

# CLUB

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB 香港足球會 JUL/AUG 2015



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## HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

**Vision:** To be recognised as one of the leading sports clubs in the world.

**Mission:** To deliver quality services on the principles of accountability, consistency and transparency. To develop an organizational culture that recognises the importance of staff contribution and commitment. To facilitate the development and participation of recognised sporting activities.

**Values:** Being accountable – to communicate, consult and provide information.  
Living within our means – to plan ahead within available resources. Developing a culture of service – to encourage commitment, integrity, courtesy and responsiveness.  
Managing for performance – to set the direction and develop the necessary skills.

**Aims:** To provide the services the Membership needs.  
To improve the quality of Club life.  
To up-hold the Constitution and Bye-laws.  
To encourage Members to play their part in the Club.

### General Committee

President	: Dermot Agnew
Vice President	: Fook Aun Chew
Vice President	: Nick Hunsworth
Vice President	: Bobby Lawson
Vice President	: Iain Valentine
Chairman	: John Shanahan
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Lawn Bowls Officer	: Mike Worth
Rugby Officer	: Damian Babis
Soccer Officer	: Neil Jensen
Squash Officer	: Adam Wilson

### Management

General Manager	: Mark Pawley
Director of Operations	: Tony Sealy
Director of Food and Beverage	: Dominique Artigolle
Director of Finance	: Ricky Chan
Asst. Financial Controller	: May Chang
Executive Chef	: Danny Lai
Facilities Manager	: Evan Tao
Membership Services Manager	: Kerry Ogle
Human Resources Manager	: Angela Chan
Executive Housekeeper	: Tracy Tseung

### Club Magazine

Monthly journal of the Hong Kong Football Club.  
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*Cover photo: Fresh Kale, Apple and Banana Juice now available in the Family Lounge Bar, Captain's Bar and Poolside.*



John J Shanahan, Chairman

## The Thoughts of the Chairman

I trust that everyone is enjoying their summer holidays and coping with the heat and humidity of the summer months, if you have remained in Hong Kong, that is! You will all be aware of the terrible earthquakes that took place in Nepal in April and May where thousands of people were killed and many more were left injured and homeless. In line with our tradition of making charitable donations for major disaster relief, on behalf of all Members, the Club has donated HK\$250,000 to the **Prime Minister's Disaster Relief Fund in Nepal**, which will be utilized to provide relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction in the country. If any Members would like to make a contribution to this fund, please ask any of our Reception Staff who have the necessary details. The General Committee have also approved a donation of HK\$25,000 to the **St Margarets' Somerset Hospice** where **David Howell**, our ex-Honorary Treasurer, sadly passed away in April of this year.

You will all have noticed that the Club Shop has now re-opened after a complete refurbishment. Work on the Infield Changing Rooms, the Forsgate Stand Public Toilets, Physio Room, etc., continues as I write and we hope to have it all finished by November of this year. As regards the Master Redevelopment Plan, work continues to progress in respect of many of the projects within the Plan. Looking ahead, in the immediate term Tennis Court 3 will close from October for about 15 months, while chillers are temporarily located there to allow the existing chillers of the Club's air-conditioning system to be replaced. Thereafter, we intend to replace the

waterproof membrane and resurface all the Tennis Courts. The revised plumbing and drainage etc for the new Main Kitchen on the 2/FI, will require a closure of the Indoor Bowls Green in the second half of 2016 to facilitate work in the ceiling area above the Green. We await advice from our consultants on how long this will take and I will provide the Lawn Bowls Section with more information when it is known. When this work has been completed, we will install a new ceiling and lighting system, and replace the Bowls carpet at the same time. A lot of work is therefore going on at the Club, with more likely to come, and the General Committee are mindful of keeping disruption to a minimum while all this very necessary construction and refurbishment takes place.

**JOHN J SHANAHAN**  
*Chairman*



Former English international footballer Peter Beardsley was made an Honorary Member when he came to the Club for the HKFC Citibank Soccer Sevens. Pictured here (from L to R): Neil Jensen (*Soccer Section GC rep*), Bobby Lawson (*Club VP*), Peter Beardsley, Dermot Agnew (*Club President*) and Iain Valentine (*Club VP*).

### Obituary

We were saddened to hear the news of the recent passing away of our long time Member, **Mr Guv Dillon**. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

# How to Beat the Summer Heat

The summer heat is on. While exercise is good for you, outdoor cardio workout in the heat can be potentially harmful or even life threatening. When playing an outdoor sports in a hot environment, your body temperature increases. The body gains heat through the metabolic process as well as the transference of heat by conduction and convection from objects warmer than the body (such as the surfaces of a tennis court, the Main Pitch, the Ambulance track etc), which can contribute to heat-related illness and even fatality.

## Tips for staying safe in the heat:

- Stay hydrated
- wear proper clothing
- limit time exposure to the heat

## When to stop and get help:

- **Heat Exhaustion:** Headache, dizziness, nausea, weakness, thirst and heavy sweating, abdominal cramps.
- **Heat Stroke:** Confusion, fainting, seizures, high body temperature 104 F (40 C) or higher, profuse sweating, red, hot, and dry skin.

