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DATE: Thursday, 10th October 2024

ONE NIGHT ONLY.

TIME: 7pm Welcome Drink,

followed by dinner

**VENUE:** Restaurant, 2/F

PRICE: \$988 per member

\$1,038 per member's guest

DINNER

# MENU

CANAPES

TRUFFLE RICE CRACKERS M

Chives Cream, Salmon Roe

DUCK AND COGNAC MOUSSE TART

Duck Meat, Caramel Onions

Manologan Classic Blanc 2023

STARTER

# SCALLOP AND TUNA TARTARE

Hokkaido Scallop, Akami Tuna, Avocado Sesame Seed, Truffle Oil

Champagne Tribaut 8 Terroir Origine Brut NV

2ND COURSE

# 42°C HOME SMOKED SALMON W

Salmon, Caviar, Apple and Horseradish Pearls

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3RD COURSE

# GAMBERO ROSSO TAGLIERINI

Red Prawn Meat, Lime Zest, Red Prawn Lobster Sauce 流觴大吟醸 Ryusho Daiginjo Sake

MAIN COURSE

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Chicken Mousse, Spinach Salad, Chocolate Red Wine Sauce Fattoria Fibbiano Casalni Chianti Superiore 2015

DESSERT

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# THE THOUGHTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

# 主席的話





Reflecting on the evening we shared on 7th September at the **HKFC Sports Awards Gala**, it was all about celebrating our members' sporting excellence and the amazing community spirit that makes our Club so special. We were fortunate and honoured to host four outstanding athletes in **Edwin Moses**, **Vivian Kong**, **Heather Fisher** and **Garbine Muguruza**. Not only were their messages uplifting, but they were humble and generous in sharing their life stories and the journeys, that made them the outstanding athletes that they most certainly are.

Before the Gala, we proudly awarded **Honorary Memberships** to **Edwin Moses** and **Vivian Kong** as their contributions to sports serve as inspiration for us all. Furthermore, we would also like to extend congratulations to our Honorary Member, **Chan Ho Yuen**, for winning the silver medal in the Para Badminton Men's Singles WH2 at the 2024 Paris Paralympics. His achievement further highlights the talent within the Hong Kong para-sport community.

Looking further ahead to our sporting calendar, Management is busily preparing for several regional and international sporting events which will be hosted at the Club, with equipment for the World Squash Federation (WSF) World Team Championships already starting to arrive. Key dates to note:

Thursday, 7th November - Sunday, 17th November	Hong Kong International Bowls Classic
Sunday, 1st December - Sunday, 8th December	2024 World Bowls/IIBC Under 25 Championship
Monday, 9th December - Sunday, 15th December	WSF World Team Championships
Saturday, 14th December - Friday, 20th December	Protiviti HKFC ITF World Tennis Masters Tour

Finally, please be reminded that the **Annual General Meeting** will take place on **7th November at 7pm** in the Happy Valley Suites. I look forward to welcoming you there.

Neil Jensen Chairman 回顧9月7日我們在**香港足球會運動員頒獎晚宴** 共渡的晚上,一切都是為了表揚本會會員卓越的 體育成就及讚頌本會的社區精神,正是這份精 神造就了出類拔萃的本會。我們深感榮幸邀請了 4位世界傑出運動員,包括**Edwin Moses、江文** 懷、Heather Fisher以及**Garbine Muguruza**,他們不單止傳達鼓舞人心的訊息,更謙虛及慷慨分享自己邁向優秀運動員的人生故事及旅程,而現在他們確實達到體育生涯的最高境界。

頒獎晚宴前,我們十分榮幸能夠向Edwin Moses 及江文憓頒授榮譽會員名銜,他們對體育的貢獻帶給我們所有人啟發。此外,我們亦想祝賀本會榮譽會員陳浩源在2024巴黎殘奧的羽毛球男單WH2級奪得銀牌,他的成就更成為香港殘疾體育界的典範。

放眼看我們一年一度的體育盛事,管理團隊正忙著籌備幾個將在本會主辦的地區及國際體育活動,WSF(世界壁球總會)世界團體錦標賽的設備已開始陸續抵達。記得留意以下重要日子:

11月7日(星期一)至 11月7日(星期日)	香港國際草地滾球精英賽
12月1日 (星期日)至 12月8日 (星期日)	2024 World Bowls/IIBC 25歲以下錦標賽
12月9日(星期一)至 12月15日(星期日)	WSF世界團體錦標賽
12月14日(星期六)至	2024 Protiviti HKEC ITE

最後,請緊記**周年大會**將於11月7日晚上7點在 Happy Valley Suites舉行,期待在大會歡迎大家。

主席 Neil Jensen

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# GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

總經理的話

Tony Sealy General Manager



It is great to see everyone back at the Club as we dive into a new sporting calendar! Our recreational programmes are also in full swing, and it's good to see so much energy around the Club once again.

The Chairman touched on the Sports Awards Gala, but I would also like to add that bringing such a significant occasion to life is no small feat, and it was inspiring to see everyone's hard work culminate in a night that truly captured the exceptional sporting recognition on display. I want to commend the Management team and organising committee for their outstanding efforts in making the event operationally flawless. Congratulations to all involved for your dedication and commitment to making this Gala an unforgettable experience.

We are pleased to announce our affiliation with the **Hyrox** programme, enhancing our new high performance **Training Triangle** (TT) surface. Further equipment is set to arrive next month, which will elevate our training experience and support our Members in achieving their fitness goals. After a soft opening, the TT has been in use for the past 2 weeks and is proving to be very popular.

Additionally, we proudly stepped in to assist with the **2024 World Lacrosse Women's U20 Championship** in August, providing an ideal venue capable of hosting 24 international matches despite the challenges of thunderstorms and very wet weather. This commitment underscores the importance of our Club and its facilities to the local community and showcases our dedication to supporting international sporting events.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's make this season one to remember!

Tony Sealy General Manager 很開心見到大家回到本會,一起投入新一季的 體壇狂熱!我們的康樂體育課程也正如火如荼 地展開,能夠再次看見本會到處活力充沛的景 象,實在太好了。

雖然主席先前提及過香港足球會運動員頒獎晚宴這場盛事,但本人亦想補充一點,要讓如此重要的盛事成真,所花的功夫一點都不少,而有賴各位的努力,當晚的慶典確切捕捉到各個卓越榮譽獲得嘉許的一刻,令活動完滿結束,真是鼓舞人心。在此要表揚管理層團隊及籌備委員會表現出色,把活動安排得天衣無縫。恭賀所有參與其中的工作人員,正因有你們的無私奉獻及積極參與,才能為大家留下難忘的體驗。

同時,我們很高興宣布與**Hyrox**的合作夥伴關係,全新的**訓練場**草皮帶來更高性能,更多設備亦將於下個月到達·新設備會提升訓練體驗及幫助本會會員達成健身目標。試業期後,訓練場已經投入服務兩星期,期間反應熱烈,深受歡迎。

另外,本會十分自豪可以協助舉行8月的 2024世界棍網球女子U20錦標賽,即使要面 對雷暴及潮濕天氣的挑戰,我們也成功提供一 個能夠主辦24場國際賽事的理想場地。這份投 入突顯本會及其設施對本地社區的重要,並充 分展示我們全力支持國際體育盛事。

感謝大家一直以來的支持,就讓我們一起打造 難忘的一季!

總經理 東尼施利







HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

# SPORTS AWARDS

SATURDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024



# **CLUB NEWS**





















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# 2024 CHAMPIONS



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HKFC WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAMS CONTINUE TO SOAR



he HKFC Soccer Section has experienced an exciting period of growth and achievement for its women's programme over the past 18 months. From establishing a new team to finding success on the pitch and building out critical infrastructure, the section has made remarkable strides in elevating the women's game.

