan Li





Lindsay Wright, Terry Wright and Andy Ho

Gilbert Law, KK Law,
Albert Lam and James Keung



Thomas Yiu,
Quinton Wrigley,
Bill King and
Johnny Lam



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INTER-CLUB MATCHES WITH LRC

SUNDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 2022

Our old badminton friends of the Ladies Recreation Club (LRC) were invited and enjoyed exciting moments during the friendly matches with the Badminton Society on 13th November at the HKFC. A total of 23 players from both clubs participated in the official matches.

It was great to see juniors accompanying the seniors and joining the games. We are delighted to see that the badminton tradition continues and flourishes.

With the rejoining of some ex-SPMs, the HKFC was unbeatable and won most of the matches this time.

Both clubs expressed their wishes to arrange similar gatherings with other sports clubs within Hong Kong. We endeavor to encourage all society members engaging in activities organised by the Badminton Society for promoting the sports and friendship with all badminton lovers.



The four juniors

Mixed Doubles -
Amy and Patrick
of the HKFC (left)



Group photo of
the organisers
from both clubs



JUNIOR ASSOCIATED MEMBERS REPORT



CORALINE LO

It has been such a long time since our elite JAM, current junior national team player Coraline Lo had a chance to participate in her first overseas tour. She attended the Woncheon Yonex Korea Junior International Series 2022 in Miryang, Korea from 21th to 27th November 2022 and will carry on to Toyota Gazoo Racing Badminton Asia U17 & U15 Junior Championships 2022 in Nonthaburi, Thailand from 29th November to 4th December 2022.

Coraline started her Korea tour strong in her single discipline and won against a player from Korea in round 64 in 2 sets. However, her opponent from Japan in round 32 proved to be too strong and she lost in 2 sets. She also completed her doubles event in round 64 and lost in a tight game of 3 sets. Nonetheless, the experience was invaluable and will be able to prepare Coraline for her next tournament in Thailand.



November was a break for the senior national team and players were busy going on holidays. A few have decided to attend overseas training camps. Happy Lo went to Banthongyord Badminton Academy in Thailand, home of world ranking singles players including **Ratchanok Intanon** (world ranking #7) and **Kunlavut Vitidsarn** (world ranking #9). Not only did Happy have 2 weeks of very fulfilling training, but she was able to train alongside the legends and even spar with the top 20 singles players including **Pattarasuda Chaiwan** (world ranking #16).

LEAGUE TEAM SELECTION

The HKBA Badminton Doubles and Mixed League has finally resumed after 2 years since Covid. Society team coach conducted a team selection day to assess the partnerships of players on 18th November 2022.



JAMS ACHIEVEMENT IN LOCAL TOURNAMENTS

Our newly recruited JAM **Evelyn Zhu** recently won her bronze medal in the Tuen Mun District age group competition. Tuen Mun district is considered one of the more competitive districts in badminton and it is very exciting for the pair of juniors to excel.

UPCOMING JUNIOR EVENTS

January 2023
U14 and U17 Junior Invitational Team Series Championship

January - May 2023
HKBA Doubles and Mixed League

February - June 2023
Age Group Ladder Series (Spring) 2023

May 2023
HKFC & Torq Sports International Invitational Junior Tournament 2023



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BIG UPDATE

Happy New Year! Wishing BIG a fruitful year in the Hong Kong Inter-club Tenpin Bowling League ("HKICTB League") and everyone a prosperous and healthy 2023!

At the time of writing, we had just one more game before the Christmas break of the HKICTB League. BIG was leading in the scratch series and came third in the handicap series. Well done and BIG thanks to all participating members for their tremendous efforts in bringing these fantastic results!

On 10th November, BIG played a home game against Ladies Recreation Club with mixed results. While BIG scored 12 to 8 on the scratch series, we lost 8 to 12 on the handicap series. It was an exciting match and everyone really enjoyed the game. On 24th November, BIG played another home game against Kowloon Cricket Club and scored 18 to 2 on scratch and 14 to 6 on handicap series. BIG performed extremely well with **Roy Chan** scoring two games of 212 and 230 and his high series of 640, an average of 210+. **Adrian Li** and **Emy Clarke** also achieved a game of 204 and 192 and their high game series of 551 and 537 respectively. Congratulations to all players and keep striking!