If you suspect that you or someone has heat stroke, we recommend the following actions:

- 1) Move to a cool or shaded area and/or air conditioned area
- 2) Loosen tight-fitting clothing and give cool water (but not ice)
- 3) Cool the person down as much as possible (spray water, fan the person etc), and alert a member of Staff for assistance.



## Fitness Centre Renovation

Please be informed that the renovation of the Fitness Centre is due to take place from **Monday 3rd August to Wednesday 19th August 2015** with reopening expected to be **Thursday 20th August 2015**. During the Renovation period the Fitness Centre will be relocated to the Sports Hall. The schedule below denotes the Fitness Centre services that will be available and the opening hours. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Full use of the cardio equipment will be available but strength training equipment will be limited to various cable machines:

### Opening Hours:

- **Monday to Friday : 6:30am – 10:00pm**
- **Saturday, Sunday : 6:30am – 9:30pm**

We appreciate this will cause some inconvenience to the Fitness Centre operation and its users, but we will make every effort to minimise any disruption during the renovation period.



## From the Desk of Mark Pawley

**F**or those of you that have remained here, (so far, at least), for the summer, the weather certainly at time of writing, has been pretty appalling. Whilst the T8 that was called in mid-July was a little “limp” to say the least, it is nonetheless timely that I outline what the Club does upon the hoisting of a T8 signal. Please note that upon the hoisting of a Typhoon Signal 8, the Club will close within 30 minutes in order that we are able to close off the facility and, most importantly to allow our Staff members to leave the Club and travel home!

**By closing, we mean everybody to have left the Club Premises within 30 minutes of being informed the Signal 8 has been hoisted.**

If a Signal 8 is lowered between 5am to 5pm, such facilities of the Club as Management shall decide, will be reopened within two hours (the two hour opening margin affords our Staff members the time to get back in to work). If the Signal is lowered between 5pm to 5am the Club will reopen at 7am the next day. Please also be reminded that the Car Park will not open any

earlier than other facilities of the Club that we are able to open after a Typhoon 8 Signal has been lowered. So, please do not look to park/queue outside the Club any earlier than two hours after the Signal 8 has been lowered.

On the Staffing front, many congratulations are in order to the Quarter 2 Star Award winners pictured in the photo below.

On the food and beverage front the **Glenmorangie Whisky Dinner on Friday 21st August** looks like something not to be missed. And, surely something else not to be missed, is the **Opening Ceremony and Opening Game** (England vs Fiji) of the **Rugby World Cup 2015** in the early hours of Saturday morning of the **19th September**. For further details go to page 11 of the magazine.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club!

**MARK PAWLEY**  
General Manager

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### 2015 Q2 STAFF STAR AWARD



Vera Chan, Front Office



Li Yuk Lin, Housekeeping



Erica Shiu, F&B Coffee Shop

# *Wine Journey to Bordeaux, Rioja & Champagne*

## *An interview with Restaurant Captain Jam Tong*



**Tell us about your recent trip.**

I went on a 2-week tour of wineries in France and Spain as part of a development programme sponsored by Watson's Wine. Among the group were others from the F&B industry in Hong Kong. I am thankful for this opportunity, and am grateful to the Club for recommending me and giving me time off for this learning experience.

**What are some of the most memorable event(s)?**

Visiting vineyards and cellars, meeting wine-makers, and seeing the wine-making process first hand was very special to me. Before the trip, I learned about these in books, but being there in person makes it all come together. The great wines, great food and great weather certainly made the trip memorable.

**What are some takeaways from this trip?**

I learnt more technical aspects of wine-making first hand, but won't bore you with the details. Before the trip, I was more familiar with French wines from the big name regions. After visiting Rioja, I was equally impressed with Spanish wines, and was struck by the enthusiasm and passion of the Spanish wine makers. Now I have a better appreciation for Spanish wines.



We thank Jam for his time. Next time when you see him in the Restaurant, you can ask him more about wines from these regions. ■





# “Carte Blanche” Evening

## In the Restaurant

Friday 14th August from 7pm to 11pm

\$398 per Member and \$450 per non-Member

*Includes a 3-course Set Menu and unlimited pouring of 2 selected wines (Wines will be served until 10.30pm)*

or

*Without wines: \$300 per Member and \$350 per non-Member*

Chef Danny’s team will be serving up a delightful Three-Course Menu.

The menu this month has an English summer theme and is inclusive of two selected wines served continuously with your meal. And there is more:

### MYSTERY WINE

*You will be served a mystery wine during the dinner and if you guess the correct country of origin and the type of grape, you will be awarded a bottle of wine. Bon Appétit!*

#### Appetizer

*Pan-Seared Mackerel Fillet with an Orange Saffron Dressing*

#### Main Course

*Free Range Chicken Baked in Corn Leaves with Assorted Corns and Potatoes*

#### Dessert

*Strawberry Tart with British Elderflower Crème Fraîche*

*Tea or Coffee*

A la Carte menu will **not** be available on the evening.