# REGISTRATION OF THE LUCKY MILE WOMEN'S TEAM

In 2023, the HKFC Soccer Section proudly achieved a long-awaited goal as the Lucky Mile Women's team was registered to compete in Division 3 of the Hong Kong women's football league. This marked an important milestone as the Club now fields a dedicated women's squad to provide more playing opportunities and a clearer path for female players.

The registration of the Lucky Mile team was the result of tireless efforts by the women's sub-committee, which was established to oversee the development and growth of the women's programme. This committee has worked diligently to identify and address critical areas for investment, including injury prevention support, local player recruitment and integration with the thriving youth pathway.

# INAUGURAL WOMEN'S SOCCER SEVENS TOURNAMENT

In May 2024, the HKFC women's team had the opportunity to showcase their skills at the inaugural Women's Soccer Sevens tournament.
Competing against other top sides from the local league, the women's team claimed the Plate trophy after an impressive run of results. The only club team to come away from the tournament with any silverware!

This tournament represented a significant step forward for women's football in Hong Kong, with the HKFC squad relishing the chance to participate in a high-profile event. The experience gained from this tournament has only served to motivate the players to continue improving and chasing further success.





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### STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATION

Underpinning the on-field achievements has been the tireless work of the women's sub-committee to build a robust infrastructure for the programme. This includes the ability to now financially support players, which will allow the Club to attract greater talent and experience through this step towards professionalism.

Additionally, the section has made significant strides in securing training time on the main pitch, ensuring the women's team has access to the same facilities as their male counterparts. This parity of access has been a key priorty as the section works to promote equality and provide the women's team with the resources they need to thrive.

The women's sub-committee has also played a crucial role in advocating for the interests of the women's team within the broader HKFC Soccer Section. Led originally by **Mia Williams** and **Lyndsay Stewart**, and lately by **Audrey Menard**, the committee has effectively lobbied for increased debentures and representation, ensuring the women's voice is heard and their needs are met.

# **CELEBRATING WOMEN IN FOOTBALL**

The HKFC soccer section has also made a concerted effort to celebrate and promote women's involvement in the sport. In 2019, **Robbie Bacon** and **Mia Williams** spearheaded the inaugural HKFC Women's Day 7-a-side tournament, which brought together nearly 100 players from across the local football community.

This event not only showcased the talent and enthusiasm of the women's game but also served as a catalyst for greater inclusion. The success of the Women's Day tournament paved the way for the women's team to be invited to participate in the prestigious HKFC Soccer 7's event in 2023, where they faced off against a Hong Kong Select side in an entertaining 0-0 draw.

# THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

The HKFC Soccer Section's women's programme has come a long way since the early days of the ladies' team, which was established in 2008. The journey has been marked by challenges and triumphs, but the section's unwavering commitment to the women's game has resulted in remarkable progress.

As the Women's 1st and Lucky Mile teams continue to grow and develop, the section is also seeing the fruits of its investment in the youth pathway. The junior girls' programme, which was launched in 2012, has blossomed into a thriving ecosystem, with teams competing at various age levels in the HKFA Girls League.

The future looks bright for women's football at HKFC as the section remains dedicated to providing opportunities, resources and a supportive environment for female players to excel. With the continued efforts of the women's sub-committee and the broader support of the soccer section, the HKFC women's team is poised to reach even greater heights in the years to come.

James Beacher







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CHAIRMAN'S BAR





he 2024 US Open Social, held from 2pm to 6pm on Saturday, 24th August 2024, was a fantastic success, uniting tennis enthusiasts for a day of lively competition. 30 players participated in Fast Four matches which were played to 4 games, featuring no add scoring and no lets to keep the action fast-paced and exciting.

The event schedule was well-organised, starting with a warm-up at 2 pm, followed by matches beginning at 2:25 pm after a brief introduction and team photo. Food and drinks arrived around 3:30 pm, providing a great opportunity for players to refuel and socialise.

In addition to the matches, a fun game period allowed players to showcase their serving skills by aiming at cones positioned on the court. Those who successfully hit a target were rewarded with a prize hidden underneath the cone, which typically included delicious snacks. This interactive element added a playful twist to the day, enhancing the festive atmosphere and encouraging everyone to join in the fun.

The day concluded with presentations at 5:45 pm, celebrating the participants' efforts and camaraderie. **Tanya Clark** received the Best Dressed award for her tribute to US Open champion **Venus Williams**. **Venise Chan** achieved the second highest score while

**Mario Riccio** took home the top score. Congratulations to all! A big thank you to ATA for organising such a wonderful event!

Overall, it was a memorable day, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next event!





OCTOBER 2024





CONSUL GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND IN HONG KONG, AND HKFC TENNIS SOCIETY MEMBER

Can you tell us why you joined the HKFC and became a Tennis Society Member?

One year ago, I moved with my family to Hong Kong - a nice contrast from our last posting in the heart of Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo! Moving from one country to another every couple of years is part of a diplomatic career, and we consider ourselves privileged to already have lived on four continents. Our experience has shown us that joining a club is the best way to quickly integrate in a new place and meet people. As our two children Theo (14) and Lia (10) are both avid football players, my wife goes to the gym and I love playing tennis, HKFC was the logical choice for us. We now spend several days a week here and the club has become something like a second home, for which we are very grateful. I spend as much time as possible on the tennis courts and I joined a

great team for my first league tennis season in spring. Unfortunately, we were relegated back to B, but I am confident we will go up again to A this season. I had my own personal sense of achievement when I was lucky enough to win the men's closed singles category of the last Club Championships. The trophy has a special place in our house! That's also how the idea came about to support this year's Club Championships in the context of the Swiss Month.

**C** Can you share some more information on Swiss Month Initiative in Hong Kong?

The Consulate General of Switzerland is proud to introduce the inaugural Swiss Month in Hong Kong, taking place from mid-October to mid-November. Switzerland is famous for its mountains, watches, cheese and chocolate, and if you are a huge tennis fan like me, it's the homeland of the legendary one and only Roger Federer. Switzerland is of course also a

haven for winter sports enthusiasts. It is less known that Switzerland is one of the most competitive and innovative economies in the world. The objective of Swiss Month is to celebrate and showcase the diversity of Switzerland and to foster closer ties with the Hong Kong community through a series of events, exhibitions and conferences in various areas like finance, innovation and technology, culture, arts, culinary as well as sports. Please visit www.swissmonth.hk for the full event schedule and we look forward to welcoming all members to join one of the events during the Swiss Month.

Given the strong marks Switzerland has left in the world of tennis through legendary players like Roger Federer or Martina Hingis in the past 20 years, I am particularly excited that our Consulate, in collaboration with Switzerland Tourism, is sponsoring the upcoming edition of the Tennis Club Championships beginning of November.





**L** It's great to know that the Swiss Consulate General and Switzerland Tourism will support the 2024 Tennis Club Championships. Can you tell us more about this engagement?

Switzerland Tourism is a key partner for the Swiss Month, promoting Switzerland as a premier travel destination known for its natural beauty, outdoor adventures, world-class cities, and rich cultural heritage. With Roger Federer as ambassador, Switzerland Tourism is sponsoring the trophies and some attractive prizes for the silent auction at the Tennis Society Gala, including a flight ticket to Switzerland, Swiss travel passes, Victorinox travel luggage and most importantly RF signed tennis balls.

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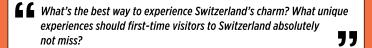
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The best way to explore Switzerland is definitely by train, bus and boat. This is how we Swiss usually travel and you can see both the absolute highlights, the bustling cities and the remote valleys and quaint little towns. For first-time visitors, I recommend a 'hub-spoke' approach. Start in Zurich or Geneva (depending on where you fly in) and explore the cosmopolitan side of Switzerland with shopping, culture and fine dining. The surroundings of the Lake Geneva region are stunning, with amazing vineyards, Belle Epoquetowns and a rich cultural offering. Zurich is an amazing city, especially for contemporary arts, food and it's a great starting point to explore all of Switzerland.