The BIG seminar on "Self-Management in Bowling" by Roy Chan has successfully completed on 14th November. Plenty of valuable information on tenpin bowling was shared with the audience during the seminar and we all appreciated Roy's effort and patience in answering our questions.

We welcome all Club Members to join BIG. Practice takes place every Thursday evening at 7pm. If you are interested in taking up tenpin bowling as a sport, please come along and join in the fun!



LEAGUE POINTS TO DATE

Team	Scratch		Handicap	
	Pins	Ave	Pins	Ave
RHKYC	43	7.17	50	8.33
LRC	28	5.6	32	6.4
HKCC	45	9	55	11
KCC	60	12	54	10.8
HKC	54	10.8	48	9.6
KTC	54	10.8	67	13.4
HKFC	76	15.2	54	10.8

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IRISH ULTRA RUNNER OF THE YEAR IS CAITRIONA JENNINGS

Ultra Runner of the Year Award from Athletics Ireland (the national governing body of Athletics in Ireland) was awarded in recognition of **Caitriona's** achievements of winning the 50km European Championships and placing 3rd in the 100km World Championships.

She set new Irish records for 50km (3:19:42), 100km (7:07:16) and 50 mile (split in 100km of 5:42:38). Her performance at the 100km World Championships also secured a World Gold (Masters) and new Over 40 World Record for 100km.

Congratulations Caitriona, what an outstanding year and superb performance!



Photo by Sportsfile

“RAINING MEDALS” AT ANNUAL LONG COURSE MASTERS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Championship was organised by the Hong Kong China Swimming Association on 27th November 2022 in Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool. S&T Society swimmers participated and brought in great results.

Name	Event	Category	Medals	Time
Alex Fong	200m IM	Men 40-44	Silver	2:23:36
Patrick Ip	200m IM	Men 50-54	Silver	3:11:20
Patrick Ip	50m Backstroke	Men 50-54	4th Place	0:39:19
Edmund Wan	100m Freestyle	Men 50-54	Gold	1:07:54
Chris Cheng	50m Butterfly	Men 25-29	Gold	0:27:27
Arthur Li	50m Butterfly	Men 50-54	Gold	0:29:80
	4x50m Men's Medley Relay		Silver	2:04:89

LAGUNA PHUKET TRIATHLON



On 20th November 2022, the popular but hot and humid Laguna Phuket Triathlon returned into a physical race since 2020. A strong HKFC Swimming and Triathlon Society contingent participated in the event. With very tough conditions and hot weather, the team did great. This triathlon consists of a 1.8k ocean swim followed by as 50k rolling hills bike ride and then a hot and sunny 12k run.

Farah's team came second in the mixed relay (third overall relay team). Her swim time was 3rd by gender, 11th overall (including pro's). Time of the relay team was 3:05:01.



Jessica came second in her age group (50-55), finishing in a time of 04:08:19.

Congratulations to everyone who joined the event!

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Lunar New Year Operation Hours for Food and Beverage Outlets

The Food and Beverage Outlets operation hours will be slightly amended. Please refer to the below schedule for details:

	CHINESE NEW YEAR'S EVE SATURDAY 21 ST JANUARY	CHINESE NEW YEAR'S DAY SUNDAY 22 ND JANUARY	THE 2ND DAY OF CHINESE NEW YEAR MONDAY 23 RD JANUARY	THE 3RD DAY OF CHINESE NEW YEAR TUESDAY 24 TH JANUARY
	The Club will close at 5pm.	Car Park will not be open.	The Club re-opens at 9am.	
RESTAURANT	Noon - 3pm	Club Closed	Noon - 3pm 6:30pm - 10:30pm	
COFFEE SHOP	7:30am - 5pm		9am - 10pm	7:30am - 10pm
Pink Bar	Closed			
HAPPY VALLEY SUITES	Closed	Club Closed	11:30am - 3pm	Closed
CHAIRMAN'S BAR	Noon - 5pm		11:30am - Midnight	Noon - Midnight
Sportsman's Bar	9am - 5pm		11am - Midnight	
CAPTAINS BAR	8am - 5pm		9am - 10pm	8am - 10pm
Family Lounge	8am - 5pm		9am - 8pm	8am - 8pm
KIOSK	10am - 5pm		10am - 7pm	

Last food and beverage orders is at 1 hour prior to closing in all outlets.