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for reservation or email: [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)

## RESTAURANT

### A CRUSTACEAN SENSATION DINNER BUFFET

every Sunday night  
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm  
throughout the month of August

Seafood lovers are in for a treat. The Sunday Dinner Buffet includes many cookout stations that offer a variety of dishes such as Caesar Salad with Sautéed Scallops, Hand-rolled California Rolls, Sea Urchin, Soft-shell Crab, Crab Tobiko, Sautéed Vietnamese Big-headed Prawns with Curry Tomato Sauce, Seafood Paella etc. There is something to suit every taste, mood, and craving.

\$295 per Adult

\$150 per Child under 12 years of age

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or email: [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)

Just as impressive, at the Dinner Buffet enjoy unlimited consumption of chilled juices, soft drinks, beer and house wine for just \$70 more per person.



## RESTAURANT

### WINE, DINE AND UNWIND SET DINNER

from Monday to Saturday evening for  
Dinner

from 6.30pm to 10.30pm  
throughout the month of August

Enjoy our THREE Course Set Dinner (inclusive of a half bottle of selected wine per person) for only \$368.

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or email: [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)

## LUNCH AT THE CLUB

### THE RESTAURANT

Monday to Friday  
from Noon to 2.30pm

#### Set Lunch with Starter Buffet

2 Courses: \$175  
3 Courses: \$195

### THE COFFEE SHOP

Monday to Thursday  
from Noon to 2.30pm

#### Light Lunch Buffet

\$138 (Adult); \$75 (Child)

Friday to Sunday  
from Noon to 2.30pm

#### International Lunch Buffet

\$165 (Adult); \$80 (Child)

### THE CHAIRMAN'S BAR

Monday to Friday  
from Noon to 2.30pm

#### Express Set Lunch

4 Courses: \$115

## RESTAURANT AND CHAIRMAN'S BAR

### SUNDAY BRUNCH

from 11am to 2.30pm

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or email: [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)

**DRESS CODE:** *Club Casual.*

*No Collarless T-shirts, no Flip Flops or sandals with socks, no short Casual Shorts (Knee length – no beach wear). Ladies are required to dress to a comparable standard.*



**ALL YOU CAN EAT**  
**"Dai Pai Dong"**  
**LUNCH BUFFET**

**in the Restaurant**  
**Saturday 22nd August**

from Noon to 2.30pm

\$158 per Adult  
\$88 per Child under 12 years of age

Enjoy over 30 local favourites typically found in Hong Kong's well known "Dai Pai Dong" street stalls and cafes. Selections includes: Peking Duck, Congee, Noodles and a variety of healthy double-boiled soups, Braised Beef Brisket/Pork Knuckle Noodles, Curry Fish Balls/Curry Pig Skin/Curry Squid, Pan-seared Eggplant/Beancurd/Chili Stuffed with Fish Paste, Sauteed Clams in Chili and Black Bean Sauce, Chicken Wings/Giblets in a Chinese marinaded soy sauce, Chinese style egg waffles and more!

The "All-You-Can-Eat Dai Pai Dong Lunch Buffet" will be served from Noon to 2.30pm (2.5 hours)

*Just as impressive, at the Dai Pai Dong Lunch Buffet enjoy unlimited consumption of chilled juice, soft drinks, beer, selected wines and sparkling wines for just \$70 per person.*

Please contact the Restaurant at 2830 9562 for a reservation or email: [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)

## CHAIRMAN'S BAR

**\$12.50 OYSTER**

every day from 4.30pm  
to 10.30pm

Irish Rock oysters are now available in the Chairman's Bar daily at only \$12.50 each.

The cool climatic coastline of Ireland produces oysters with a truly distinctive regional flavour that can easily be recognised by oyster connoisseurs. Firm, sweet and slightly salted.



## MUSCADET IS AN OYSTER'S BEST FRIEND

Muscadet is low-key, low-alcohol, understated, sometimes tart, and always full of minerality.

Muscadet is made from a grape called Melon de Bourgogne.

In short, no wine pairs better with the very tradition of eating raw oysters. For years, it's been the French bistro staple to pair with oysters.

In fact, there is nothing in the world that pairs better with raw shellfish than this white.

**Price: \$55/glass, \$280/bottle**

**RP: 92**

*Available in the Wine Kiosk:*

## MIRAVAL ROSÉ 2014

Region: Côtes De Provence



Hollywood stars Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt are the owners of the chateau that produces this wonderful Miraval Rosé. It has received rave reviews from leading wine critics, and is available now in the Wine Kiosk.

*"... a fresh and lively bouquet of wild strawberries, raspberries and white flowers to go with a supple, lightly textured, silky and seamless feel on the palate."*

**91 points, Wine Advocate.**

## CHAIRMAN'S BAR

## WINE CAROUSEL

every day from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

From 6.30pm till 10.30pm daily, you can enjoy 2 hours of free-flowing wines specially selected to match the season at a set price of **\$185 per person**. Alternatively you can select any two glasses of wine for only **\$90**.

*All these wines can be purchased from our takeaway list. Forms are available on our website or at Reception.*

### Great Value for Money "Take-away Wine"

How to order:

- Please fill out the enclosed order form or pick up the form at the G/F Lobby or download it from our website [www.hkfc.com.hk](http://www.hkfc.com.hk)
- Fax it to: 2576 7598 or e-mail to: [bar@hkfc.com](mailto:bar@hkfc.com)
- Please allow 5 working days for the processing of your order
- \*\* Allocation is limited until stocks last (on a first come first served basis)

### Organizing a Christmas Party?

Please call us to learn about the different packages available. For packages and bookings please call the Catering Department on 2830 9513 or email: [catering@hkfc.com](mailto:catering@hkfc.com)

Festive Bookings in the Coffee Shop and the Restaurant will be accepted starting from **Monday 14th September 2015**.