After that, I recommend hopping on a train, for example, on the iconic Golden Pass Line from Montreux to Interlaken or to Lucerne to explore the mountain regions. You'll pass amazing landscapes and beautiful lakes on the way. Experiencing the iconic mountain tops is a must, such as the Schilthorn, the Jungfraujoch in the Jungfrau Region or the Mt. Rigi, Mt. Pilatus or Mt. Titlis in the Lake Lucerne Region. You can either hike or ski depending on the season, but our mountains are also easily accessible by train or cable car. Both regions also offer stunning boat experiences that are a must-do! Finally, the Matterhorn Region is a must-see for first-time visitors. The train ride to Zermatt itself is a spectacle, and Zermatt and the surrounding towns are car-free and simply beautiful with lots of great boutique hotels and spa offerings.











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# HKFC SPORTS A MARDS GALA ON THIS EPIEMBER 2024

# LAWN BOWLS SECTION NOMINATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES

Category	Nomination
Nominee for the President's Award	James Po
Male Player of the Year	James Po
Female Player of the Year	Christina Yeung
Nominee for the Lifetime Achievement Award	Camilla Leung



JAMES PO



James was a member of HKFC-A's stellar line-up, which triumphed in the 2023 Premier League – Division 1 and the Bowls Grand Prix 2023. James also served as the captain of HKFC-A during the Triples League 2023, the team claiming the division 1 title in style by winning all their matches that season.

On the international stage, James has been a member of the Hong Kong, China National Squad for over a decade Since joining HKFC, he has continued to pursue excellence and achieved a commendable 5th place finish in the 2023 World Bowls Championships and secured a silver and a bronze medal in the 2024 Asian Lawn Bowls Championship.

"I am truly honoured to receive the HKFC Male Player of the Year award. The 2023 season was my first with HKFC, and it was an incredible one. Claiming several national titles and winning medals on the international stage last year was undoubtedly a highlight of my bowling career thus far.

I believe this award is not just a personal accolade, but also a celebration of the collective effort and unwavering dedication from my team. We are always striving for excellence, giving our absolute best on the green.

Last year, we made history by achieving the unprecedented 'Grand Slam', claiming all possible top-flight league trophies. I am deeply grateful to be a part of this exceptional team, and I eagerly look forward to continuing our journey, sharing many more remarkable moments together.

Last but not least, I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the entire lawn bowls section at HKFC for the warm welcome and kind support since I joined the Club."

# LAWN BOWLS SECTION FEMALE PLAYER OF THE YEAR CHRISTINA YEUNG



It is my honour to be one of the Player of the Year in the first Sports Award Gala. Thank you very much for the Club and Lawn Bowls Section to commend athletes who have been working hard and hope to encourage everyone to continue to move towards their goals. This honour belongs to all my teammates as well. All of their hard work and efforts are highly appreciated.

Lawn Bowls made my life so special and meaningful. I joined Hong Kong Football Club in late 2014 after training of the Youth development team. It was my honour to represent Hong Kong Football Club to play lawn bowls in National competitions and league games. Being an amateur athlete for so long was not easy. We all had passed through a long way of hard work and failure. A teammate once told me that "mental quality" is the most important thing in a game. No matter what,

stay positive, be patient, be yourself and seize opportunities.

I joined Hong Kong, China team again in 2024. I had opportunity to perform in an international stage and achieve satisfactory results. I never expected to have this development ten years ago. I always tell myself "Always can be better" and I keep making improvement in all aspect. I am a lucky person to develop in this Club with most outstanding lawn bowls players. I do believe in my teammates, we can perform well and achieve our goals together. Be persistent, we will definitely achieve a better results. Be confident, you can do it. Never underestimate your power.

Thank you for your support, my coaches, teammates and partners, pushing me to move on, Happy Bowling!

# **NOMINEE FOR** LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CAMILLA LEUNG

amilla Leung has been nominated for the recognising her over 20 years of dedication to the Club and Section. Joining in 1997. and committed player. representing the Club Bowls Championships and five

President Trophy to HKFC in recognition of their

Camilla has been a cornerstone of the

of Women's Captain, guiding the HKFC

in 2022 and 2023, and helping the B team achieve promotion to promoting healthy growth

to HKFC and her dedication to leadership and mentoring have significantly contributed to the

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# INGAPORE 2024

MEN'S PLAYERS

**HKFC Lyndon Sham** 

**Jason Chow** 

**WOMEN'S PLAYERS** 

**Emmy Luk** 

**Helen Cheung** 

**Nixon Man** 

**U25 BOY'S PLAYERS** 

Quenton Ip

**U25 GIRL'S PLAYERS** 

**Audrey Lai** 

**Abbie Chan** 

he Hong Kong China team won two gold, two silver and a bronze medals to claim the overall champion of the Lion City Cup on 27th July 2024.

The event was held at the Kallang Bowls Green and Tanglin Club in Singapore and was participated by eight countries and regions - Singapore, China, Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand and the Philippines. A total of 15 men's, 14 women's, seven U25 boys' and six U25 girls' teams joined the tournament.

The Hong Kong China team collected gold at the U25 boys' (end format) and U25 girls' (set format), defeated Singapore and Malaysia in the respective finals. The two silvers came from men's pairs (end and set formats) and the bronze was from boys' pairs (end format).

# LAWN BOWLS SECTION UNISEX INDOOR SINGLES 2024



The lawn bowls section unisex indoor singles semi-finals and finals were held on 17th August 2024 at our indoor green.

# **RESULTS TABLE**

	Champion	Runner-up
Novice Group	Clement Mak	Neil Roberts
Open Group	Stephen Sy	Charles So





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# PERTITION TO HOCKEY TRIP



t the start of the summer holidays, 10 of our youth hockey players embarked on an exciting trip to Perth for a week, where they trained with Trid Woodhouse and also had the opportunity to train alongside with some of the top youth talent in Australia. They also had the incredible experience to watch the preparation of Australia Women's and Men's Teams for 2024 Paris Olympics.

Several of our players share their firsthand experiences from this amazing week.



This is a trip organised by the HKFC hockey coaches, and we go to Perth, Australia. It is organised the first week of the summer holidays.

I thought this trip was amazing. We trained for 2 hours a day (6-8 am) and then ate breakfast at a great hotel. The whole trip is centred on a university campus. After breakfast, we usually had a debrief by a local coach and watched professional players training (9-11 am). We saw the Olympic men and women prepare to go to Paris. We had some free time before lunch. We had a variety of different restaurants on campus (11 am-1 pm). Then, we had other diverse activities until dinner.

The local U14-U16 players are really good and are willing to teach us some skills.

We also had trips organised by the coaches to go to hockey shops, shop in massive malls or go to a wildlife park.

I truly think this trip is worthwhile and will definitely join next year.

Arthur Simoneau

The HKFC youth trip to Australia was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Being able to engage in trainings with the other students at Australia gave insights to how we should improve personally in terms of hockey skills and teamwork. Watching the Australia men's and women's teams surprised me how experienced and advanced these players are, being extremely fit in speed, skill and their will to win; to play hockey. Can't forget the sightseeing we also did around other parts of Perth was incredibly new for all of us. The tour is incredibly worthwhile and valuable, and if given a chance to do it all over again, I would gladly do so.

Ethan Wong



The 2024 Perth Youth Trip will remain one of my strongest memories. It was an incredible experience to play hockey with some of the top under sixteen players in Western Australia, as well as watching the Hockeyroos and Kookaburras practice for the Olympics. Everyday, if you went to the hockey pitch at around 6am, you would hear the constant tapping of stick on ball.

One of the most emphasised things was the importance of the basics. We would always end the day with an improved understanding of hockey, with better stick skills and better technique. I'd like to thank Trid, Joel and Harpo who tirelessly coached us day by day.

