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THE THOUGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

主席的話

Neil Jensen
Chairman



I hope you all enjoyed some time off to celebrate Chinese New Year and allowed yourself some much-needed rest and recovery. If you are reading this before 2nd February, then it's worth noting we have the Lion Dance at 11:30am outside the Club, which is always an amazing spectacle.

The last few months at the Club have been filled with exciting events and we have much to celebrate. We'll touch on that later, but looking ahead, we need your full support as we approach the end of the season. League positions, titles and Grand Championships are on the line, so I hope to see you at the Sportsman's and grandstands donning white and blue. Our Men's Soccer team welcomes Tai Po and Kitchee to Sports Road this month as they look to strengthen their position in the Premier League. Elsewhere, our men's and women's rugby teams look to secure league championships in their divisions.

At the time of writing, we have recently concluded 3 world-class events for lawn bowls, squash and tennis. There is more of the squash later in the magazine, but looking back on our accomplishments from hosting world-class events, it's also worth highlighting the Tennis Society raising a fantastic amount of money for the Splash Foundation, which makes me immensely proud of our members and community.

Next month, we are preparing to bring you the biggest and most exciting **Tradition HKFC 10s** to date, so be sure to mark your calendars. The tournament is the perfect event to get you in the mood ahead of the inaugural Hong Kong Sevens taking place at the Kai Tak Stadium.

This month, we are celebrating a whopping 139 years since the Club was first founded on 12th February. Let's make 2025 the best one yet!

Neil Jensen
Chairman

首先，希望各位都有享受慶祝農曆新年的休閒時光，並允許自己好好休息及恢復，如果大家是於2月2日前看到這篇主席的話，那麼當天早上11點30分在本會會所外舉行的舞獅表演便值得留意，以往的舞獅表演都相當壯觀，所以萬勿錯過。

本會過去幾個月舉辦了一系列值得我們引以為傲的精彩活動，詳情稍後再提，但展望將來，隨著本會眾多體育隊伍的賽季進入最後直路，我們需要各位的全力支持，聯賽排名、冠軍及季後總決賽已經來到關鍵時刻，因此希望能在Sportsman's及看台與身穿白藍衣服的大家相見。本會男子足球隊這個月將在體育道迎戰大埔及傑志，務求取得重要分數，鞏固港超聯賽位置；男子及女子欖球隊則力圖在各組別奪得聯賽冠軍。

下筆之際，本會最近完滿舉辦3個世界級賽事，分別是草地滾球、壁球及網球。本刊後頁還有更多壁球賽的豐富內容，不過回望我們主辦世界級賽事的成就，網球組為Splash Foundation籌得巨款的活動亦值得關注，此舉令本人為本會會員及社區感到無比自豪。

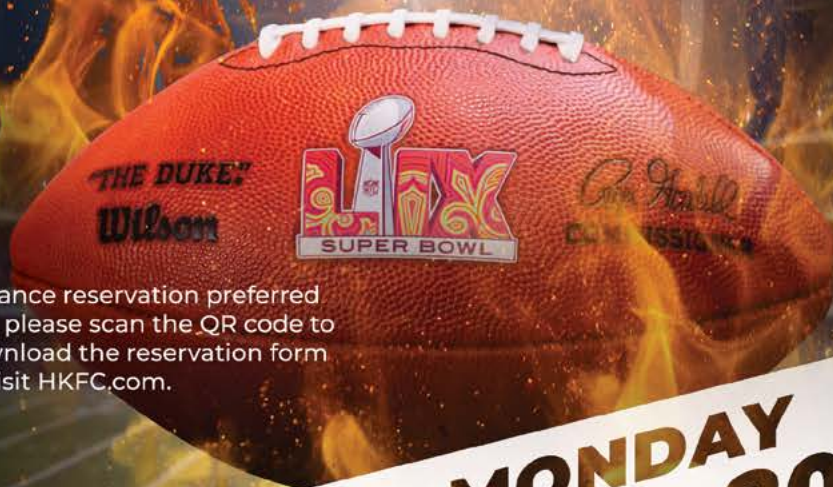
我們正準備於下個月為大家帶來至今最大型、最精彩的**Tradition港會十人欖球賽**，一定要記下這些日子，想先為之後首次在啟德主場館舉辦的香港國際七人欖球賽培養情緒的話，來看港會十人欖球賽就最適合不過。

這個月，我們慶祝2月12日成立的本會踏入139周年里程碑，就讓我們聯手打造最美好的2025年！

主席 Neil Jensen



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GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

總經理的話

Tony Sealy
General Manager



Welcome back to all our members! I hope you all had a relaxing and joyful Chinese New Year. As per tradition, the Club welcomed the new year in style with our annual Lion Dance celebration.

A huge thank you to the staff for quickly transforming the Club's décor from Christmas to Chinese New Year with such speed. Seeing the vibrant colours throughout the halls is a great example of the spirit within our community.

The Year of the Snake is synonymous with wisdom, elegance and transformation. Last year, we were fortunate to host a long list of world-class athletes from **Simona Halep** (former WTA world no.1 and Wimbledon winner) to **Edwin Moses** (two-time Olympic Gold Medallist). It was fitting that we started the year on the back of hosting the **2024 ITF Masters Tennis Tour Tournament** with a visit to the Club by tennis legends **Pat Cash** and **Mark Woodforde**. A big thanks to ATA and the Tennis Society Committee for hosting Pat and Mark as they put Members through their paces during a sociable and entertaining tennis clinic.

If you find yourselves at the Club in the evenings, be sure to explore our F&B outlets as our talented F&B team has prepared some delicious menus this month to celebrate both Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. It's the perfect excuse to treat yourself and loved ones. Elsewhere, the Coffee Shop will be serving classic Hong Kong dishes, and the Sportsman's Bar will host live music starting on 18th January and every third Saturday of the month.

In the spirit of transformation, the Swimming Pool maintenance has been completed with the plunge pools coming soon. Additionally, after a successful soft opening, the Outdoor Workout Space on the Training Triangle is now open to members. The new outdoor rig and equipment are perfect for all workouts. More information to follow!

I look forward to seeing you around the Club soon.

Tony Sealy
General Manager

歡迎所有會員重返本會! 希望各位都過了一個輕鬆而喜氣洋洋的農曆新年, 本會依照傳統以舞獅表演迎接美好新春。

衷心感謝短時間內迅速在本會把聖誕裝飾變成農曆新年裝飾的職員, 走廊各處充滿活力的顏色正體現我們社區的熱情。

蛇年是智慧、優雅與蛻變的象徵。我們上年很幸運接待從**Simona Halep** (前WTA世界排名第一及溫布頓冠軍) 到**Edwin Moses** (兩次奧運跨欄金牌得主) 的一連串世界級運動員。我們在舉辦**2024年ITF大師網球巡迴賽**之後迎來了新的一年, 網球傳奇**Pat Cash**和**Mark Woodforde**於較早前亦到訪本會。感謝ATA和網球組委員會接待Pat和Mark, 及為會員安排了這次充滿歡樂的網球訓練體驗。

如果發覺自己晚上仍身處本會, 緊記探索四周的餐飲設施, 皆因我們天賦過人的餐飲部團隊這個月準備了美味的餐單, 以慶祝農曆新年及情人節, 節日就是犒賞自己及親人的最佳理由。另一邊廂, Coffee Shop將會提供經典香港菜式, Sportsman's Bar則會於1月18日及其後每月的第三個星期六舉辦現場音樂表演。

秉持蛻變的精神, 游泳池的年度保養維修工作已經完成, 水池亦即將到達。此外, 訓練場的室外健身空間成功運作試驗後, 現在正式開放予會員使用, 全新室外訓練架及器材絕對是所有訓練的完美選擇。更多詳情稍後公佈, 敬請期待!

期待很快與大家在本會相見。

總經理 唐施利

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Annual Staff Party will take place on the evening of Wednesday, 26th February, with the Club being closed from 5pm that day and reopening at 9am on Thursday, 27th February.

會員告示

年度員工派對將於2月26日(星期三)晚上舉行, 會所於當日下午5時關閉, 並於2月27日(星期四)上午9時重開。

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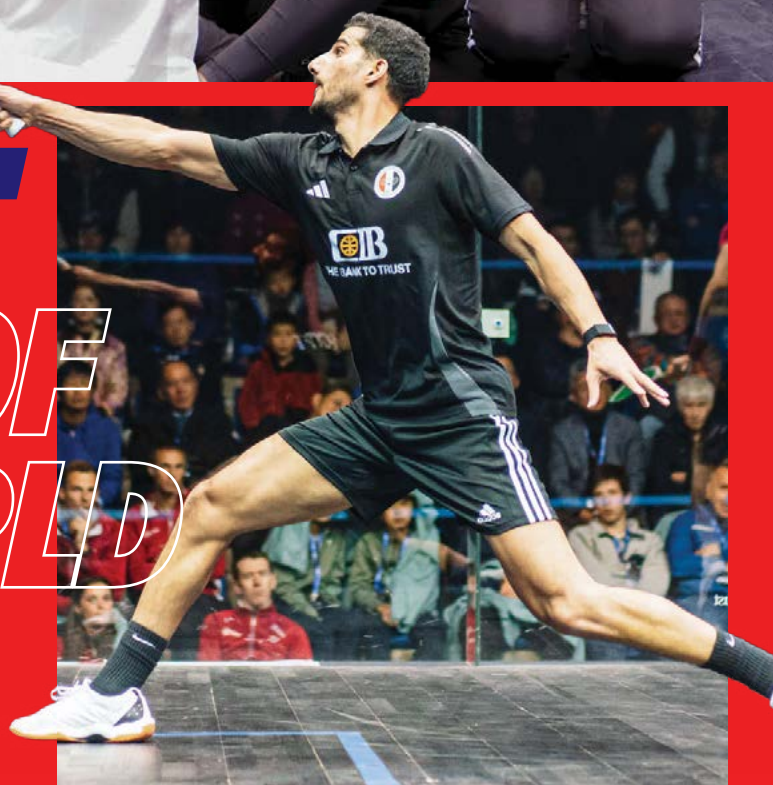
EGYPT ON TOP OF THE WORLD

The world's best squash players fought for the title of world champions at the Football Club from 9th to 15th December. With nearly 200 athletes competing in teams from 29 nations and regions, this was the first time the world-class event had been held in Hong Kong, and the first edition of the competition to feature both men's and women's championships simultaneously.