# GLENMORANGIE

SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY



ENJOY THE FULL EXPRESSIONS OF GLENMORANGIE  
WITH MR. CHRIS LAI, WSET<sup>®</sup> CERTIFIED EDUCATOR

FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2015  
7.30PM COCKTAIL | 8.00PM DINNER  
THE RESTAURANT



## MENU

### CANAPÉS

SEA BASS GRAVLAX AND CREAM CHEESE ON CHIVE PANCAKE  
RICE PAPER ROLL WITH MANGO, ASPARAGUS AND BASIL SWEET CHILLI SAUCE  
GLENMORANGIE THE ORIGINAL

### 1ST COURSE

SMOKED HADDOCK AND COCKLE CONSOMMÉ  
GLENMORANGIE LASANTA

### 2ND COURSE

CONFIT SALMON, PICKLED GINGER, CELERIAC, HARICOT BEANS  
GLENMORANGIE THE QUINTA RUBAN

### 3RD COURSE

PHEASANT RAVIOLI WITH CHESTNUT SAUCE  
GLENMORANGIE THE NECTAR D'OR

### 4TH COURSE

ROAST PORK CROQUETTE WITH HONEY-ROASTED PARSNIPS  
GLENMORANGIE 18 YEARS OLD

### 5TH COURSE

CLASSIC TART TATIN SERVED WITH VANILLA ICE CREAM AND RED APPLE JELLY  
GLENMORANGIE SIGNET

COFFEE OR TEA  
PETITS FOURS

HK\$888 FOR MEMBERS

HK\$938 FOR NON-MEMBERS

(INCLUSIVE OF A BOTTLE OF GLENMORANGIE  
THE ORIGINAL 70 CL WITHIN HK\$600)

PLEASE CONTACT THE RESTAURANT AT 2830 9562 FOR A RESERVATION OR  
EMAIL: RESTAURANT@HKFC.COM OR FAX 2576 7598

LAST DAY FOR CANCELLATION: MONDAY 10TH AUGUST 2015

\* CANCELLATIONS OR AMENDMENTS MUST BE FAXED OR  
EMAILED TO THE RESTAURANT

AND MUST BE MADE BEFORE MONDAY 10TH AUGUST 2015 OTHERWISE,  
FULL PAYMENT WILL BE DEBITED TO THE MEMBER'S ACCOUNT,  
UNLESS THERE ARE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

**COFFEE SHOP**

*Are you 65 years old or above?*  
**GREAT NEWS!**  
 From 1st June to 31st August, as a **SENIOR CITIZEN**, you can enjoy our Lunch and Dinner Buffet at **SPECIAL PRICE**

**LUNCH BUFFET**  
 - Monday to Thursday: **HK\$90**  
 - Friday to Sunday: **HK\$110**

**DINNER BUFFET**  
 - Friday to Saturday: **HK\$180**  
 - Sunday: **HK\$110**

*(Terms and conditions apply)*

**Terms and Conditions**

- Offer valid throughout June, July and August 2015
- This offer is not valid on Sunday 21st June
- The Diner(s) must be 65 years old or above
- You might be required to show your ID card to enjoy this offer
- Management have the right of refusal if diners do not comply with the above terms
- Maximum 4 Senior Citizens per table



***Pastry Corner:  
Peach Tart***

Sliced peaches on an apple/peach purée with caramelized almonds.

Weight: 900grams; Size: 27cm (diameter)  
Price : \$120

Please contact the Coffee Shop to place your order at 2830 9569 or at coffeeshop@hkfc.com



**COFFEE SHOP**

**LAMMA ISLAND DINNER BUFFET**

**Friday and Saturday evenings  
from 6.00pm to 9.30pm**

Enjoy fresh seafood in the Lamma Island cooking style right here at the Coffee Shop. Selection includes fresh clams, sea snails, baby squid, garoupa, prawns and crab.

Every adult ordering the Dinner Buffet will enjoy a Half Lobster steamed with garlic and vermicelli noodles.

Unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks are available for an extra \$70 per person.

For more information please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 or email at coffeeshop@hkfc.com

**COFFEE SHOP**

**SEMI DINNER BUFFET**

**Monday to Thursday  
from 6.30pm to 9.30pm**

Treat yourself to a delectable selection of appetizers, made-to-order main courses and tempting desserts at the Semi-Dinner Buffet.

Please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 for more details.

***Save the Date:  
New Year's Eve Party  
Thursday 31st December 2015***

**Reception at 7.30pm  
Buffet Dinner at 8.30pm  
Members \$1,500;  
Non-Members \$1,998**

Don't miss one of the biggest and best parties in town. A full non-stop live music fest featuring UK's finest performers; Champagne and free flowing drinks, a glorious International Buffet and an early breakfast buffet served at 1am to start the New Year in style!

Book early to avoid disappointment.