Aside from the hockey, we had an amazing time as a group. We were playing games almost every night, and I think that we bonded well. This trip made some of the best experiences in my entire life. All thanks to Ken and my mother, Karen, who helped chaperone us in these many trips.

Overall, I had a truly incredible time in Perth. The fact that I got to experience all of this was amazing, and I'm happy that I chose to come.

Kristen Thorne





# STABLEFORD WINNERS

**Connie Zavou** 31 points

**Jonny Brock** 

Joel Gasche 31 points

# **NEAREST TO THE PIN**

**Emmet Wan** 

Will Yeung

**Terry Minkey** 

Hole 10 **Terry Minkey** 

Hole 11 Will Yeung

Hole 16 Steve May

# **LONGEST DRIVE**

Helen Hancock

Jonny Brock

take on the KSC South Course in some seriously soggy conditions! It was a very wet day at Kau Sai Chau Golf Course, with rain pouring down and turning the fairways into a splash zone.

The day ended up being longer than usual as we had to pause play for an hour to wait out a thunderstorm. But the rain didn't dampen our spirits! There was plenty of fun in the puddles, with some splashing around more than others - especially Greg Brutus' guest

the water!

Despite the weather, we still managed to have winners for Nearest to the Pin and Longest Drive. The Stableford competition ended in a three-way tie, with all three players scoring 31 points. After a countback, Joel Gasche secured 3rd place, Jonny Brock 2nd place, and Connie Zavou winning her first Stableford competition.

Thanks to everyone who made it out for a memorable and very wet day of golf!







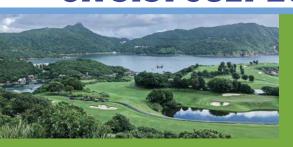












he much-anticipated return of the Summer Cup took place on 30th July 2024 after a three-year break due to COVID-19. The last time we gathered for this event was in 2019 when Dallas Reid emerged as the champion. This year, we were thrilled to be back at our favourite venue, the Clear Water Bay Golf and Country Club – a place that has become an annual treat for many of us.

Even with some members away on their summer holidays, the event was fully booked, as always. We all squeezed into the 27-seater bus, playing a real-life game of Tetris with our golf bags carefully stacking them at the front. The group of 27 was a mix of familiar faces and newcomers, and despite an ominous forecast predicting an 80% chance of rain and thunderstorms, nothing could dampen our spirits

In a stroke of good fortune, the weather turned out to be absolutely delightful. We enjoyed a light breeze and sunny intervals throughout the day – so much so that a few of us, myself included, ended up with a slight sunburn!

The competition was close, with most players scoring in the high 20s to high 30s in the Stableford format. It was great to see some new faces not only participating but also taking home some prizes – special shoutouts to

Robert Stevenson and

Mayur Nallamala (apparently, THE 2nd best player of the day). We were also pleased to welcome back some familiar faces who had been absent for a while – Cara Eio, Paul Walters and Amy Cheng. It was lovely to have you back with us!

A huge congratulations to our "Bandit of the Day", **Stephen Knight**, who shot an impressive 39 points to claim 1st place in the Stableford competition, earning him the title of 2024 Summer Cup winner! Well done to Stephen and to everyone who took part. Here's to more fantastic rounds in the future!

# STABLEFORD WINNERS

1st **Stephen Knight** 38 points

2nd **Rene Theil** 34 points

3rd Mayur Raoul 33 points

# **NEAREST TO THE PIN**

Hole 1 Greg Medhurst

Hole 4 **Declan Hogan** 

Hole 6 Niall Rowark

Hole 7\* Jonny Brock

Hole 11 Marco Jorge

Hole 14 Robert Stevenson

Hole 16 Amy Cheng

\* 2nd shot NTP

# **LONGEST DRIVE HOLE 17**

\_adies' Amy Cheng

Men's **Josh LeBlanc** 

# **LOWEST GROSS**

**Robert Stevenson** 

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# LEADING OFF MATCH REPORT

FINAL SCORE

1-0

HKFC

GOLF007

Andy Ho & **Desmond Ko**  **Eddy Yung & Chloe Chang** 

# **GROUP 2 MATCH REPORT**

FINAL SCORE

GOLF007

Alastair Murray &

Cow Tsun &

**Colin Lunn Cheung Hing Fu** 

# **GROUP 3 MATCH REPORT**

FINAL SCORE

GOLF007

Lily Chan & Rene Theil

3-0 **David Largent &** 

**Peter Leung** 

# **GROUP 4 MATCH REPORT**

FINAL SCORE

**HKFC** 

GOLF007

Chris Burley &

**Kevin Wong & Owen Davis** Saron Leung

# FINAL MATCH REPORT

FINAL SCORE

GOLF007

**Andrew Wood & Anthony Ford** 

4-1 David (Daybe) Wong Philip Leung

# ON 12TH AUGUST 2024

he much anticipated first ever matchup between Golf007 GS and HKFC GS finally took place on a rainy 12th August 2024 at the Macau Golf and Country Club. The original match scheduled for 31st July 2024 at HKGC Fanling was rained out, but the two teams were determined to face off and set sail via Cotai Ferry from Hong Kong to Macau. even as thunderstorms rolled in.

As the players gathered at the ferry terminal in Hong Kong, the weather took a dramatic turn for the worse. Dark clouds opened up, drenching everyone in a torrential downpour. Lightning cracked in the distance as the wind whipped through the exposed Shun Tak Ferry Terminal. Several players started to have second thoughts about making the journey, but the captains rallied the troops, insisting they had come too far to turn back now.

As the two teams arrived at the Macau Golf and Country Club, they were pleasantly surprised to find near-perfect conditions. The rain had cleared, leaving behind crisp, cloudy skies and a gentle breeze. The course was in immaculate shape, with the greens rolling true and the fairways lush but heavy and unforgiving rough. And the MGCC head marshal recommended the two teams to get on our match as soon as possible to avoid any weather change from good to bad.

Leading off for HKFC was Captain **Andy Ho** paired with **Desmond Ko**. Giving shots to their Golf007 opponent and Captain Eddy Yung partnered with **Chloe Chang.** Surprisingly, Eddy played quite badly for the day and not able to perform to his standard. Later found out that Eddy was having diarrhoea since the night before. Andy and Desmond closing out the first match









# **NEAREST TO THE PIN**

Hole 4	Kevin Wong	Golf007
Hole 6	Rene Theil	HKFC
Hole 11	Andy Ho	HKFC
Hole 14	Cow	Golf007
Hole 17	David (Daybe) Wong	Golf007

# **DRIVE & PITCH**

Hole 15 Cow Go
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# **LONGEST DRIVE**

Women's	Lily Chan	HKFC
Men's	Kevin Wong	Golf007

Following in group two were Alastair Murray and Colin Lunn against Cow Tsun and Cheung Hing Fu. The game was tight and went down to the final hole when it was all squared after 17 holes. The 18th hole still under maintenance and play as a 129 yards uphill Par 3. Ali was the only one on the green with a 30 feet putt for birdie when our opponents were both off the green. However, Cheung played an amazing shot from the left side bunker, leaving only a 3 feet putt for par. Ali missed his birdie putt. but concealed with a par when Cheung missed his 3 feet par putt with a bogey and lost the match. HKFC 2 - Golf007 0.

Group 3 was **Lily Chan** and **Rene Theil** up against **David Largent** and **Peter Leung**. Both Lily and Rene played really well and smashed the Golf007 team by a 3&2 victory. So HKFC has already won the match by 3-0 at that point.

Next group was **Chris Burley** and **Owen Davis** up against a single handicap **Kevin Wong** and **Saron Leung** off 18. Both Kevin and Saron played so well of the day and Kevin was 3 under after

9 holes. At one point, Kevin asked Saron to video his tee shot on the 125-yard par 3 Hole #4. "I'm going to make a hole-in-one," Kevin boldly declared. Sure enough, his ball landed just a foot from the cup, winning him the nearest to pin prize on that hole. The dual beat the HKFC team by 5&4.