Egypt's women and men made history with victories over the USA and England in the finals.

In the women's final, Egypt won their fourth consecutive title with a 2-0 win over rising force USA, while the men made it title number six with a tense victory over their closest rivals England. **Rowan El Araby** and **Nour El Sherbini** delivered a well-earned win after victories over **Marina Stefanoni** and **Olivia Weaver**.

USA's World No.38 **Stefanoni** caused Egypt's World No.7 **El Araby** a number of problems in a great battle, with **El Araby**



eventually overcoming the spirited 22-year-old 11-6, 12-10, 6-11, 11-9 in 42 minutes.

Up next, **Nour El Sherbini** and **Olivia Weaver** played out a second world championship final match against each other. Despite going into the match nursing a back injury that forced her to retire hurt against **El Sherbini** in the semi-final of the Hong Kong Open, Weaver deservedly took the lead tonight, with her immaculate squash rewarded with an 11-7 win.

El Sherbini, as she has done so many times in the past, astutely adjusted her game plan and caused **Weaver** no end of problems as she fired intelligent shots up the middle of the court to disrupt her opponent's rhythm,



TOP TEN WOMEN'S EVENT

1st	Egypt
2nd	USA
3th & 4th	Belgium and Malaysia
5th	England
6th	Hong Kong, China
7th	India
8th	France
9th	Japan
10th	Canada

en route to 11-6, 11-7, 11-7 wins to keep the title in Egyptian hands.

In the men's final, both **Mazen Hesham** and **Ali Farag** were forced to dig deep and fight back against a fired-up England side who were aiming to end a run of three consecutive final defeats to the reigning champions.

England's World No.35 **Curtis Malik** came out at breathtaking pace in the opener, playing some of the best squash of his career as he took the game to World No.5 **Hesham**, forcing the Egyptian onto the back foot with an 11-4 win.

Hesham saved game ball to level the scores with a 13-11 win in game two but looked uncomfortable, and **Malik** regained the lead with a dominant 11-6 win.

Hesham played his best game of the final in game four, finally consistently beating **Malik's** defences with a combination of patient play and some of his trademark





skill to level the scores again 11-6, before finally getting over the line in an 11-8 win in the decider against the distraught **Malik**.

In the second match of the final, **Farag** played out another epic encounter with Alexandria-born **Mohamed El Shorbagy**. **El Shorbagy** was in sparkling form for much of tonight's clash, hitting with real ferocity to take a deserved lead through an 11-6 win.

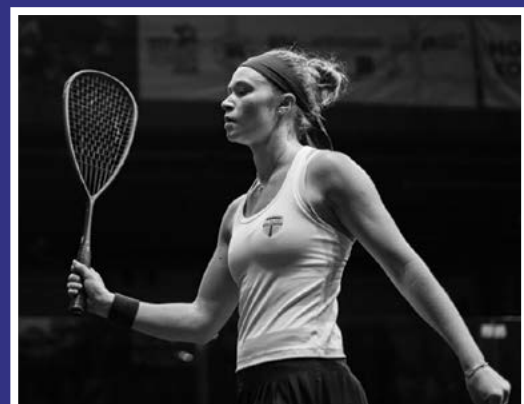
Farag clung on in game two, claiming what felt like a hugely important win via a tie break, 13-11.

Both men continued to throw everything at each other as the title bout wore on, but it was **Farag** who was able to make the telling contribution, clinching the next two games 11-8, 11-9 to ensure Egypt would enter the history books as the first nation to win the combined championships.

Caught up in the emotion of the moment, **Farag** vaulted the back wall and leapt into the arms of his teammates in joy.

TOP TEN MEN'S EVENT

- 1st Egypt
- 2nd England
- 3th & 4th France & Switzerland
- 5th India
- 6th Hong Kong, China
- 7th Germany
- 8th Colombia
- 9th Malaysia
- 10th Scotland





ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

The Football Club invited students from 11 schools to attend matches for free. Most of the students were learning squash and so were excited to witness world-class squash in person, participating in squash-themed games and experiencing the sport for themselves.

The organisers collaborated with various charitable organisations including r é n, Bring in Change, Future Leaders, Splash Foundation, the Hong Kong New Arrivals Service Foundation and Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, inviting underprivileged youth and disadvantaged groups to experience squash and engage the community through the sport.

*Thank you to all HKFC members who made the 2024 World Squash Team Championships such a success. The newly crowned world champion **Ali Farag** shared his experience of playing at the Club:*

"It was brilliant and the vibes were amazing from the start."

"The volunteers do thankless jobs and we should do better to thank them more. They made us feel very welcome and, whatever we needed, they were there to help. We can't thank them enough."



ANNUAL GOLF MATCH: SQUASH SECTION VS TENNIS SOCIETY

In late November, the Squash Section had their annual golf match with the Tennis Society on the North Course at Kau Sai Chau. Now in its ninth year, there had been many close matches, with squash winning for 3 years, tennis for two and there being three draws including a close-fought encounter last year.

The squash team had a good mix of players, with many who had competed in this friendly but competitive fixture before. The conditions were good but a little windy. The greens were very quick and there were a number of exceedingly difficult pin positions on the edge of ridges or on steep slopes which was going to make it a tough game for all.

The first out for squash was **Carmen Lee** and **Gillem Tulloch** against a strong tennis pairing of **Nathan Booth** and **Alistair Todd**. It was a remarkably close match all the way through with it being all square with 3 holes to go. **Nathan** hit the closest to the pin on the 16th hole but could only three-putt from there to let **Gillem** in to win the hole. He then turned on the gas and managed to win the 17th hole to give the win to squash 2 and 1. This included a 286-yard drive on the longest drive hole which would not be beaten for the rest of the day. First points on the board went to squash.

John Thompson was paired with **Alexander Chew** for squash vs **Colin Lunn** and **Adrian Long** for tennis. The tennis team got out all guns blazing, with **Colin** hitting two birdies on the front nine to take a solid four-up lead on the turn. The tennis pair played excellently on the par threes, with **Adrian** getting the closest to the pin on the tricky



14th and **Colin** winning the closest to the pin prize on the 3rd. This ended up being too much to get back for the squash pair even though Alexander hit some cracking approach shots and kept the squash pair in the match.

Unfortunately, tennis was very solid all the way through and came through victors with a 6 and 5 win. The third pairing looked on paper to be strong for the squash team, with **Andrew Wood** and **Sammy Li** against **Jenny Chapman** and **Fredrik Atting**. The squash duo dovetailed well throughout, with **Sammy** and **Fredrik** both hitting close approach shots that won them prizes. The squash team were solid and were never down in the tie. They accelerated into the back nine and won the match 6 and 5.

With half of the pairs through, squash was leading two points to one. The fourth pairing had **Steve Wei** and **Kien Ng** vs **Chris Burley** and **Steve Knight**. There was controversy as **Chris** had in previous years played for the squash team, but in a LIV like move, he decided this year to cross over to the tennis team. This was a close match throughout, with the squash pair starting well but the tennis duo coming back on the back nine. Coming down the 18th, the tennis team were one up, so squash was trying hard to claw back a much-needed half point. **Steve Wei** had a putt for the win on the hole, but with a large crowd watching on, he unfortunately could not manage to get it in. The pressure was too much and the following putt was also missed, making the tennis team win the hole and secure the match two up.

In the penultimate round, **Wei Lam** and **Ken Lo** play **Job Tang** and **Mary Soo**. **Wei Lam**, who was the veteran of the team and unbeaten in this event, played well with **Ken**. The teams were neck and neck throughout, never being more than one hole ahead. At the turn, the squash team were one up, but the tennis team dug deep to bring it back and half the match. There was a bit of post-match review of the scores as neither team were sure what the result was.

With the final pairing to come, the match was tied at 2.5 points each. There was a growing crowd of spectators watching the event unfold. Luckily, there were a few cold beers available to calm the nerves. **Nick Shultz** and **Anthony Ford** for squash were playing against **Greg Medhurst** and **Ben Chandler** representing tennis. Unfortunately, the new pairing for squash could not quite click in the conditions. The tennis pair played solid throughout and manage to win the final match 3 and 2 to the delight of the watching tennis team.

In summary, the tennis team won by the closest of margins 3.5 vs 2.5 in this ninth edition, so the rather large and heavy trophy goes back to the 3rd floor of HKFC for a year. The squash section is already looking forward to next year and getting the trophy back, especially as the overall scores are now squash three, tennis 3 and 3 draws, which leaves for a mouthwatering 10th edition.

A wonderful day was had by all, many thanks to everyone who played, and the squash section and tennis society for assisting the organisation.





TEAM SPOTLIGHT ON M3B MAKING SQUASH SOCIAL AGAIN

The adventure continues for Strike Force 18+2, Hong Kong's perhaps most entertaining squash squad! While our medal count might not yet be double-digit, our commitment to making squash a social affair is definitely winning hearts and minds.