**SPORTSMAN'S BAR**

# SHAWARMA

*at the Sportsman's Bar*

Every Friday from 6pm to 10pm  
Every Saturday and Sunday from Noon to 2.30pm and 6pm to 10pm

Sit back and relax at the Sportsman's Bar, and enjoy the weekend promotion "Shawarma". This tasty Middle-Eastern wrap goes perfectly with a pint of cold draught beer.

For further details and assistance please contact the Sportsman's Bar at 2830 9531.

**RUGBY WORLD CUP 2015**

# ENGLAND vs FIJI

**Saturday 19th September 2015**  
**in the Sports Hall**

Opening Ceremony and match showed  
Live from 2am (Saturday Morning)  
with access to the Sports Hall from 1.30am

**\$130 per person**  
Includes 1 standard drink of your choice and a packet of crisps  
(Open Bar and snack food will be available throughout the duration of the Opening Ceremony and match)

**Booking confirmed before 19th August 2015 will enjoy a 15% discount on the Entrance fee.**

*Sportsman's Bar will open at 11am on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays until further notice.*

# Children's Pool Party with Buffet

**Special beverage package available**

Date : Friday 21st August 2015

Time: From 6.30pm to 9pm  
(Food served from 6.30pm to 8.45pm)

Price: \$298 per Member (age 18+)  
\$328 per Member's Guest (age 18+)  
\$148 per Junior (age 13-17)  
\$88 per Child (age 3-12)

Please contact Catering Office on 2830 9513 or email: catering@hkfc.com for reservations.  
Booking form is also available at the Reception.  
The Pool Party may be cancelled due to bad weather or an insufficient number of bookings.

**\*The Swimming Pool will close at 9pm.**

# FRESH KALE-APPLE-BANANA JUICE

AVAILABLE IN THE FAMILY LOUNGE BAR, CAPTAIN'S BAR AND POOLSIDE EVERYDAY FROM 9AM

Fibre, multivitamins, and all nutritious goodness are preserved to help you recover from a work out or simply to feel healthier.

**\$20 /GLASS**

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# 70TH ANNIVERSARY DAY OF THE VICTORY OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S WAR OF RESISTANCE JAPANESE AGGRESSION

\*\*\* THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER \*\*\*

## COFFEE SHOP

### Lunch Buffet and Regular A la Carte

12noon to 2.30pm  
\$165 per Adult, \$80 per Child (age 12 and under)

### Dinner Buffet featuring Seafood from Asian Countries

6pm to 9.30pm  
\$270 per Adult, \$145 per Child (age 12 and under)

For reservations please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 or email at [coffeeshop@hkfc.com](mailto:coffeeshop@hkfc.com)

## RESTAURANT

### All You Can Eat Dai Pai Dong Lunch Buffet

12noon to 2.30pm  
\$158 per Adult, \$78 per Child (age 12 and under)

### Wine, Dine and Unwind Set Dinner and Regular A la Carte

6.30pm to 10.30pm  
\$388 per person

Enjoy a Three-course Set Dinner (*Inclusive of a half bottle of selected wine*) for only \$388 per person. Featuring Premium Irish Dry Aged vs Scottish Dry Aged Beef.

For reservations please call the Restaurant at 2830 9562 or email at [restaurant@hkfc.com](mailto:restaurant@hkfc.com)



# SOCIAL NIGHT TIME FOR WINE AND FOOD

Join us for a rustic dinner, showcasing a selection of wines from the Rhone Valley paired with traditional French farmhouse food. It's time to meet, to talk, to share and relax, be casual and go with the flow.



### Date & Time

Saturday 19th September 2015  
7.30pm: Aperif with Canapés  
8pm to 11pm: Dinner

### Venue

The Restaurant



Includes a rustic French 3-course dinner, served on big platters, family style. Unlimited free flow of White, Rosé and Red Côtes du Rhône wines.

**Price: \$498 per Member and \$548 per Member's Guest**

# HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB SUMMERTIME HOME DELIVERY ORDER FORM



We have carefully selected a specific range of great value wines, perfect for summertime occasions. Whether you may be looking for wines for a BBQ, sitting by the pool, or casual evening dinner parties, we should have an affordable wine for you.

**TWO RIVERS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2014**  
MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

PRICE  
**\$96**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

Elegant and complex Marlborough Sauvignon with exotic gooseberry and a herbal flavours in this award winning wine. Great with seafood or just by the glass.

**CYPRESS CHARDONNAY 2013**  
HAWKES BAY, NEW ZEALAND

PRICE  
**\$118**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

Premium rich & dry, Hawkes Bay Chardonnay, with tropical stone fruit & lightly toasted oak flavours. This excellent vintage is superbly balanced.

**TWO RIVERS PINOT GRIS 2014**  
MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

PRICE  
**\$113**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

A hedonistic, off dry wine with ripe pear and sweet tropical fruit flavours and soft acidity. Very moorish with food or on its own.

**SPEE'WAH SAUVIGNON SEMILLON 2014**  
MURRAY DARLING, AUSTRALIA

PRICE  
**\$58**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

Fresh, lively, zesty aromas and flavours of citrus and green apples. A clean and refreshing white, a lovely quaffer.