Last group was Andrew Wood and Anthony Ford against
David (Daybe) Wong and Philip Leung.
Again, another tight match with all square after 17 holes. When our opponent Daybe and Philip thought they had halved the last hole and result of all square of the match, Anthony actually had a shot on the last hole and therefore, HKFC was 1 up and overall team match score was 4-1 to HKFC.

Despite the less than ideal conditions, both sides gave it their all. The Golf007 squad put up a valiant effort, but in the end the home team HKFC GS emerged victorious. Both sides are already eagerly awaiting the rematch, hoping for calmer skies and an even closer contest. Perhaps **Kevin** will even pull off that elusive ace next time around.

The true winner, however, was the camaraderie between the two clubs. Through rain, wind, and a little bit of Golf007 good-natured goading, a new rivalry was born – one built on mutual respect and a love of the game.







fter a three-year break, the Walmsley Cup finally made its return in 2024, and what a day i was! We had both the Men's and Ladies cups on the line, with everything set up perfectly on the beautiful South Course

But, of course, things didn't go off without a hitch. The bus to Sai Kung didn't show up as planned, leaving us all scrambling to find taxis at the last minute. It was a bit of chaos, but we made it work, cab-sharing our way to the course. It added a little extra excitement to the morning, and before we knew it, we were back on track.

Alongside the Walmsley Cup, we had three pairs battling it out for a spot in the 2024 Match Play Championship semi-finals. Since this was a weekend event, it was fantastic to see so many familiar faces back on the course, and even better to welcome six new members to their first event. A special shoutout to **Sam Clatworthy**, our new junior scratch golfer who joined us for the first time – great to see such yours

talent! We were also thrilled to welcome our new Kiwi couple, Kai Karbhari and Deborah Wai, who might just help fill the gap left by our beloved Terry and Lindsay Wright, who moved back to New Zealand in July. Let's not forget a warm welcome to our other newcomers Kevin Angelini, Keelan Chapman and Jonty Wood. And hats off to Kevin and Deborah, who also took home

The weather couldn't have been better – sunshine and a gentle breeze made for some perfect golfing conditions. That might explain why half of us managed to score over 30 Stableford points. But before we jump to the results, let's talk about those three pairs in the quarter-finals:

Jonny Brock vs. Andy Ho,
Marco Jorge vs. Craig Tuckerman and
Colin Lunn vs. Robin Zavou. A big
congrats to Jonny, Marco and Colin for
winning their matches and moving on to
the semi-finals! You can check out all th
details on the Golf Society website









# **STABLEFORD WINNERS**

1st **Declan Hogan** 42 points
2nd **Adrian Martin** 35 points
3rd **Guy Norman** 35 points

# **NEAREST TO THE PIN**

Hole 2 Greg Medhurst

Hole 4 **Declan Hogan** 

Hole 9 Niall Rowark

Hole 10 **Jonny Brock** 

Hole 16 Marco Jorge

## **LONGEST DRIVE HOLE 17**

Ladies' **Deborah Wai**Men's **Kevin Angelini** 

# **WALMSLEY CUP WINNERS**

Ladies' **Helen Hayward**Men's **Declan Hogan** 

Now, on to the Stableford results!
We had a tight race for second and third places, with Adrian Martin and Guy Norman both scoring 35 points. Adrian took second place by edging out Guy on a countback from the back nine, leaving Guy to claim third place. But the star of the day was Declan Hogan who stormed into first place with an impressive 42 points, taking home the Men's Walmsley Cup for 2024!

organise a bus this time, and Declan treated everyone to a few cans of beer on the journey home – thanks, Declan, for ending the day on a high note!

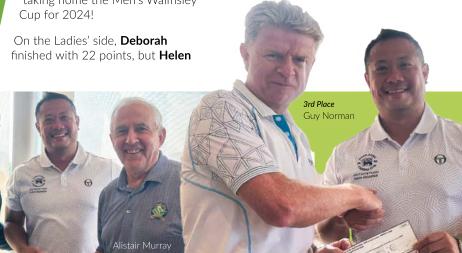
done, Helen!

All in all, it was an incredible day full of great golf, friendly faces and plenty of laughs. We can't wait to see everyone out on the course again soon!

pulled ahead with 26 points, earning her

the Ladies' Walmsley Cup for 2024. Well

For the ride back, we did manage to



arco Jorge

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JUNIOR ASSOCIATED MEMBERS REPORT



# ROAD TO THE OLYMPICS UPDATE ON ELITE JAM

RAPPYLOZ



his is indeed an exciting chapter for **Happy Lo**, our elite badminton JAM who experienced her first Olympics in Paris at a young age of 21. HKFC plays a significant part in her development journey by providing quality coaching and facilities so that she can strengthen her skillset for the challenge. Her Paris journey started by drawing into the group stage with a world ranking 50 player from Brazil, as well as a ranking at 16 player from Thailand. With the intense atmosphere, of the crowd and other simultaneous matches on court, it could be guite overwhelming for Happy. She tried her best and battled with the player from Brazil, J. Viera Viana, and Happy had a close first set, but she was not in shape as much as she wanted and lost in 2 sets. Her next match on 31st

July 2024 was against the world top 20 player, Supanida Katethong. They met each other in a recent training camp in Thailand, but prior to the Olympics, they have never crossed path before. After losing her first game, Happy regrouped and implemented a different game plan. However, Supanida was proven to be stronger and in control on the day, and Happy lost in 2 sets and completed her first Olympics journey.

Happy's afterthought during media interview was an immense appreciation

# FINAL RESULTS

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PARIS 2024

Monday, 29th July 2024 Group D

. **Viana Viera 21** 

J. Viana Viera 21 21S. Y. H. Lo 19 14

Wednesday, 31st July 2024 Group D

**=** S. Katethong 21 21

**S**. Y. H. Lo 14 9

to her opponents who opened up her eyes, knowing she needs to work harder to close the gap. This Olympic journey is not just about results, but an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the weakness and strength so that Happy can come back stronger. We cannot wait to see **Happy** continue to shine on the international stages.

# SALONI MEHTA BWF BAOJI CHINA MASTERS 2024

After Thailand Open, our elite JAM **Saloni Mehta** was busy travelling to Baoji, China for the super series 100 level China Masters. China Masters was a showcase of overwhelming talents. Saloni was drawn to play against a promising player from China. She lost her first set, but quickly grasped her stance and tempo and overcame her opponent in the second set. Saloni's opponent was proven to be too strong for her on the day in the third set, and Saloni graduated the tournament in R32. Her next tournament will be Taipei Open, super series 300 level.





# **FINAL RESULTS**

# **BAOJI CHINA MASTER 2024**

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# HONG KONG ANNUAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Saloni Mehta has recently participated in the advanced level ladies singles category of the Hong Kong Annual Badminton Championship 2024. She was up against a few promising junior national team players including other JAM Coraline Lo. With her experience and skillsets, Saloni came through as the finalist of the event. Good luck Saloni in the final!



# LO SHUI TING CAROLINE

# HONG KONG YOUTH BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Despite heavy academic workload and as a full-time junior national team player, **Coraline** continued to shine in her badminton journey. She has just concluded her Hong Kong Youth Badminton Championship 2024 and won her duo champions in the ladies doubles and mixed doubles categories. Congratulations **Coraline** to your achievement and best of luck to all of your upcoming tournaments!





# HONG KONG ANNUAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Furthermore, **Coraline** participated in the Hong Kong Annual Badminton Championship 2024 open age ladies singles category. The preliminary rounds were not much of a challenge, and she sailed through into semi-final. However, her opponent was proven to be in a better shape than her on the day and **Coraline** completed the tournament with a bronze medal. Congratulations!