The me-too boys are at it again, and being unapologetic contributors to the society of the offended, the hallowed courts is where we continue to battle it out, share the sacred pint and enjoy the banter we so amply command.

We have made waves on a global scale. We are proud and a little humble to share that we have been informed, as perhaps the first squash team ever, that we have been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, not for our on-court skills (though those are pretty impressive)

but for championing camaraderie and fun within the squash community in HK, across Asia and beyond, and amplifying and embodying the positive force the game facilitates. M3B has defined the values of squash, and the team is the force for good across the squash scene, set the gold standard for making the game a social affair and clarifies the moral greatness the team brings to the world. We put together our collective more than 500 years of competitive squash to use for the greater good of the sport and our belief that squash is a social sport and every game should be followed by a chat, a drink together, a social interaction. We believe in the power of connection and the importance of talking, and our mission to make squash social again is resonating far and wide.

Last season did not rock the trophy cabinet. That happens to the best of us now and then. A broken arm, a few dodgy knees, long lunches, a few extended stays in Phuket and Paris, a bottle of Black Label for afternoon tea here and there, all got in the way of our otherwise stellar performance. We have had a decent start to this season, and with the support of **Andrew Aw** and **Anthony Ford** (the +2 in strike force 18) from M4, we began our campaign with a solid 5-0 win over the other HKFC team and with that set the standards for what's yet to come, and we are currently top 3 in the league. That win was a thing of beauty, and Champagne was popping as we celebrated the win.

Age is a thing (now); with that, the future is not what it used to be. So, on more than just a few occasions, we have left the courts with the feeling that we are too young to feel this old. While being stiff in all the wrong places, our on-court performance may not rock the soul of our ego and our spoken game. Still, never more so than soap, a good rub and a little evaluation in the communal shower along with a review of the manscaping present can regain what was lost on court. There is no need to compare M3B to other teams, whether that be on court skills, the bar or early hours. We are clever and strong enough to take a compliment.



SQUASH



With our innocent hedonism, we never shy away from a little spontaneous flirt, never look away from a good cleavage, never turn down another bottle and we are always ready on court, no matter the opponent.

True to tradition, we started the season with a bang of a dinner party with our wives to celebrate the start of the season and politely asked for permission to be boys every Thursday throughout the season. We had a proper and emotional cheer for our teammate **Colin** who we know is cheering us on from above with his cheeky smile and giggle.

We are here to stir the pot and create cherished stories, with laughter, some sarcasm, perversions and imagination.

In a sea of dullness, we do our best to stand out, ensuring we are talked about, because – just to be corny for a moment – the only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about. Good or great, that is not important. What is that we get people talking.

Some of the team have been spotted in the city's most colourful corners during the early hours, where boys will be boys, with chatter and a charmingly untamed vibe. In an aura of unreleased gentlemen (which coincidentally is the name of the team's cologne that is soon to be launched), cheeky glory is on full display. We live to tell our perverted story in gravitating and enchanting details, whether that be **Stephane** doing a theatrical and very moving

rendition of the Vagina Monologues, or Vikram in a moment of absolute clarity cuddling his black lady, or **Julian** trying to understand why cognac tastes better when the moon is full, or Lee passionately grouping a bottle of Volnay in the corner at the bar. That's the true meaning of squash coming to life, and our squash emerges and evolves into the epitome of mankind.

Let's keep the spirit alive and continue making squash the most social game around!

Here's to us! Here's to M3B, here's to our season, and here's to making Squash Social Again!

Nikolaj Schultz

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AIA BOXING DAY FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL: A CELEBRATION OF SPORT AND COMMUNITY

The annual AIA Boxing Day Festival of Football has once again proven to be a highlight of the holiday season, bringing together both current and former members of the HKFC community for a day filled with excitement, camaraderie and, of course, football. This year's event was particularly special as it saw an impressive turnout, with faces old and new coming together to celebrate the spirit of the game.



SOCCER

A DAY OF TRADITION

The Boxing Day Festival has become a cherished tradition at HKFC, serving as a platform for promoting talent across various age groups and skill levels. This year, the festival featured matches for our academy sides, providing young players with invaluable experience and exposure. It's heartwarming to see the next generation of footballers take to the pitch, inspired by the rich legacy of the club.

The highlight of the day was the traditional England vs. Scotland match. This fixture has always been a friendly rivalry, and this year was no exception. The Scots assembled a formidable squad that included players from at least eight different nationalities, demonstrating the club and the Scotland team managements inclusive spirit. In contrast, the English side appeared to have indulged a bit too much in holiday treats, which perhaps contributed to their sluggish start.

A COMMANDING PERFORMANCE

From the very beginning, the Scots showcased their dominance on the field. They took a commanding 4-0 lead into halftime, displaying skilful play and strategic teamwork that left their opponents struggling to keep up. It was evident that the Scots had come to win and they did not disappoint. The second half saw a slight resurgence from the English side, but it was too little, too late. The half-time mind games of yet more bagpipes saw the Scots ultimately seal their victory with a final score of 6-2, retaining the coveted cup.

The match was filled with memorable moments. One standout highlight was the appearance of three generations of the Semple family – **Billy, Scott** and **Skye** – who took to the pitch together along with two generations of MacAtees & Bennies. This heartwarming display of family and tradition encapsulated the spirit of the day. Another notable moment was England's agonising missed penalty which could have changed the momentum of the game. Special mentions go to **Noah Leddel** who was Scotland's stand-out player in the first half and **Paul Jenkins** for England in the second half.



ACADEMY AND JUNIOR SOCCER TEAMS

It was fantastic to see so many current and former academy players participating across the All-Star and Junior Challenge Cup games. Several players returned from overseas schools for the festive period, adding an extra layer of excitement and talent to the matches. In particular, the performances of the U12 and U14 girls' teams were a highlight, as they competed at such a high level. Their skill and determination illustrated the promising future of girls football at the club and exemplified the hard work that has been put into nurturing young talent by those involved in the Junior Soccer Programme.



LOOKING AHEAD

With the success of the AIA Boxing Day Festival of Football, we look forward to more events coming up in 2025, such as, the HKFC Standard Chartered Priority Private Soccer Sevens, scheduled for May 2025. This event promises to be another fantastic opportunity for showcasing talent both from overseas as well as our own players. As our competitive teams return to action, we encourage everyone to continue supporting our players and our thriving community in 2025!



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This week-long event showcased 239 unique players (including 34 HKFC members) from 20 countries competing in an exciting array of men's and women's singles and doubles competitions across 18 categories, with age brackets ranging from 35+ to 55+, and a total prize pool of HK\$60,000. This event is the second largest ITF World Tennis Masters Tour in Hong Kong by participant numbers. The matches attracted enthusiastic crowds, uniting local and international

players, their families and supporters in a vibrant celebration of competitive tennis. This tournament would not have been possible without the generous support of our major sponsor, Protiviti, along with the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and the Hong Kong, China Tennis Association (HKCVTA).

The festivities kicked off with an opening party on Friday evening 13th December, where participants enjoyed a fantastic evening filled with food, drinks, a fast serve challenge and a lucky draw for Solinco racquets on the 3rd floor's tennis courts. **Professor Herman Hu** (HKCVTA President) officially opened the tournament, followed by remarks by **Adam Johnston**

(Protiviti Managing Director & Country Market leader of Hong Kong) and **Neil Roberts** (HKFC Honorary Secretary). Thanks to Protiviti, all players and attendees received a goodie bag and T-Shirt.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the HKFC Tennis Society (TS) organising committee of **Dennis Chu** (Tournament Director, HKCVTA council member and TS member), **Jonathan Quach** (TS Chairman) and **Charlotte Cheung** (TS Treasurer), and Protiviti and HKCVTA staff, referees, umpires, our dedicated volunteers and everyone involved in making this event a remarkable success.



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- MS40 | Gerrard Jialin TANG
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- WS45 | Chisa OGURA
- MS50 | Andrew TOWN
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- MS55 | Hendrik KOERNER
- WS55 | Yin Han NGAN

DOUBLES EVENT CHAMPIONS:

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- WD40 | Charmaine Shen Man KWOK & Youjia LI
- MD45 | Alfredo PARRA & David ROIG
- WD45 | Yuen Yee KWAN & Chisa OGURA
- MD50 | Chris CAVES & David MCCANN
- WD50 | Yueying XIE & Wenling XU
- MD55 | Chuen-Shu HUNG & Christopher LAI
- WD55 | Lai Ching Angel CHEUK & Jenny Yin Chun CHU

HKFC TENNIS SOCIETY GALA DINNER 2024

Our annual HKFC Tennis Society Gala Dinner took place on 23rd November 2024 at the Hong Kong Football Club, with an incredible turnout! Attendees nearly drained the bar dry during the lively rush before closing time. Everyone enjoyed a delightful evening filled with delicious food, great company and fun photo booths.

As part of the celebration for our Club Championship winners, all finalists brought their trophies, capturing countless memorable moments throughout the night.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your generosity during the auction and raffle ticket purchases benefiting our chosen charity, the Splash Foundation (www.splashfoundation.org). This organisation connects aspiring swimmers in Hong Kong with coaches, breaking down economic and cultural barriers to provide access to swimming lessons. Together, we raised over HK\$75,000, setting a record for a single charity!