F&B Outlets will resume normal operation hours on 25th January onwards. Details please refer to HKFC.com.

Operation hours are subject to change based on policy update from the HKSAR Government.

Lunar New Year Operation Hours for Sports Facilities

The Sports Facilities operation hours will be slightly amended.
Please refer to the below schedule for details:

	CHINESE NEW YEAR'S EVE	CHINESE NEW YEAR'S DAY	THE 2ND DAY OF CHINESE NEW YEAR	THE 3RD DAY OF CHINESE NEW YEAR	
	SATURDAY 21 ST JANUARY	SUNDAY 22 ND JANUARY	MONDAY 23 RD JANUARY	TUESDAY 24 TH JANUARY	
	The Club will close at 5pm.	Car Park will not be open.	The Club re-opens at 9am.		
FITNESS CENTRE	6:30am - 4pm	Club Closed	9am - 9pm	8am - 9pm	
GOLF SIMULATORS	7am - 4pm				
TENNIS COMPLEX					
SQUASH CENTRE					
SWIMMING POOL	Closed for annual maintenance				
BOWLING ALLEY	8am - 4pm	Club Closed	10am - 9pm		
TRAINING TRIANGLE			9am - 6pm	8am - 6pm	
CHILDREN'S PLAYROOM	9am - 6pm				
INDOOR GREEN	9am - 4pm		9am - 9pm		8am - 9pm
SPORTS HALL			Closed	2pm - 7pm	
OUTDOOR GREEN					
CLUB SHOP	10am - 4pm		11:30am - 6:30pm		
LIBRARY					
CHANGING ROOMS	7am - 4:30pm		9am - 9:30pm	8am - 9:30pm	

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HIGHLIGHTS IN JANUARY

FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS



Welcoming the Year of the Rabbit

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with the God of Treasure on 23rd January 2023.

The Annual Lion Dance Performance is back and will be held on Sunday, 29th January 2023 together with the Sunday Brunch at the Happy Valley Suites.

For festive F&B outlets operating hours, please check the Club's website.

COFFEE SHOP



From Friday, 6th January

Neo China Dinner Buffet

A new, fresh adaptation of classic Chinese ingredients into a fusion of creative dishes for you to experience.

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Monthly Special: Claypot Casserole

Upsell Dishes: Fusion Chinese Dishes

Takeaway: Chicken Wrapped in Lotus Leaf

Beverage: Natural Sugar Drinks

RESTAURANT



From Thursday, 5th January

The Forage for Fromage

For all the turophiles, amateur or aficionado, a menu of dishes celebrating cheese.

SPORTSMAN'S BAR



From Thursday, 5th January

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Daily Special: Bob and Doug's Canadian Daily Specials

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WINE EVENTS



Friday, 13th January

The Emergence of Chinese Wine Dinner

Saturday, 14th January

Sunday, 15th January

Lunar New Year's Wine Fair

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IN FEBRUARY

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WINE EVENTS

Friday, 24th February

Rioja Wine Dinner

Saturday, 25th February

Sunday, 26th February

Ready for Spring Wine Fair

COFFEE SHOP

Themed Buffet: **Neo China**Monthly Special: **Double Boiled Soup**Buffet Upsell Platter: **Fusion Chinese Dishes**Takeaway: **Chicken Wrapped in Lotus Leaf**Beverage: **Natural Sugar Drinks**

RESTAURANT

Late Winter Harvest

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Outdoor Cooking Station: **Manhattan Hot Shot**Daily Special: **Paella**Fun Activities: **Street Fighter Retro Video Game**

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3 紅燒香菇鮑魚

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\$128

4



4 荔芋扣肉

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