# **SPORTS**

Coraline at the Badminton Asia

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# **BADMINTON ASIA U17 & U15 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024**

Coraline has also been selected to participate in the U17 singles and doubles categories this year. There were junior badminton talents from all over Asisa gathered together. Her first round was against a strong player from mainland China, Zhang Meng Yun. Coraline did her best but opponent was proven to be more steady on that day and Coraline lost in 2 sets. Coraline will continue to gain experience and come back stronger!

# **JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS REPORTS**

# HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB / TORQ SPORTS INVITATIONAL OVERSEAS JUNIOR BADMINTON TEAM TOURNAMENT 2024 - CONCLUSION



fter months of coordination and liaison with sponsors and teams, we are finally able to hold the first international junior team tournament at Hong Kong Football Club on 26-28th July 2024. We have the honour to invite Taipei Zhongshan Junior High School 臺北市中山國中羽球隊 which is a renowned junior sports high school with an exceptionally strong junior badminton team, and Ampang Jaya Badminton Club from Malaysia, the champions of the prestigious badminton league in Malaysia, the former Purple League in both junior and senior categories. Taipei junior team almost missed the tournament due to the direct hit of typhoon, and their

flight was delayed until 27th August Saturday morning. The team demonstrated the utmost professionalism at a young age when they literally arrived at the venue straight from airport and engaged the players straight into the tournament.

Not only did our players put their practice into games, learned and interacted from other players, but the captaincy assignment also provided an opportunity for our team players to work with each other and discuss with coaches on the most appropriate line-up, and motivated teammates to perform their best.

# **BADMINTON**

The tournament followed Sudirman Cup format boys and girls singles, boys and girls doubles and a pair of mixed doubles. There were U19 and U16 categories, and teams would compete in round robin fashion.

# **RESULTS OF SUDIRMAN CUP**

TEAMS U19 U16

AMPANG JAYA BADMINTON CLUB TAIPEI ZHONGSHAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL OLYM BADMINTON CLUB HKFC JUNIOR SQUAD U16 TEAM A Champion First Runner-Up Second Runner-Up First Runner-Up Champion

Second Runner-Up





HKFC Junior Squad
Left to right - Coach Mark, JAM Jack Du, Michael Chen,
and Coach Alem in action







# **SPORTS**





# **HKFC JUNIOR SQUAD END OF SEASON PRIZE PRESENTATION**

It has been another fruitful and exciting year for the HKFC junior badminton squad, and the team had an end-of-season celebration dinner and award presentation in the Coffee Shop on 7th July 2024. The award presentation included recognition to the most valuable players, most improved players, junior ambassadors and coaches' choice of the year. The award recipients are as follows:

#### MVP

Alvin, Ellen

# **MOST IMPROVED**

Shubh, Bosco

# **AMBASSADORS**

Kenneth, Curtis

#### COACHES' CHOICE

Jack, Cordelia



"We have to especially extend the appreciation to the hard work of coaches as well as support from parents and participation of all the junior players. We are looking forward to another exciting 2024-2025 season."

# **SOUTHERN DISTRICT AGE DIVISION TOURNAMENT 2024**

Congratulations to our squad players Thomas, Kenneth and Perry winning

# SINGLES CHAMPION AND **DOUBLES FIRST RUNNER-UP**

#### SINGLES SECOND RUNNER-UP

#### **DOUBLES FIRST RUNNER-UP**



# **TOURNAMENTS REPORTS**

# **HONG KONG YOUTH ANNUALS TOURNAMENT 2024**

Anissa

# RESULTS OF HKFC BADMINTON JUNIOR SQUAD

First Round Kenneth Chau Second Round Rhea, Emily, Jeffrey Third Round **Amber Kwok** Main Draw 2nd Round Shubh Malik

**SINGLES** 

**DOUBLES** 

Main Draw Round of 16

Main Draw Round of 32

First Round Second Round Ouarter-final

Main Draw Round of 16

Perry Mui and Partner John Lo & Partner Lauren Lui & Partner

John Lo, Jana Cheung

Michael Chen and Jack Du. Ellen Lui & Partner Shubh Malik and Bosco Fung

Alvin Yap, Thomas Lee, Bosco Fung, Cara Yip,

Ellen Lui, Joey Cheung, Lauren Lui, Faye Wong,

# TEAM COACH REPORT

journey to Olympic qualification for **Happy Lo** was full of challenges attended before. I was proud to be on courtside watching Happy global event at such a young age. Despite Happy only finishing in the now ready to make a name for herself.



John Leung

time to practice and be proud and I am looking forward to the

for the weekend, when our first international team tournament took players and reassured me that junior badminton development in



# **UPCOMING JUNIOR EVENTS**

September 2024

Yuen Long Fung Kam **Youth Team Tournament** 

Jingfat Cup Open Age **Non-professional Team Tournament** 

September 2024 - December 2024

**HKFC Junior Badminton Team** Challenges 2024

**HKFC Junior Badminton** Internal Ladder 2024

October 2024

**National Day Youth Adult Team Tournament 2024** 

> **YMCA Youth Team** Tournament 2024

November 2024 **President Cup 2024** 

December 2024 **End of Year Sparring Competition** 

# HONG KONG SOUTHERN DISTRICT BADMINTON COMPETITION

Our Badminton SPMs **Derek** and **Joyce** clinched the title at the Southern District Tournament, dazzling with their synergy and strategic mastery in mixed doubles badminton, a victory emblematic of their hard work and unity.

Another achievement for the Badminton Society in July, **Nora Man** displayed remarkable perseverance by securing the third place in the women's doubles category for ages 19-34 in the Southern District championship. Amidst a competitive field of players, we congratulate **Derek**, **Joyce** and **Nora's** accomplishment and eagerly anticipate our team's continued success in bringing home more trophies during the district competitions scheduled throughout 2024.







# BADMINTON TRIP TO SHUNDE, CHINA

FRIDAY, 16TH AUGUST 2024

HKFC badminton society embarked on an exciting journey to Shunde for a friendly match with Shunde Badminton Association that showcased sportsmanship and camaraderie. The event kicked off with a warm welcome from the hosts, followed by a series of matches that were both competitive and enjoyable.

The friendly match was highlighted by the exceptional performances of our SPMs such as Jason, Chun Tin, Elliot, Derek and Lawrence. Jason impressed the crowd with his powerful smashes and precise drop shots, dominating the court in his singles match. His agility and tactical prowess led to a thrilling game, earning him admiration from both teams.

Also, **Chun Tin** showcased remarkable endurance and finesse, outmaneuvering his opponent with a series of skilful plays. His consistent performance and sportsmanship were a testament to his

passion for the game.

Other team players also displayed exceptional skill and agility, engaging in fast-paced rallies that kept the spectators on the edge of their seats. The friendly match was not just about winning but also about learning from each other and fostering a spirit of mutual respect.

Post-match, the team had the

opportunity to explore the local culture and Shunde cuisine, adding a delightful cultural exchange to the sporting event. The trip concluded with a promise to host a return match at HKFC, further strengthening the bonds formed on the court.

This friendly match to Shunde was more than just a game; it was a celebration of the unifying power of sports that transcends borders and languages.







# DISCOVERY DAY 2024

n 25th August, HKFC Rugby Section hosted our very first "Discovery Day", a new initiative dedicated to introducing rugby to children under the age of 7 within the community. 135 enthusiastic kids & their parents turned up for a day that was filled with fun, learning and unforgettable memories.

Our pro coaches taught our young participants the fundamental techniques of rugby through activities and games in both Cantonese & English. This was all on the backdrop

of bouncy castles, face-paint, ice cream & popcorn! The day certainly had something for everyone to enjoy.

Feedback from the parents attending the day was positive all round, with one parent remarking:

"Thanks for having us today!

My boy enjoyed it very much and we look forwarding to join[ing] the game [of rugby] soon."