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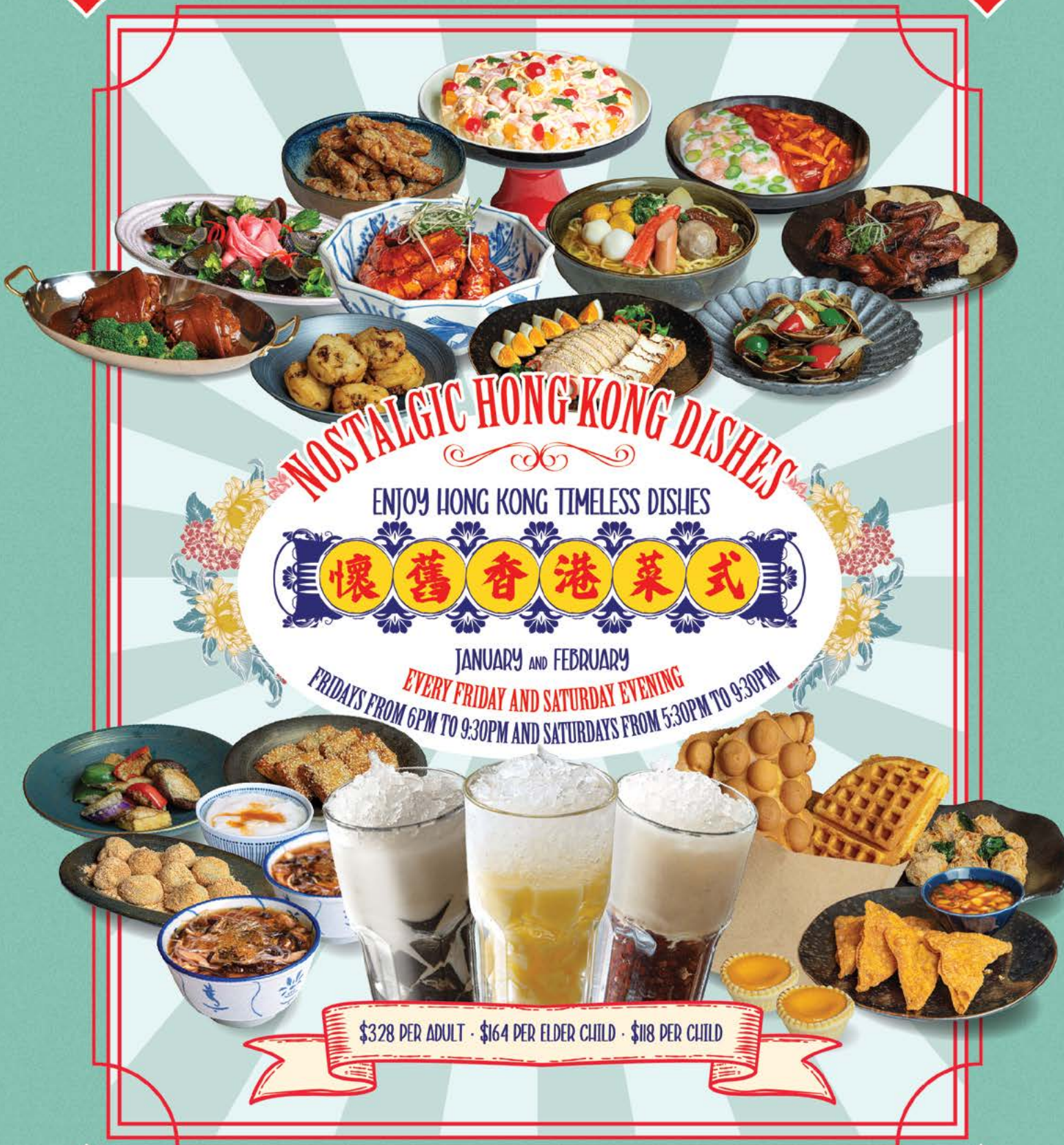
A huge thank you to our generous sponsors, including Protiviti, the Consulate General of Switzerland, Swiss Tourism, ATA, Soccer Section, Rugby Section, **Shan Bhojani**, **Pet Villa**, **Venise Chan** and **Eudice Chang**, for making this event such a success. And finally, thank you to **Franki Chung** for beautifully capturing these wonderful moments!



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BANGKOK TOUR TO 50TH RBSC HOCKEY FESTIVAL



Before the Christmas break, HKFC sent a touring party of 25 to Bangkok for the 50th RBSC Hockey Festival, hosted by the Royal Bangkok Sports Club (RBSC). All donning Club Blazers, a fantastic long weekend was had by all.

The tour kicked off with the much-anticipated Interport Match between HKFC and RBSC. It was a hard-fought game, with both teams showing plenty of bite, but it was Club who came out on top, securing a 2-1 victory, albeit handed over the long-held trophy regardless in anticipation of a return fixture in 2025.

Our success didn't stop there, as Club Ladies demonstrated their grass pitch skills over the course of a competitive two days. They returned with silverware, doing us all proud and ensuring the hockey section trophy cabinet remains well fed.

Off the pitch, the social scene was top drawer. The squads enjoyed a number of memorable evenings together, with a fancy dress event that had everyone in stitches, and the food was fetching – from mouth-watering street bites to delicious local dishes.

With such a great mix of sport, celebration and camaraderie, the tour proved to be an event to remember, filled with great memories and encouraging all tourists to pivot their attention to upcoming trips to Singapore and Ho Chi Minh in the new year.

JUNIOR ASIA CUP HK CHINA U21 SELECTION



Huge congratulations to our junior girls, **Hilary, Shina, Kyra, Haylie, Kinya** and **Yoyo**, who were selected to represent Hong Kong China U21 team at the Junior Asia Cup in Oman last December. We are so proud of you!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

At the same weekend, the Hockey Section Christmas Party was another great success despite missing a number of players who were in Bangkok on tour or attending the Junior Asia Cup. A resounding 130 players showed in Christmas Treats themed outfits! The Section Captains started the night with some cheeky fines, toasting to new and old members, and the band were on fire with festive songs and the dance floor was never left unattended. Unofficial best dressed team was announced to be Ladies' Gs who came as peppermint candy cane ladies, a whopping 20 of them. The Men's and Ladies' Bs also had an impressive joint effort, coming as inflated gingerbread outfits (conveniently deflated during the courses), but were always photobomb ready! Overall, we as usual had a blast and it is always a great party to start off the Christmas celebrations.



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HYSAN YOUTH GIRLS FINALS 2024-2025

On 8th December, our U14, U16 & U18 girls headed to King's Park to take part in the Hysan Youth Girls Finals. Having already won their respective leagues, the girls were hot favourites to take out the Grand Championships too, but faced formidable opponents across the age groups.

In U14, HKFC took on Stingers (a combined Sai Kung Stingrays & USRC Tigers team). Having scored 5 bonus points (for scoring 4 or more tries) in 5 games in the league, they continued in similar fashion, scoring 9 tries to take the GC trophy as well. A big shout-out to **Amika Potgieter** who scored 6 of the 9!

In U16, HKFC took on HKU Sandy Bay who they had only beaten by a mere 2 points in league play. HKFC started strongly, racing into a 17-5 lead by half-time. A very competitive second half saw Sandy Bay grow into the game to narrow the gap, but HKFC's resilience saw them come out as winners (FT 36-20). *See over page for more details.*

In U18, HKFC took on a Barbarians team which featured some of the best players across the rest of Hong Kong. The game constantly swung in momentum, with the lead changing hands 5 times before a brilliant turnover by **Olivia McQuhae** led to speedster **Sophie Aranha** scoring to snatch the win right on full-time (FT 29-24).

With 6 trophies in the cabinet already in the 2024-25 season, we cannot wait for the 7s season and what that has to bring!





U16G 15s PREMIERSHIP FINAL AND TRC 7s TOURNAMENT

Capping off a wonderful first half of the season, our U16 Girls' team played Sandy Bay in the 15s Final at King's Park on Sunday 8th December.

In order to get to the final, the girls had won all six of their previous matches, playing each of DB Barbarians, Sandy Bay and a combined Valley/SCAA/Tigers team twice. The two previous matches with Sandy Bay had been very tight encounters with the games see-sawing back and forth, so we knew the final was going to be a genuine challenge for both teams.

The girls started the game with a real intensity and focus, dominating the first half and scoring three excellent tries from **Louise, Maya** and **Chiara**. With one conversion from **Bella**, we found ourselves in a commanding 17-0 lead. In the last play of the first half, Sandy Bay scored from a powerful rolling maul from a lineout which we were unable to defend, making it 17-5 at halftime.

The second half was a more disjointed affair, with both sides finding it difficult to keep hold of the ball for a concerted period of time. Numerous penalties ensued and Sandy Bay came back into the game, utilising their rolling maul to great effect and scoring three unconverted tries. Epitomising the back-and-forth nature of these contests, HKFC also scored three tries from **Mia C, Ines** and **Chiara**, and with two conversions from **Bella**, the girls came out on top 36-20.

The character, attitude and determination of the girls have always been their strongest assets and once again, they were brave and committed in defence, and always posed a real threat with the ball in hand.

A couple of weeks prior to the 15s final, the girls also competed in the TRC 7s tournament at Marlborough College in Malaysia. The team of **Zoe, Kez, Philo, Anna, Milly, Louanne, Maddie, Jem, Fiona, Mia C, Chiara, Louise (C)** and **Romane** performed superbly in the U17 competition.

The girls played really well to win their three pool matches against Singapore Cricket Club, Singapore Pirates and Guam. In the semi-final against East Coast, we probably played the best rugby we've yet seen from this exciting team with everything falling into place, and the girls excelling in a 31-5 victory.

In the final, we came up against a physically more powerful and faster team in TRC who ran out deserved winners by 22-5. We were extremely proud of the girls' performances throughout the tournament, particularly considering that in many of these matches, the girls were playing against teams who had players who were two years older than them. We are very much looking forward to the 7s season ahead.