**CROOKED MICK VIOGNIER 2013**  
MURRAY DARLING, AUSTRALIA

PRICE  
**\$86**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

Ripe apricot & peach flavours with a smack of Mandarin fruit acidity keeps this wine fresh and fun. Loves white meat.

**RIVAMONTE PROSECCO N.V.**  
VALDOBBIADENE, ITALY

PRICE  
**\$78**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

A deliciously soft and subtly sweet Prosecco which is a sublime aperitif, perfect for pool parties.

**LE BALLERINE PINOT GRIGIO 2014**  
VENETO, ITALY

PRICE  
**\$65**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

Pear & melon flavours and a refreshing dry finish make this wine a thirst quencher for those hot summer days.

**ZENSA ORGANIC FIANO 2013**  
PUGLIA, ITALY

PRICE  
**\$117**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

Broaden your horizons with this deliciously dry and crisp organic wine. Herbaceous aromas and flavours balanced perfectly with tropical fruits core.

**KUHLMANN PLATZ RIESLING 2013**  
ALSACE, FRANCE

PRICE  
**\$95**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

A traditionally dry style Riesling with vibrant acidity and herbaceous/ citrus flavours. A superb food wine for salads and seafoods.

**LE LOUP Y ES-TU BLANC 2013**  
LANGUEDOC, FRANCE

PRICE  
**\$86**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

This Muscat based wine packs a punch of juicy, aromatic fruit flavours. A great food wine which drinks up spice.

**TWO RIVERS L'ILE DE BEAUTE ROSÉ 2014**  
MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

PRICE  
**\$117**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

Carefully crafted to reflect the salmon pink Rosés of Corsica, the L'ile de Beaute is a divine Rosé. While having complex flavours it is very, very drinkable.

**BLACK COTTAGE PINOT ROSÉ 2014**  
MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

PRICE  
**\$93**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

An attractive and fresh Rosé with an amazingly delicate hue, the wine has oodles of soft red berry sweet & sour flavours.

**BLACK COTTAGE PINOT NOIR 2013**  
MARLBOROUGH, NEW ZEALAND

PRICE  
**\$113**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

Black Cherry and plum flavours with floral aromas. Slightly chilled this is a very pleasurable Kiwi Pinot. Great by the glass & versatile with food.

**PICK & SHOVEL PINOT NOIR 2014**  
CENTRAL OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND

PRICE  
**\$184**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

Aromas of cherries and dark chocolate with a hint of wild thyme. The palate is soft and elegant with wonderful long lingering flavours of ripe cherries, mulberries and chocolate.

**NEW WINE  
F&B MANAGEMENT  
SELECTION LIST**

**CHATEAU KSARA 'SUNSET' ROSE 2012/14**  
BEKAA VALLEY, LEBANON

PRICE  
**\$113**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

With its French heritage the Sunset Rosé has elegantly defined red fruit flavours. Stylish and refreshing, and great with Salmon.

**L'HORTUS BERGERIE ROSÉ 2014**  
LANGUEDOC, FRANCE

PRICE  
**\$108**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

A dry South of France style Rosé with an abundance of juicy yet dry red fruit flavours with a subtle spice influence.

**(LIMITED STOCK)**

**TERRE DI FAIANO CHIANTI 2013**  
TUSCANY, ITALY

PRICE  
**\$93**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

A fresh and vibrant expression of Sangiovese with ripe black fruit flavours, subtle maraschino & liqueur complexities. Excellent with tomato based pastas & pizza.

**LE LOUP DANS LA BERGERIE 2013**  
LANGUEDOC, FRANCE

PRICE  
**\$86**



QTY

SUB TOTAL

A lively, medium bodied red and black cherry fruit flavours with hints of white pepper & subtle spice. Served at 16-18°C this G.S.M. blend is perfect.

**Total N° of Bottles:**  **TOTAL \$**

**Member's Name:**  **Membership no:**

**Email:**  **Tel: (Mobile)**  **(Home)**

**Delivery Address:**

**Date:**  **Preferred Delivery Date:**  **Members Signature:**

**How to order**

By fax: 2576 7598      E-mail: bar@hkfc.com

**Conditions**

• All orders are subject to acceptance and availability. We will send you confirmation once we have received your order.

**Order N° :**

**Payment method & delivery**

- The Total bill will be charged to the member's account.
- Delivery service will be available Mon to Sat which will exclude Sun and Public Holidays.
- Free delivery service is offered for purchase over \$1,000 to Hong Kong, Kowloon, N.T. (excluding Outlying Islands).
- A \$120/12 bottle case order charge will apply to deliveries to Outlying Islands.
- Please allow 5 working days for processing & delivery of the order.



# Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival Celebrations

## COFFEE SHOP

### Sunday 27th September

- ✿ **Lunch Buffet and Regular A la Carte**  
12noon to 2.30pm  
\$168 per Adult, \$88 per Child (age 12 and under)
  - ✿ **Mid-Autumn Festival Dinner Buffet**  
6pm to 9.30pm  
\$338 per Adult, \$188 per Child (age 12 and under)  
*(Every adult ordering the Dinner Buffet will enjoy a half Lobster with Mango Salsa)*
- Limited A la Carte Menu available only**

### Monday 28th September

- ✿ **Lunch Buffet and Regular A la Carte**  
12noon to 2.30pm  
\$168 per Adult, \$88 per Child (age 12 and under)
- ✿ **The Day following Mid-Autumn Festival Family Buffet**  
6pm to 9.30pm  
\$175 per Adult, \$88 per Child (age 12 and under)

For more details please call the Coffee Shop at 2830 9569 or Restaurant at 2830 9562

## RESTAURANT

### Sunday 27th September

- ✿ **Festive Sunday Brunch**  
11am to 2.30pm  
\$308 per Adult, \$158 per Child (age 12 and under)
- ✿ **Mid-Autumn Festival Deluxe Seafood Dinner Buffet**  
6.30pm to 9.30pm  
\$388 per Adult, \$168 per Child (age 12 and under)  
*Add \$70 to enjoy unlimited Sparkling Wine and Selected House Wines*  
*(Every adult ordering the Dinner Buffet will enjoy a Double-boiled Abalone Buddha Jump Over the Wall)*

### Monday 28th September

- ✿ **All You Can Eat "Dai Pai Dong" Lunch Buffet**  
12noon to 2.30pm  
\$158 per Adult, \$88 per Child  
*Add \$70 to enjoy unlimited Sparkling Wine and Selected House Wines*
- ✿ **The Day following Mid-Autumn Festival Semi Dinner Buffet**  
6.30pm to 9.30pm  
\$368 per Set Menu  
*Add \$70 to enjoy unlimited Sparkling Wine and Selected House Wines*

**No A la Carte available for Dinner on both Sunday 27th and Monday 28th September.**

## Hamper for Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival

Available from 20th August to 20th September

Pick up the order form at the Lobby Front Desk or download it from our website: <http://www.hkfc.com.hk>



## Hidden toxins in your "Processed Food"

Learn how to make smart food choices that will keep you fit for life!

Saturday 19th September  
in the Restaurant

10am to Noon  
\$88 per Member, \$108 per Member's Guest  
*(Includes the forum and a mid-morning tea/coffee break)*  
Speaker: Tanja, certified nutritionist  
*Tanja will offer a special "HKFC promotion" to all seminar participants.*

For bookings, please contact Catering Office at 2830 9513 or e-mail: [catering@hkfc.com](mailto:catering@hkfc.com)





## PSA 25's Match Report

It was the fourth year that the HKFC has hosted the PSA world ranking squash tournament and the second year for the Ladies event which were both sponsored by Meco Engineering (Macau). Year on year the event has become stronger, and this year it was at its best yet with the lineup including some of the world's best squash players travelling from countries including England, Australia, Qatar, Egypt and the Netherlands. This coupled with the best players Hong Kong has to offer proved it was to be an event not to be missed.

The Men's top 4 seeds were Max Lee (world ranked 17), Saurav Ghosal (23), Omar Abdel Meguid (28) and Laurens Jan Anjema (33). The Lady's top 4 seeds were Annie Au (12), Rachael Grinham (13), Jenny Duncalf (17) and Joshana Chinappa (21)

The qualifiers ran at the start of the week and had some great match ups all the way through. The support for the early games was fantastic with the show courts having a large number of supporters watching the games. The pick of the qualifying games was probably the great comeback from James Huang who after being 2 nil down against Abdulla Mohd Al Tamimi won a very tight 3rd game 13-11 to then go on to win the match in 5 and earn his place into the main draw against

number 1 seed Max Lee.

By the middle of the week the main draw started with HK top seed and favourite Annie Au playing HKFC's very own **Carmen Lee**. Carmen had a slow start and was trailing 10-0 before she got her first point and subsequently lost 11-1. Games 2 and 3 started off better with Carmen leading early in both before Annie showed her number 1 seed status by showing great deception in playing disguised front court drop shots. Annie's fine form came through and she won the games 11-4, 11-5.

In the rest of round 1 for the ladies section the favourites won well with the closest game being between the number 8 seed Misaki Kobayashi and 9 seed Milou van der Heijden. After a tense game with the lead going back and forth the 8th seed came through to win 3-2.

In the Men's section the number 1 seed HK's Max Lee started his match against qualifier James Huang. Max won the first two well but in the third game James came out to a fast start and Max was playing catch-up to James, finally drawing level at 7-7. James belied his qualifier status and showed extreme skill with some delicate touches to keep Max on his

toes throughout, eliciting some more unforced errors in the process. At 11-10, Max had the first of five match points but was thwarted by the tenacious James who then led 12-11 but again made an error to even the score at 12-12. Long and exciting rallies followed, with a desperate James diving around the court to retrieve the ball which almost paid off as he had another chance to take the game at 12-13. It was not to be though as Max kept his cool under severe pressure and held out to take the game 18-16 and the match 3-0.

Also in round one third seed Omar Abdel Meguid had to battle hard to come through 3-2 against 11 seed Jaymie Haycocks after a 65 minute game.

In round 2 Max Lee had a marathon encounter with 6 seed Tom Richards in the longest match of the tournament. The lead swung between both players with the 3rd game going to Max winning 15-13 and the 4th having Tom win 18-16 to take the match to 5. Max came through in this to earn his place into the semi-final.