As a Rugby Section, we're excited to see how the Discovery Day initiative might grow as we look to introduce rugby to more people within the Hong Kong community.

A big thank you to all the parents, volunteers and coaches who made this day possible – in particular, extra kudos must go to **Ken Leung** who has been integral to the planning & organisation of such a successful initiative. His support and enthusiasm were instrumental in making our first Rugby Discovery Day a resounding success.









# YOUTH RUGBY























# TO SUNSIINE TOUGH

ur Youth Summer Touch League campaign ended on the 2nd weekend of August with our HKFC x PLK team collecting silverware as 2nd runner-up.

A big applause to all the players and coaches involved for their efforts this summer.





ore than a hundred members of the section participated in the internal Summer League this year. Eight teams played in a sociable atmosphere on Monday and Tuesday evenings over six weeks for a place in the finals.

This all culminated on Saturday, 17th August. After six gruelling weeks, the final was played out between teams C and F, captained by **Aiteina Mitchell** and **Nigel Anthony**.

In another tight matchup, Team F delivered the win, the cava spoils and bragging rights after six intense matches spread across the glass courts. They were supported by an enthused crowd with the matches also streamed live on YouTube and Facebook.

Amongst all the players, it is worth commending some of our most active participants in this league. **Gary** 

Macauslan played and won all of his six matches on Monday evenings as well as his finals match, making it a perfect seven out of seven. **Dinesh Hathiramani** also played all of his six matches on Tuesday evenings, winning five of them and topping it off with one more victory on finals day.

Thank you to all of our players who participated in the league for the enjoyable and closely fought fixtures. All matches were played in a friendly atmosphere that brought together

juniors, masters and newer members within the section.

And lastly, following the recent passing of his son **Henry** (may he rest in peace), **Simon Ng**, a member of the section for more than 40 years, still active and loved by all for his passion and skills, decided to honour his son's memory by playing finals day with his late son's racket.







# MAKAELA CASSIDY, GIRLS UNDER 13S

#### Why did you start playing squash?

"I started playing for fun after school with some friends. One day, a coach at the public courts near my home saw me hitting and invited to try-out for the district training squad. I was terrible at that point, but I guess the coaches saw something in me and let me join the group. I was lucky to get the opportunity, but it was up to me to put in the effort and keep pushing myself to get better."

# How do you keep improving - what works for you?

"I find the greatest motivation is a tough loss. If you enter a tournament, chances are you will lose... maybe in the first round or maybe in the final. For me, the tougher the loss, the greater the motivation to study my game,

understand my weaknesses and push myself harder to improve. Squash is great in that sense; you always can get another chance to succeed."

# Favourite other sport and why?

"I don't focus on other sports, but during the last term at school, we played netball, which was a lot of fun. The best thing for me was being part of a team and having to work together to be successful. This was a new challenge for me, and I really enjoyed it."

# Who is your sporting hero and why?

"Right now, my sporting hero is Amina Orfi, the Egyptian squash player who just won her third consecutive World Junior Squash Championship. She is only 17 and already accomplished so much. She is fearless and determined and very inspirational to me."

# What's your ambition for the future?

"Competition is getting stronger as I get older, so if I can continue to podium at the biggest events around the world, I will be happy."

# What would your advice be to someone picking up a squash racket for the first time?

"Just have fun. Squash skills take time to develop, so don't place too much pressure on yourself early on. If you work hard and set goals for yourself, you will get better, I promise."

# What's your favourite thing about the Football Club?

"The double chocolate chip cookie at the Captain's Bar."

# CHUNG KA YAU, GIRLS UNDER 15S

# Why did you start playing squash?

"I started playing for fun after school with some friends. One day, a coach at the public courts near my home saw me hitting and invited to try-out for the district training squad. I was terrible at that point, but I guess the coaches saw something in me and let me join the group. I was lucky to get the opportunity, but it was up to me to put in the effort and keep pushing myself to get better."

#### How do you keep improving - what works for you?

"The main ways for me to improve are daily training and physical conditioning exercises. The most important thing is the advice given to me by my coach because the advice is very constructive and useful."

# Favourite other sport and why?

"Besides squash, I also like swimming because floating on water makes me feel so comfortable."

# What's your ambition for the future?

"My future ambition is to compete overseas and be able to win over competitors from other countries."

# What would your advice be to someone picking up a squash racket for the first time?

"You must be patient, keep trying without giving up. If you keep this up, you will succeed in the end."

# What's your favourite thing about the Football Club?

"I like the squash court there the most, especially the glass court."





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winds to settle down. Finally, the Boat Pilot called and gave a green light for the swim to be launched at 0100 on 14th August. He warned that the sea was going to be lumpy. With 2 crew members and Pilot Mike Oram and his team, we started from Shakespeare beach.

Within an hour, myself and the team could feel the full force of the winds and an unsettled ocean. These conditions remained until the sun came up, but then again, the conditions worsened when we got close to French coast. It was a challenge, as the boat would drift away with the wind each time we stopped, to feed.

The cord attached to the feed bottle would get pulled away, causing the bottle to follow. Finally, we got to Cape Gris-Nez and without any possibility to land on a beach, I touched the rocks and turned right back. At that stage, the enormity of the swim struck and I wanted to end the swim right there.

But the crew and pilots encouraged me to turn back and swim for another 20 minutes back towards England. When we stopped for next feed, the crew had the best news ever. I had swum England to France in a time of 13 hours. In those conditions, this was a great swim.

And now I had 20 hours to return to England before the weather worsened. With this encouraging news, I powered on back to England. Second night into

a lot cooler.

Wind chill made it even colder. Heading back, sheltered by the boat but the wind kept pushing the boat onto me each time we stopped for feed. About 18hrs into the swim. I started to shiver and complain about being cold. 21 hours into the swim, the body shivers were uncontrollable and cold was creeping up my chest. With England in sight and less than a 12k swim, I had to abandon the swim due to hypothermia.

Mayank's account of this swim is part of the extreme triathlon event: Double Arch 2 Arc. It consists of a two-way English Channel Swim followed by a bike ride from Calais - Paris - Calais (approx. 600km) and ends with running London - Dover - London (approx. 300km).

Mayank didn't successfully finish the two-way English Channel swim. As a team, it was decided not to start bike or run legs as for the triathlon to be successful, all the disciplines must be finished. This was the very first attempt by any person to undertake Double Arch 2 Arc. It has never been attempted before. But with a successful 3/4 of the two-way English Channel swim, Mayank and his team are already preparing for the next attempt.

Massive congratulations to Mayank for this achievement, for most swimming the English Channel just once is an incredible feat, so to get as far as he did with such a fast first leg, we know Mayank will be back for more!



# THE HONG KONG SUMMER TRIATHLON CHALLENGE 2024

# **SUNDAY, 4TH AUGUST 2024**

**Article by Rupert Puels** 

It was inspiring to see so many athletes eagerly greeting each other in the dark at 5:30 am on that humid Sunday morning. Everyone was going to be tested to their limits at Plover Cove that day.

Thankfully for the young ones, their races started and finished early. About 50 Elite Youth raced a short Challenge course and 20-30 Elite Juniors in a slightly longer Sprint course. The first of the Elite Youth crossed the line in just under 32 minutes and in the Sprint, the first Elite Junior crossed the line in just 55 minutes. Some very proud parents struggled to keep up with their kids as they passionately cheered them on during the race.

The main event of the day "The Challenge" 1.5km swim, 30km ride and 8km run. 10km shorter bike and 2km shorter run, than the regular Olympic Distance. Thankfully, the Triathlon Association of Hong Kong China had shortened the usual course, and this was welcomed by the athletes given the blistering hot conditions.