HKFC RUGBY COMMUNITY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT DONATION DRIVE

In the spirit of giving, the Rugby Section continues its tradition of embracing the holiday season by organising a Christmas gift donation drive. The gifts collected were distributed to children at Po Leung Kuk, ranging in age from 6 to 18.



Thanks to the generosity of our community, we are thrilled to announce that we have collected close to 150 gifts in just one week this year! Each package represents a message of love that will bring joy to the children during the festive season.

Another big THANK YOU to our volunteers who dedicated their time to sort the gifts, and last but not least, to the chaps from the men's team who helped deliver the gifts to Po Leung Kuk in the evening after their training.

We look forward to what 2025 has in store!

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MIXED PAIRS

Champion **Australia**
 Runner-up **England**



2024 WORLD BOWLS JUNIOR INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Hong Kong China has become the first Asian city to host the World Bowls Junior Indoor Championship, and this prestigious event was held at the Hong Kong Football Club on 2nd-8th December 2024.

This annual event is opened to players Under 25 years old from around the world to showcase their bowling talent, was first commenced in 2005 and has been played on 15 occasions. The 2024 event was being played in

Asia for the first time ever after being held in Australia, Northern Ireland, Scotland and England previously.

Sanctioned by World Bowls and the International Indoor Bowls Council (IIBC) and hosted by the Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong, China, this event was a Major Local International Event funded by the Arts and Sport Development Fund under Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau.

42 players from 21 countries and regions participated in the event, including Australia, Canada, Cook Islands, England, Guernsey, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Macao China, Malaysia, Malta, Namibia, Norfolk Island, Philippines, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, USA, Wales and Hong Kong China.

This annual Indoor Championship featured two disciplines, singles for both men's and women's and mixed pairs.



HKFC/HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB (HKCC) FRIENDLY GAME

The HKFC/HKCC Friendly Game was held on 30th November 2024 at our Indoor Green, with 60 bowlers participating in the event. Following an afternoon of fun-filled bowling, we managed to recapture the Apple Cup from HKCC and look forward to defending the title next year at HKCC!



INTERPORT 2024, AT ROYAL BANGKOK SPORTS CLUB – LAWN BOWL GREENS, WITH RBSC, KCC AND HKFC

On 30th November – 1st December, our Club participated in the prestigious Interport 2024, Lawn Bowl Tournament held at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, together with the hosts from RBSC and KCC from Hong Kong. This annual event has restarted as part of the friendly exchange between HKFC and RBSC, a tradition that has been put on hold over the covid period.

HKFC had a small team of 3 players participating this year (**Celina Leung, Raymond Au** and **Gunnar Mansfeld**). Our team demonstrated commendable skill and sportsmanship throughout.

The match was intense, with each team competing fiercely for top honours. We faced a very experienced and skilled home team that in the end won the game and retained the trophy until the next Interport. Also, KCC lost, so it was a clean sweep for the home teams from RBSC.

Beyond the matches, the event fostered networking opportunities with our hosts and the team from KCC, promoting a sense of community among lawn bowling enthusiasts. Overall, our participation in the Royal Bangkok Sports Club Lawn Bowl Interport 2024

was a rewarding experience, and we look forward to further competitions that will enhance our skills and strengthen our community across Asia.

We extend our gratitude to the organisers and all participants for a memorable event.

On Sunday 15th December, a team from RBSC was visiting HKFC in association with the squash tournament, and we got another chance to challenge them for a friendly game at our indoor rink.

Gunnar Mansfeld

CLUB SINGLES FINAL RESULTS

The Lawn Bowls Section Club Singles was held on 1st December 2024, and the winners will represent HKFC to take part in the Champion of Champions Championships 2024 to be held in Q1 2025.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Phyllis Wong, Bernard Young

MEN'S SINGLES

Champion	Longinus Ha
1st Runner-up	James Po
Joint Third	Kevin Fung Terence Lee

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Champion	Phyllis Wong
1st Runner-up	Eva Yu
Joint Third	Shadow Law Christina Yeung



LEFT TO RIGHT: Kevin Fung, James Po, Longinus Ha, Bernard Young



LEFT TO RIGHT: Camilla Leung, Eva Yu, Shadow Law, Phyllis Wong, Christina Yeung, Bernard Young



LEFT TO RIGHT: Longinus Ha, Bernard Young

TEAM D WOMEN PREMIER LEAGUE 2024



It is my honour to have been appointed as the captain of Team D of HKFC in the Women's Premier League 2024. There were 12 teams in the division and our team played altogether 22 games during the season.

Our team bowlers had not only displayed high standard of teamwork, tenacity and excellent team spirits, but also shared the same vision and goals. We managed to secure the third position in the division after the last game on 2nd November, my appreciation to my teammates for their strong faith towards the team and me, and without them, it would not have happened. Looking ahead, the proposed restructuring of the Women's Premier League for 2025 suggests that our team may be promoted to Division 5. Regardless of whether this proposal materializes, our performances this season have already demonstrated our potential and determination to strive for greater achievements in the future. We have built a foundation that gives us the confidence to pursue excellence in the years to come.

Last but not least, my salute to our Women's Captain **Camilla Leung** for her advice and encouragement. Also, my heartfelt gratitude to the Lawn Bowls Section for their trusts and supports during my tenure.

Elizabeth Pang

LAWN BOWLS SECTION

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HKFC JUNIOR GOLF INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT 2024

This is the second year we have run the event which is co-organised between the HKFC golf professionals **Vaughan Mason** and **Welson Dao**, and the committee of the Golf Society who were represented by me, **Jim Suttie**, **William Chan** and **Peggy Lai**.

This year, we had 12 juniors from 4 separate clubs in HK competing for the team title as well as trophies for the top 3 individual scores.

Thanks to all the juniors who participated and the parents who supported.

A great effort by all and we look forward to seeing you at next year's event.

Phil HEAD

TEAM CHAMPIONS

1st	Optimus Golf Performance	86 points
2nd	Hong Kong Cricket Club	90 points

BEST INDIVIDUAL GROSS SCORE

1st	Linus Tang	41 points
2nd	Miles Abraham Wei	42 points (won by countback)
3rd	Alisa Kwong	42 points

JUNIOR GOODWILL CUP 2024

October saw the HKFC Golf Society take part in the 2024 Junior Goodwill Cup, with the first HKFC Junior Golf Team taking part in a fun competition hosted at Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club Academy Course.

The event first formed as the 'Goodwill Trophy' between the core Golf Clubs of Hong Kong (The Hong Kong Golf Club, Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club and Shek O Golf Club), with the aim of growing the participation of juniors into the game of golf, specifically juniors that are relatively new to the game. Following the huge success of the event, it was decided to open the event up to more clubs within HK, with Discovery Bay Golf Club and HKJC Kau Sai Chau Golf Club joining the core clubs' competition for the 'Trophy' competition.

The 'Goodwill Cup' competition was formed for the clubs that don't have direct access to a golf course, including Hong Kong Football Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Hong Kong Golf & Tennis Academy and Optimus Golf Performance Academy. The event allows our junior golfers to test their skills out on the course in a fun competitive environment, whilst giving them the opportunity to meet and make friends within the HKFC team and with the other junior teams.





Our first Junior Team took part in the fun-filled event with many families and friends cheering on in support! The team consisted of 6 Juniors: **Luca Conneely, Sebastian Yip, Adam Ford, Miles Wei, Li Chun Yui Jayden and Luca-Rinaldi**, with the best 4 scores from 6 counting towards a total team stableford score.

It was a challenging day out on the links with Tropical Cyclone Trami on its way, making it for a windy but great day. However, our juniors really did make the Club proud by representing the Club fantastically, in the inaugural junior event.

Whilst the team unfortunately did not take home the coveted Cup, one of our juniors did however win the prize for 'Shot of the -Day', with our 4-year-old **Luca Conneely** holing out from the bunker on hole 18 in front of the crowd of parents and juniors watching on. It was even caught on camera!

The HKFC Golf Society aim to increase the participation of juniors within the society by aiming to put on our own junior events in 2025, whilst working closely with our neighbouring clubs to grow the game!

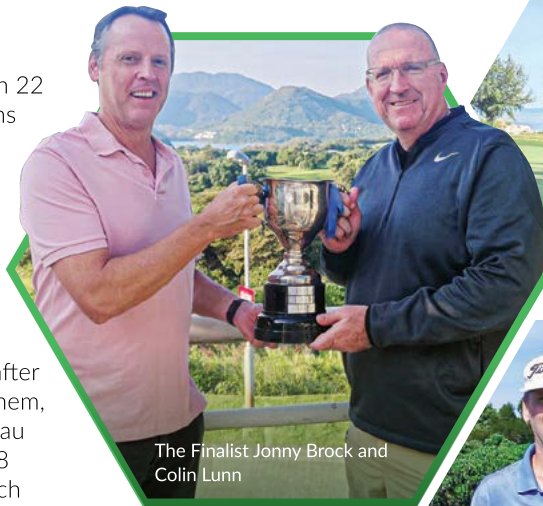
More information regarding junior golf will be shared by the society via email and event calendar.

Sean Plunkett – PGA Professional
Junior Golf Development Officer

2024 HKFC MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2024 HKFC Match Play Championship was a test of consistency and composure, with 22 members competing over nine months from April to December. After five tightly contested rounds, **Jonny Brock** emerged as the deserving champion, edging out **Colin Lunn** in a hard-fought final.

The final was a true battle of nerves. Jonny and Colin went head-to-head at Kau Sai Chau, finishing all square after 18 holes. With nothing to separate them, the match had to be replayed at Macau Golf and Country Club for another 18 holes, where both players pushed each other to the limit. It was on the final hole that Jonny managed to pull ahead after Colin's tee shot ended up somewhere in the South China Sea, ending it at 1-up victory to take the title.



The Finalist Jonny Brock and Colin Lunn



Colin Lunn and Robert Bacon



Marco Jorge and Craig Tuckerman



Jonny Brock and Marco Jorge



Colin Lunn and Robin Zavou

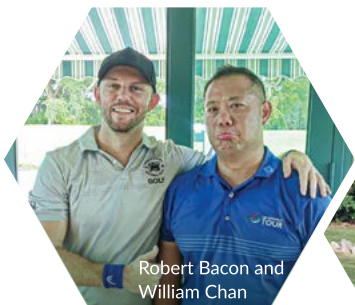
Colin's road to the final was impressive, defeating **Greg Medhurst** in the second round and overcoming **Robin Zavou** and **Robert Bacon** in a decisive quarter and semi-final performance. Jonny, on the other hand, showed his class in earlier rounds, including a win over **Marco Jorge** in the semi-finals and a standout match against **Andy Ho** in the quarter-finals.



Doan Le and Robert Bacon



Colin Lunn and Greg Medhurst



Robert Bacon and William Chan



Jonny Brock and Colin Lunn

This year's championship demonstrated the competitive spirit and skill of our HKFC Golf Society members, with every match delivering its own drama and surprises. Congratulations to **Jonny Brock** for a well-earned victory and to **Colin Lunn** for a valiant effort in the final.

It all begins again soon as the 2025 Match Play Championship kicks off in the coming months! Keep an eye on your inbox for the registration email – this is your chance to join the competition and stake your claim for the title. Who will rise to the challenge and be crowned the 2025 champion? Time will tell!



CHRISTMAS CRACKER AT FANLING EDEN COURSE

FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER 2024



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What better way to kick off the festive season than with our annual Christmas Cracker at the stunning Fanling Eden Course? All 32 spots were snapped up, proving once again that golf and Christmas cheer go hand in hand – even with many members jetting off for their Christmas travels!

We were lucky to secure Fanling as our venue again this year, and with it came

the return of the infamous “special ball” team stableford format. This year’s twist? Out went the yellow ball, and in came the Taylormade ink ball – fondly (or not-so-fondly) dubbed the “vomit ball” for its rather questionable colour pattern.

A TOASTY SURPRISE

Unlike last year, when we were shivering in our festive jumpers, this December

threw us a curveball with unseasonably warm weather. The sun had us peeling off our Christmas sweaters by the second hole, proving once again that Hong Kong weather plays by its own rules.



SPORTS



Phil Nunn and Fredrick Atting



JANNY BALLERS
Marco Jorge, Fredric Teng, Andy Ho, Jonny Brock



Andy Ho with the Vomit Ball!



PHIL'S CHUNKERS
Suraj Nagrani, Fredrick Atting, Philip Nunn, Johnny Lam

THE WINNERS

Eric Lee, Ben Walker, Fredric Teng, Andy Ho, Marco Jorge, Oliver Li, Helen Hancock, Andrew Wood, Philip Nunn



SHOUTOUT TO HELEN

Congratulations to **Helen Hancock** for nabbing her first-ever podium finish in the individual competition, securing third place – well done, Helen!

THE "VOMIT BALL" SAGA

Each team started with a single TM ink ball, passed player-to-player, with its stableford score counting towards the team total. The real challenge? Keeping the ball alive through 18 holes. Out of eight teams, only three managed to finish with their vomit ball intact – a slight improvement over last year's two survivors. Progress, right?

The three teams were Jonny Ballers (**Jonny Brock, Fredric Teng, Marco Jorge** and **Andy Ho**), Willy's Rakers (**William Chan, Mark Brady, Adrian Long** and **Thomas Taw**) and Phil's Chunkers (**Philip Nunn** and **Fredrick Atting**).

FESTIVE FINES AND FUN

Prizes, fines and plenty of festive attire brought the day to life. Christmas hats, jumpers and even tinsel adorned our

golfers, though not everyone escaped the wrath of our fine master, Jonny Brock. Armed with one and a half bottles of whiskey, Jonny dished out fines left, right and centre. The offences? Being annoying, forgetting festive attire and (of course) losing the special ball. Somehow, Jonny managed to fine himself the least – what a coincidence!

We also welcomed a late addition to the Christmas cracker event, guest **Jarred Claus** (yes, Claus). How could we possibly turn down someone with such a festive name?

Congrats to **Jonny Ballers** winning the team event by 1 point with 35 team stableford points, Willy's Rakers with 34 points and Phil's Chunkers with impressive 33 points having only two players!

Other than the team stableford, we also played our Individual Stableford event, winners shown.

NEAREST TO THE PIN

Hole 2	Jonny Brock
Hole 5	Marco Jorge
Hole 9	Oliver Li
Hole 10	Andrew Wood
Hole 15	Ben Walker
Hole 17	Andy Ho

LONGEST DRIVE HOLE 7

Men's	Mark Brady
Women's	Dori Dainton

STABLEFORD WINNERS

1st	Jonny Brock	38 points
2nd	Phil Nunn	37 points
3rd	Helen Hancock	36 points



WRAPPING UP AT THE SPORTSMAN'S

After the golf, it was back to the bus and onward to the Sportsman's, where more Golf Society members joined the festivities. Free snacks and drinks awaited, and the merriment continued late into the evening.

HERE'S TO 2025!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for another unforgettable Christmas

Cracker. Let's make next year's event even bigger and better! Wishing you all a fantastic 2025 filled with happiness, good health and plenty of pars and birdies!

Paul Webb-Johnson, Stephen Knight, John Wilby, Chris Burley

Stephen Wei, Kevin Angelini, Benjamin Walker, Andrew Wood



Owen Davis, Sharon Davis, Dori Dainton, John Dainton

Joel Gasche, Rob Winmill, Adrian Martin, Greg Medhurst



Jean-Louis Desgouttes ,
Cara Eio , Helen Hayward,
Alnwick Chan

FREEZING FESTIVITIES AT KSC EAST

MONDAY, 23RD DECEMBER 2024

While many had already kicked off their Christmas holidays, 24 determined golfers turned up at KSC East for one final round before the festivities. With a mix of optimism and holiday cheer, we set out to enjoy the day – only to have the course and weather deliver a reality check!

The mild sunshine of the Christmas Cracker just three days earlier was nowhere to be found. A cold snap had crept in, catching many of us off guard. Thin layers and short sleeves quickly proved to be a poor choice as we shivered our way through the round. If losing golf balls wasn't enough to dent our confidence, the chill in the air certainly did the job. Adding "warm golf gear" to our Christmas lists suddenly seemed like a good idea.

Despite the tough conditions, it was

great to welcome some new faces, including **Jean-Louis Desgouttes** back visiting family for the holidays, and a handful of guests from the WAGS Golf Society, who added a fun dynamic to the group. However, even with their presence, the course proved merciless – only three players managed to break 30 Stableford points, underscoring just how challenging the day was.

The unpredictable weather and tricky conditions may have tested our patience, but the camaraderie and determination of the group shone through. It was a memorable way to close out the year, even if it left us slightly humbled as golfers.

Despite the tough day, the round was a fitting way to cap off the year. Here's to more golf, better scores and maybe some warmer clothing in 2025!



GOLF

NEAREST TO THE PIN

Hole 3	Nate Hughes
Hole 5	Kien Ng
Hole 7*	Nate Hughes
Hole 8	Justin Watson
Hole 13	Alnwick Chan
Hole 15	Nate Chan

LONGEST DRIVE

Men's **Oliver Li**

STABLEFORD WINNERS

1st	Jon Li	37 points
2nd	Adrian Martin	31 points
3rd	Andrew Wood	31 points

HEALTHY CHINESE RECIPES

• FLAVOURS AND WELLNESS •

AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AT THE COFFEE SHOP



玉樹麒麟班
STEAMED SLICED GAROUPA, CHINESE KAM WAH HAM WITH CHINESE BLACK MUSHROOMS

\$148



百花芥胆
STEAMED MUSTARD PLANT WITH MINCED SHRIMPS

\$118



金針雲耳蒸牛肉
STEAMED BEEF SLICES WITH DAYLILY FLOWERS AND BLACK FUNGUS

\$108



飄香荷葉紅米飯
RED RICE WITH SHRIMPS, CHICKEN, CONPOY, WRAPPED IN LOTUS LEAF

\$118



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WISHING SIMON BREWSTER AND FAMILY THE BEST OF LUCK IN THE STATES!

Sending our best wishes to **Simon Brewster** and his family as they embark on an exciting new chapter in the States. Simon has been a fierce competitor and a well-loved member of our swimming community, inspiring us at every event. Since joining the club in 2012 under Captain **Guy Horne**, Simon has been the heart and soul of our community, helping create the warm, friendly culture we cherish today. It's hard to imagine what swim training will look like without him.

Simon thrived in even the most challenging conditions and brought an impressive track record over the years. Not only has he conquered most of Hong Kong's southern coastline, but he's also made a splash at races across the region, frequently finding himself a winner and podium finisher at events like Peng Chau, Discovery Bay, Middle Island, and even the incredible challenge of Lake Tahoe and Donner Lake. One memory that stands out is him smashing the Shek O challenge – a true testament to his top level swimming ability and his awesome competitive, fun team spirit!

Simon is a wonderful and well-respected member of our team. He was always social and went out of his way to help and connect with people. We shared countless laughs and many bottles of good wine after evening sessions. His kind nature will be missed.