HKFC had 2 athletes competing, Vasco van der Flier and myself. After an excellent start, Vasco and I led our swim legs all the way. Vasco drifted by me in the first transition while collecting the bike. Having started in a later swim wave than me, I was more than impressed he had caught up so quickly. His 1.5km 221min 10 sec swim put my old man 25m 26sec to shame. This set him up for a good ride where he managed to find an elite group to burn down the 30km ride and get on the run course. It was mercilessly hot out there, but Vasco managed to run his 8km in under 36 minutes. It's not perhaps the fastest time unless you take into consideration the 35-degree heat where many like me just struggled to run the whole leg. Vasco placed 5th overall and won his Age Group in 1hr 58min. I was exceptionally happy just to finish and in 2hr 27min, 44th overall and 2nd in my age group. Looking forward to the next race and hopefully cooler conditions. Congratulations to Vasco on his outstanding race result!!



# DISCOVERY BAY OPEN WATER RACE CHALLENGE & FAMILY RELAY

# SUNDAY, 25TH AUGUST 2024

The 2nd Discovery Bay Open Water Race Challenge & Family Relay, held on 25th August 2024, offered an exhilarating experience for swimmers of all levels. HKFC had members competing in solo races of 3.8km and 400m in the scenic waters of Discovery Bay.

The 3.8km race, which began at Disneyland Pier and concluded at Tai Pak Beach, saw a competitive field of 170 participants. Among them, **Simon Brewster** and **Shane Davis** recorded top 10 finishes overall, with **Simon** securing 2nd place in the 40-49 age group and **Shane** clinching 3rd place in the 30-39 age category.

Grace Brewster and Hannah Cox showcased their exceptional talent in the 400m race, representing the Club with pride. Despite it being only their second open water competition, both girls delivered stellar performances. Grace secured 3rd place in the girls' 11-12 age category, while Hannah triumphed with a 1st place finish in the female 13-14 category. Outstanding work from our young athletes.



# The Perfect Assist:

# How The Executive Centre Helps You

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In football, the assist is the unsung hero — a moment of brilliance that paves the way for glory. It's the clever pass, the unexpected play, the move that turns a good opportunity into a game-winning goal. In the world of business, the right support can be just as transformative. The Executive Centre (TEC) excels in delivering that perfect assist, offering you the resources, environment, and network you need to turn potential into success.

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# UPDATES FROM FOOD & BEVERAGE

# Four Hands Guest Chef Dinner on 10th October

On 10th October, prepare for an extraordinary evening of culinary delights at our exclusive one-night-only Four Hands Dinner at the Restaurant. Join us as guest chef Eric Wong, known for his work at Amber, Joel Robuchon, and Les Saveurs, collaborates with our very own Chef Roy. Each dish will be expertly paired with unique, exquisite wines, elevating your dining experience as these culinary virtuosos create a symphony of flavors. From the first sip to the final bite, every wine pairing has been meticulously selected to complement and enhance the flavors of each course.

Join us for a night of unparalleled gastronomic adventure, where the artistry of Chef Eric Wong and Chef Roy will take you on a journey of indulgence and sophistication.



Get ready to make a splash at the most epic Oktoberfest pool party of the year, happening from 1pm to 4pm on October 20th! Join us for an afternoon filled with laughter and fun as we bring the best of Germany to the poolside. Dive into a sea of excitement with wacky games, delicious German dishes like crispy roasted pork knuckles and schnitzels, and of course, ice-cold German beer that will have you yodeling with joy.

So grab your sunscreen, slip on your party hat, and prepare for an unforgettable day of good vibes, laughter, and a whole lot of "Prost!" Cheers to Oktoberfest like you've never experienced before!

# **Back Patio Sunset Barbecue**

After the first successful run in September, join us for a re-run of the Sunset Barbecue at the Sportsman's Bar Back Patio that promises to be a feast. The Sunset Barbecue is a celebration of good food, our great HKFC community, and the great ambiance of an evening sky. To make it even better, don't forget that we're offering free-flowing beers and soft drinks.

\$288 for food only \$388 including food plus free-flow beers and soft drinks

October Edition: Friday, 25th October, from 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Christophe Horrenberger Director of Food & Beverage







# HIGHLIGHTS IN OCTOBER

# SPECIAL FOR YOU



# **RESTAURANT**

PRICE

#### Four Hands Guest Chef Dinner

Chef Eric Wong, from Les Saveurs, L'Atelier Joel Robuchon and Amber.

**DATE** Thursday, 10th October 2024

7pm Welcome Drink,

followed by Dinner \$988 per member

\$1,038 per member's guest

# **POOLSIDE**

# Oktoberfest Pool Party 2024

DATE Sunday, 20th October 2024

TIME 1pm - 4pm

VENUE Poolside, 2/F

PRICE Adult \$410

Junior (Aged 12-17) \$308 Child (Aged 4-11) \$195 Infant (Under 4) Free



# Sportsman's Bar

# **Oktoberfest Specials**

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# Hot Items: Hot Pot Platter To Go

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#### CHAIRMAN'S BAR



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Buffet: Washoku Themed Buffet Buffet Upsell: Washoku Bento Box Beverage: Peach Flavour Yoghurt Soda & Yuzu Flavour Yoghurt soda

# SHOPPING HONG KONG



Saturday, 9th November 2024

# Glam and Glitters Holiday Fair

TIME 11am - 7pm VENUE Lockhart Room, 2/F

#### SPORTSMAN'S BAR



#### Sunset Back Patio BBQ

Beer flowing and barbecue grilling.

DATE last Friday night of every month

**UPCOMING** 25th October 2024

**TIME** 6:30pm - 9:30pm **PRICE** \$288 (food only) /

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beer, soft drinks)

#### POOL BAR



# Bagel Sandwiches

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Beverage: Peach Flavour Yoghurt Soda & Yuzu Flavour Yoghurt soda

#### FAMILY LOUNGE



#### Juice Box Selections

Food promotion: Basque Cheesecake

# **WINE EVENTS**



Thursday, 17th October 2024

# Champagne x Oyster Pairing Workshop

**тіме** 7pm - 8:30pm

**VENUE** Happy Valley Suite 1, 2/F

PRICE \$380 per person

(\$50 refund for any wine purchased right after

the class)



LASPINETTA

#### Tuesday, 22nd October 2024

# La Spinetta Wine Dinner

TIME 7pm Welcome Drink,

followed by Dinner

**VENUE** Restaurant PDR, 2/F

PRICE \$1,088 per member

\$1,138 per member's guest

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# **WINE FAIR**



Saturday, 26th October 2024 Sunday, 27th October 2024

#### Product Take Over - Ponti Wine Cellars

TIME 1:30pm - 6pm VENUE Lockhart Room, 2/F

Tasting available

# PREVIEW IN NOVEMBER

# **Happy Thanksgiving**

Thursday, 28th November 2024

# A day to give thanks and to spend time with those you love.

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# **WINE EVENTS**

Friday, 8th November

Wine Dinner: Finest Champagne Dinner

Saturday, 22nd November

Wine Dinner: Penfolds Wine Dinner

Saturday, 23rd November | Sunday, 24th November

Wine Fair: Stock Up for Christmas

# **COFFEE SHOP**

Themed Buffet: Winter-licious

Monthly Special: Bamboo Basket & Clay Pot Dishes

**Buffet Upsell Platter: Thanksgiving Dishes** 

**Beverage: Oreo Ovaltine** 

# **POOL BAR**

Turkey and Ham Banh Mi Beverage: Oreo Ovaltine

# RESTAURANT

American Wagyu Beef

# SPORTSMAN'S BAR

Back Patio: Homemade Calzones
Beverage: Cider and Mulled Wine

# CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Food: Peruvian Cuisine Tea Set: Vienna Afternoon Tea Cocktail: Guest Mixologist Promotion

# CAPTAIN'S BAR

Food: Burger Pies

Beverage: Honey Lemon Ginger & Honey Yuzu

# **FAMILY LOUNGE**

Food: Chocolate Madeleine Beverage: Juice Box Selections

# KIOSK

Hot Items: Cheese and Cold Cut Platter

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