We also wish Simon's wonderful wife **Melissa** and his three girls all the best. **Gemma, Gia** and **Grace** have been active participants in our Junior Swim Programme, competing energetically in numerous galas and swim events under **Coach Dominic**. It has been a true pleasure to have their entire family as part of our community, each member embodying kindness and warmth.

Raising a glass to Simon, our very own Master of Merriment. We wish you and your girls all the best in your new adventures in New York!

Your HKFC Swimming Family!





JANET WU COMPLETES THE IRONMAN 70.3 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN TAUPO

HKFC's **Janet Wu** recently participated in the Ironman 70.3 World Championship held in the breathtaking setting of Taupo, New Zealand.

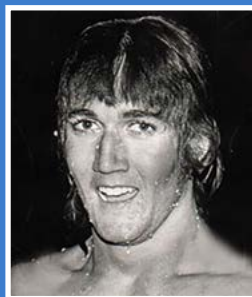
The competition began with a swim in the serene waters of Lake Taupo. Known for its crystal clear conditions, competitors were able to see the bottom of the lake, making for a peaceful and visually stunning start to the race.

Next, the athletes faced the challenging 50km bike course. The first and last 20 kilometers required significant climbing, testing the endurance and strength of all competitors. The middle section presented its own set of challenges, with bumpy terrain and persistent headwinds.

Finally, the run course awaited the competitors, set under the hot sun. The challenging conditions made for a tough run as Janet pushed herself to cross the finish line.

Well done Janet for this amazing achievement!

VINFAST IRONMAN 70.3 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Taupō New Zealand		
287	Janet WU	5:58:12
1222	Fanny DEBOUVRIES	5:22:00
350	Jennah DOUGLAS	5:53:07
227	Constanza RAMIREZ	5:51:52



PETER INGLIS ENTERS HIS EIGHTH DECADE!

Below is a story from one of our amazing members **Peter Inglis** who turned 70 in December. As well as a big happy birthday to Peter, we wanted to share his story to inspire those swimming at any age and show our appreciation for **Peter** who still continues to break plenty of Hong Kong records! Below is his story:

"Having been a HKFC member since 1989, I joined the HKFC swimming society in the early 2000s shortly after **Sheena, Guy** and others who created the society. Although there were no masters competitions back then, I do remember having several competitions with LRC. We didn't have coaches, and evening sessions were followed up with dinner outdoors at a long table overlooking the pool with the likes of **Guy, Sheena, Patrick, Richard Hall** and **Richard Hutchens**.

I have been competing in Masters swimming since around 1983, in

Australia, New Zealand and then Hong Kong from 1990. Australia and NZ had their competitions graded entirely on time, i.e. regardless of age or gender everyone swam in a heat according to their time, and swimmers stayed in the water while the next heat was set off. Hong Kong in the nineties had heats graded purely by gender and age, resulting in a very long drawn-out competition. I swam with AVOHK initially, training at the Wanchai 50m pool (when it was open air), and 5 or 6 of us swam at the Pan Pacific Masters in Tokyo in 1991 at the Tokyo Olympic Pool with over 3,000 competitors. Hong Kong Masters competitions were generally held at the Victoria Park pool or Sha Tin pool, both open air, and the HKJC 25m pool at the racecourse."

Peter also shares that the greatest benefit of his swimming career has been the enjoyment and the wide range of friendships he has made through the sport across the world. Truly inspirational!

FESTIVE CHEER

AT THE 2024 HKFC BADMINTON SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Hong Kong Football Club Badminton Society celebrated the festive season with a joyous Christmas party on 20th December 2024. The event brought together members of all ages for an evening filled with festive fun and camaraderie.

The highlight of the evening was a delightful barbecue, where members savoured a variety of grilled delicacies, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere despite the chilly December air. The party also featured an array of engaging games that sparked friendly competition and laughter among the participants.

A special feature of this year's

celebration was the lucky draw of Christmas presents, which included gifts prepared by the team members and several generous contributions sponsored by our esteemed Senior members. The excitement was palpable as each participant eagerly awaited their turn, hoping for a stroke of festive luck.

The evening was a resounding success, with everyone thoroughly enjoying the mix of delicious food, entertaining games and the thrill of the lucky draw. It was a wonderful opportunity for members to unwind and revel in the spirit of the season, strengthening the bonds within our community.

The HKFC Badminton Society extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated and contributed to making the 2024 Christmas party a memorable occasion. We look forward to more such gatherings where we can come together to celebrate and enjoy the spirit of togetherness.

2024 PRESIDENT CUP

SATURDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2024

On 14th December 2024, our badminton team participated in the intermediate level mixed team category of the 2024 President Cup. Our team encountered a challenging match and, despite a strong effort, ultimately faced a defeat.

The game was highly competitive, with the HKFC team demonstrating skill and teamwork against their opponents. Each match within the overall game was closely contested, showing the high level of play and the intense preparation of both teams.

This outcome, although not favourable, is part of the sporting journey. Our team remains dedicated to improving and achieving better results in future competitions. The Club continues to support the team in their endeavours, confident in their ability to advance and succeed.

We look forward to the team's future performances and are optimistic about their prospects in upcoming tournaments.

Badminton



ELITE JUNIOR MEMBERS REPORTS

YONEX-SUNRISE GUWAHATI MASTERS 2024

Happy Lo Sin Yan continued her journey in Asia to participate in 2 tournaments in India. The first one was Guwahati Masters. This was a 100 super series level tournament where a lot of highly potential strong young players from Asia would want to make their marks. Happy came through R32 easy but up against a strong player from China whom she met in previous tournaments. Happy tried her best and completed the tournament in R16.



YONEX-SUNRISE GUWAHATI MASTERS 2024

R32				R16	
	Lo SYH	21	21		Lo SYH 19 15
	P Barve	20	14		Dai W 21 21

YONEX-SUNRISE ODISHA MASTERS 2024



YONEX-SUNRISE ODISHA MASTERS 2024 R32 Results

WOMEN'S SINGLES

A Rawat	11	8
Lo SYH	21	21

WOMEN'S SINGLES

I Jaiswal	21	21
K Selvam	9	13

WOMEN'S SINGLES

T Mamilla Palli	11	19
A Kharb	21	21

WOMEN'S SINGLES

S Mehta	21	21
S Sreejith Parol	11	9

Happy Lo Sin Yan and Saloni Mehta together pursued their next tournament in Odisha, India. In R32, both of our JAMs exhibited their skills and game tactics gracefully and sailed through to R16 with no significant challenge. During R16, Happy played against I. Sharma world ranked at 129 and took her down in 2 straight sets. Saloni fought through in 3 sets and lost to the sibling T. Sharma ranked 102. Happy continued her journey into quarter-final against S. Valishetty from India. This match was proven to be challenging for Happy and she put up a good fight but lost in 3 sets. Happy would take a break during Christmas and regroup to start her 2025 tournament calendar, and possibly to commence with two high super series level tournaments, Indonesia Masters and India Open.



YONEX-SUNRISE ODISHA MASTERS 2024 R16 Results

WOMEN'S SINGLES

S Valishetty	21	8	21
Dai W	15	21	19

WOMEN'S SINGLES

I Sharma	16	17
Lo SYH	21	21

WOMEN'S SINGLES

I Jaiswal	21	13	13
A Kharb	15	21	21

WOMEN'S SINGLES

S Mehta	21	15	17
T Sharma	15	21	21

FINAL RESULT

S Valishetty	13	21	21
Lo SYH	21	10	14



WONCHEON YONEX MIRYANG KOREA JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE 2024

CORALINE LO

Coraline was once again on the road to showcase her talent. The Woncheon Yonex Miryang Korea Junior International Challenge was an annual event participated by junior potentials from worldwide. This year, it was held on 25th November to 1st December, and Coraline competed in the U17 categories. In the singles discipline, there were over 56 players. Coraline competed against An Si Hyun from Korea in the first round and won the match in 2 sets. The next round was against a player from Chinese Taipei, Wan Yun Yu who posed a challenge, but Coraline was composed and executed her game tactics successfully and won the match in 3 sets. However,

this match might have taken a toll on her fitness and the next round was proven to be difficult both mentally and physically. Coraline played against a strong Japanese junior player Kae Kobayashi and even though she tried her best, it was not her best day and unfortunately she lost in 2 sets. Nevertheless, this journey was still an invaluable experience for her to gain insight and come back stronger.



WONCHEON YONEX MIRYANG KOREA JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE 2024

SINGLES

First Round	Lo Shu Ting	21	19
	An Si Hyun	4	4
Second Round	Lo Shu Ting	23	21 21
	Wan Yun Yu	25	14 14
Third Round	Lo Shu Ting	17	18
	Kae Kobayashi	21	20

JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS REPORTS PRESIDENT CUP TEAM TOURNAMENT 2024 CONCLUSION

It has been another exciting and fruitful year for our junior players to participate in the two major local open aged team tournaments. The team again concluded their mixed and ladies team tournaments in the quarter-final in December 2024. These young players not only exhibited their competent skills but also excelled as a team and demonstrated their leadership.



MIXED TEAM
BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT Coach Mark, Kenneth, Carson, Alvin, Perry and Coach Dawn
FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT Cara, Lauren, Ellen and Cordelia



LEFT TO RIGHT Coach Mark, Faye, Emily, Amber, Lauren, Jana, Aashvi, Anabelle and Coach Dawn



KOWLOON CITY CUP 2024 SATURDAY, 21ST DECEMBER 2024

Our U12 team really shone this year by winning second runner-up in the Kowloon City Cup 2024 organised by Kowloon City council. Under the guidance of team coaches, the girls put in their time and effort in preparing for the competition. The format was round robin with 4 teams in

each group and first 2 entered play-off. Our girls excelled themselves to be second in group stage to enter the play-off. They fought the best that they could and came through as second runner-up. Thanks to the support from parents, players and team coaches and we will certainly prepare to see the team's achievement next year.

DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

Even though December was festive for most, our junior players did not slow down. They continued to participate in various district council and/or district competitions and put practice into tests.

ISLAND DISTRICT BADMINTON COMPETITION SUNDAY, 15TH DECEMBER 2024



Kenneth with his Island District Boys' Doubles first runner-up medals.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNSEL SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL BADMINTON CUP 2024

SUNDAY, 22ND DECEMBER 2024

Our talented **Ellen Lui** with her U18 singles trophy



LEFT TO RIGHT Kenneth Chau and Nixon Chiu with their singles and doubles trophies



Rewards to our achieved and hardworking junior squad players

YUEN LONG SPORTS FESTIVAL GREATER BAY BADMINTON CUP

SUNDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER 2024

Junior player **Bianca Long** with her 13-18 years girls doubles second runner-up trophy



JUNIOR MEMBER OVERSEAS COMPETITION REPORT CURTIS CHEAH AND ETHAN CHOY

Our JAM **Ethan Choy** and junior member **Curtis Cheah** paired up to compete in the Ontario Junior Badminton Level B U19 Doubles event. Since their long term partnership in the junior squad, this tournament was again a proof of their growth and maturity by winning the tournament.



LEFT TO RIGHT Ethan Choy and Curtis Cheah

Ethan Choy, a talented left-handed player, continued his endeavour in the U19 singles event. With a lot of hard work that he put in, Ethan excelled with his first Ontario Junior B level U19 singles champion.

24.25 VICTOR ONTARIO JUNIOR - MANDARIN LEVEL B RESULTS

U19 DOUBLE

Champion **Curtis Cheah**
Ethan Choy

24.25 VICTOR ONTARIO JUNIOR - MANDARIN LEVEL B RESULTS

U19 SINGLES

Champion **Ethan Choy**

SPORTS

HKFC junior badminton squad practice at Kowloon Park Sports Centre



LEFT TO RIGHT Head Coach John, Diptii and elite JAM Saloni

TEAM COACH REPORT PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

Team coach had a chance to sit down with **Saloni Mehta** and her mother **Diptii** for a cup of coffee and talked about her pathway to recent success in Indonesia Masters 2024. **Saloni** frankly stated that it was challenging both physically and mentally to be professional player. The non-stop practice as full-time national team player was both vigorous and demanding. There was little room for error whenever

she was drafted into any international tournament. Hopefully, she can continue to endure and be able to breakthrough into top 100 very soon!

While our elite JAMs are busy training and competing and HKFC temporarily closed down sports hall for an international event, our players were still committing to their practice and preparing for the upcoming events.

UPCOMING JUNIOR EVENTS

September – May 2025
HKFC Junior Badminton Team Challenges 2024

January 2025
New Year Party and Sparring Competition

January 2025 onwards
HKFC Junior Badminton Internal Ladder 2025

May 2025
HKFC and Torq Sports Junior Badminton Tournament

July 2025
HKFC and Torq Sports Overseas Junior Badminton Team Tournament

Erratum in December 2024 Edition
HONG KONG ANNUAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Saloni has defeated one of the national junior team talent in the quarter-final as well as another up-and-coming junior national player in the semi-final.

FLAVOURS OF THE PAMPAS

THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

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CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Updates from FOOD & BEVERAGE

As we welcome the new year, we're excited to share some great news.

MONTHLY "BAND BASH"

Following great feedback received from you all from our Pre-Christmas Bash, we are thrilled to announce our new monthly "Band Bash" at the Sportsman's Bar!

Join us every third Saturday of the month from 6 to 9 pm for an evening of live music while relaxing with friends in a fun atmosphere. Plus, each Band Bash will feature a special buy one, get one free offer on selected beers. Mark your calendars for the next event on 15th February!



NEW MENUS AT THE RESTAURANT

We have just introduced a new set lunch and weekend wine lunch menu, perfect for enjoying a delicious meal with friends and family. Be on the lookout in February for our new à la carte menu showcasing a variety of delicious dishes made with fresh ingredients.



HAPPY HOUR SPECIAL

Don't miss our Happy Hour at the Sportsman's Bar and Captain's Bar! From 5 to 7 pm, buy one 1664 Brut bottle and get another one free. It's a great way to unwind after a long day.

Christophe Horrenberger
Director of Food & Beverage



HIGHLIGHTS IN FEBRUARY

FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS



Romance is in the air...

Celebrate the day and share an unforgettable Valentine's Dinner with your loved one at the Restaurant.

SPORTSMAN'S BAR



Band Bash

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

UPCOMING Saturday, 15th February 2025
DATE The third Saturday night of each month
TIME 6 – 9 pm
VENUE Sportsman's Bar



NFL Super Bowl Big Breakfast

Score a touchdown with our breakfast spread!

DATE Monday, 10th February 2025
TIME Live from 7am



Indian Kebab

It's Naan-stop Kebab!

HAPPY HOUR



1664 Brut

Buy 1 Get 1 Free

DATE Monday to Friday
TIME 5 – 7 pm
VENUE Sportsman's Bar & Captain's Bar

COFFEE SHOP



Nostalgic Hong Kong Dishes

Enjoy Hong Kong Timeless Dishes

Monthly Special: Healthy Chinese Recipes
Beverage: Hot lemon coke with ginger

RESTAURANT



Lobster Around the World

Lobster Tales: Epicurean Adventures from Around the World

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Braised Chinese Food

Slow-simmered Perfection

CHAIRMAN'S BAR



Argentinian Cuisine

Flavours of the Pampas

Tea Set: Historical Afternoon Tea
Cocktail: Ginger Time

CAPTAIN'S BAR



Roscón de Reyes

A Royal Treat, the Spanish King's Cake

Beverage: Healthy Blends

FAMILY LOUNGE



Chinese Dumplings in Soup

Warmth in Every Spoonful

Beverage: Chinese Tea Selection

HAPPY VALLEY SUITES



Sunday Brunch

UPCOMING Sunday, 2nd March 2025
TIME 11:30am – 2:30pm
PRICE \$388 per person
 \$188 per person (Free flow package)

Enquiries and Bookings: 2830 9559
 or bar@hkfc.com

CATERING



Wedding Package Promotion

For details, please contact the Catering Office at 2830 9513 or catering@hkfc.com

WINE EVENTS



Thursday, 20th February 2025

Wine Master Class: Cheese & Sake

TIME 7pm – 8:30pm
VENUE Happy Valley Suite 1, 2/F
PRICE \$298 per person
 (\$50 refund for any wine purchased right after the class)



Saturday, 22nd February 2025
 Sunday, 23rd February 2025

Wine Fair: Quick Sales

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



Friday, 28th February 2025

Wine Dinner: SEÑA WINE DINNER

TIME 7:30pm Welcome Drink, followed by Dinner
VENUE Restaurant, 2/F
PRICE \$888 per member
 \$938 per member's guest

**PREVIEW
 IN MARCH**

WINE EVENTS

Saturday, 29th March | Sunday, 30th March 2025

Wine Fair: Ready for the Summer

Friday, 21st March 2025

Wine Dinner: Italian Brand Wine Dinner

COFFEE SHOP

Themed Buffet: Fukuoka Yatai Food Stalls

Monthly Special: Bibimbap

Beverage: Japanese Soda Float

POOL BAR

Global Fried Chicken

RESTAURANT

The Kobe Beef of Pork (Mangalica Pork)

SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Back Patio: Russian BBQ

Saturday, 15th March 2025

Time: 6 – 9 pm

Monthly Special: Band Bash

CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Food & Beverage: Tasmania Seafood Festival with Champagne and Wine Pairing

Tea Set: Irish Afternoon Tea

CAPTAIN'S BAR

Food: Cornish Pasty

Beverage: Bot Beer (Bucket)

FAMILY LOUNGE

Food: Tiramichoux

Beverage: Thai Milk tea

KIOSK

Hot Items: Dutch Oven Stew

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6. Body Pamper Gift Set \$240

BODY CARE SET

7. Gift Bag Gift Set \$220



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SALE

SATURDAY
22ND | **SUNDAY**
23RD
FEBRUARY 2025

AT LOCKHART ROOM, 2/F
1:30PM - 6PM

TASTING AVAILABLE

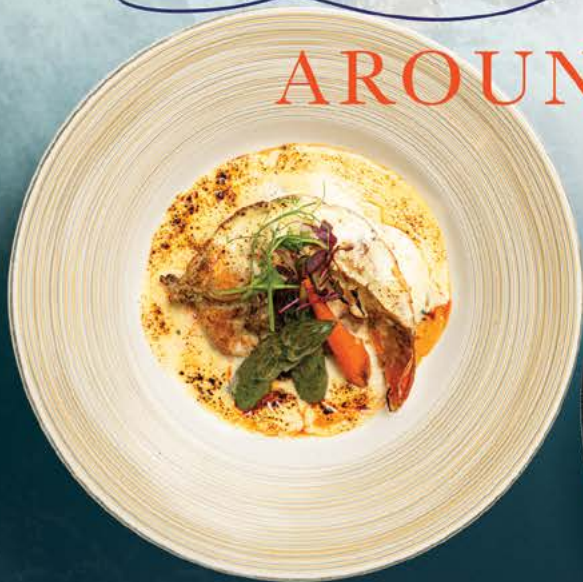
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