In the other games all the top seeds won their games to get through to the semi-finals which meant that seeds 1 to 4 would play for their place in the final and the prize money.

The Men's semi-finals were not as close as in the previous rounds with the number 1 seed Max Lee and number 2 seed Saurav Ghosal both winning their respective matches 3-0 to set up a seed 1 vs seed 2 final.

There were upsets in the Women's section of the tournament at the quarter final stage with number 2 seed Rachel Grinham losing to Habiba Mohamed 3-0. Habiba carried on the good form into the semi-final by beating Jenny Duncalf in 3 games to set up a final against number 1 seed Annie Au who beat Joshana Chinappa 3-1 in the other semi.

After a brilliant week of squash the ladies had their final first with both players looking lively when they warmed up on the final day of the tournament.

Habiba was clearly the stronger and

taller of the two, as she sought to dominate the game early on by hitting hard and low drives into the back court. Annie played a more defensive game to begin with, serving and playing a lot of lobs, keeping her game tight and waiting for her chance to attack. She was very mobile and moved around the court well. Annie came through this tight encounter with the score 11:7.

For the next two games both players had moved into their rhythm. Annie continued to play a tight game down the side walls. To counter this Habiba tried to overpower her opponent by dominating the T. Habiba's dominance came through and she won 11:8. The pace increased significantly in the third, with Habiba winning a number of kill shots to take the lead to 6:0 then winning that game 11:9.

For the fourth game Annie had to dig deep and turned the game around and won most of her points by straight and cross court drops. Habiba started to make some unforced errors and lost 4:11 which squared the game and took it to a deciding 5th.

The final game was heated and both players fought hard. The local supporters of Annie chanted support for her to give her an extra lift. The scores were fairly even up to 6 all when Annie pushed hard and played an attacking game, varying her serves and shots. 8:6 was a turning point when Habiba dropped into the tin and her game did not pick up again. Final score 11:8 to Annie, after 70 minutes of high quality squash.

Afterwards the newly crowned champion Annie commented: 'I am really happy to win in 5, especially when I was playing against a younger player, it was difficult as I felt all the pressure was on me. Habiba played really well and was very eager to pick up all the shots and hit the ball really hard. This is my first title this year and I am very pleased. I didn't perform well last year but I can see in the last 6 months I have performed more steadily.'

Habiba graciously said: 'I am very happy to have reached the final... Annie

of course is a very good player, I am happy to have played against her.'

The Men's Final was between Max Lee and Saurav Ghosal. It was always going to be a close encounter with only a difference of 6 places in the world rankings and both players having a similar style of hard-hitting squash.

In the first game both players played deep into the back court with many rallies being over quickly in short sharp bursts. Saurav played some beautiful drop shots in the nick and managed to win the first game 11-9.

In the second game Max came out of the blocks quickly and took a commanding lead to 8:4. At this time the rallies extended with both players playing excellent squash. Max kept his rhythm and played some winning kill shots into the mid court to win the game 11:6.

Max upped his game further in the third, working his opponent around the court. There was only one hand-out and the game finished in 8 minutes - 11:1 to Max. Clearly he was imposing more pressure and seemed to be taking control of the game; he was now 2:1 up.

Saurav fought back in the fourth game and was up at 3:0 when Max hit the tin going for the kill. Max slowly caught up as the crowd cheered for their local top seed. By 6:4 to Saurav there were



“ *The opponents [from overseas] are much stronger than last year. I am very pleased that this Club tournament is becoming bigger and better every year, attracting better players...* ”



## SQUASH



**ABOVE and RIGHT:** Junior Coaching Class — two of the world-ranked ladies undertaking a coaching class with some of the Junior Players

**LEFT:** One of our Juniors (Sienna) helping to string Tom Richards' racquet



some spectacular rallies that took the game to 8:8. This looked to have taken a lot out of Saurav as Max then dominated to get two match/tournament points. Saurav saved the first and made an unforced error in the last. 11:9 in the last game with the overall play time 72 minutes.

Afterwards Saurav commented: 'Max played well, especially in the second game. I am disappointed that I lost.'

Max said: 'I focused on playing each shot well, I was not that confident in winning this match. The opponents (from overseas) are much stronger than last year. I am very pleased that this Club tournament is becoming bigger and better every year, attracting better players. Today I played steadily, I waited for the chance to attack. I am probably not as fit as my opponent so I needed to find ways of winning my games.'

In summary it was a fantastic week of squash that was packed with spectators throughout. There was plenty of time for the top players to mingle with Members. Also there was an opportunity for the junior members to have a clinic session with the ladies Sarah Fitzgerald, Rachel Grinham and Misaki Kobayashi.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped assist from wiping the courts to updating match reports. This is becoming a truly great sporting event in the Hong Kong calendar and should not be missed next year. ■

## Club Championship

The afternoon of Saturday 23rd May saw the HKFC Squash Club Championship Finals. The Men's and Ladies' Finals would be the final games of the squash season and incorporated all of the Cup Finals which were the Men's Open, Masters, Super Masters, Ladies Open and Masters. Also the consolation Plate and Bowl Finals were played out. In total there were 188 entrants to the different events with 76 for the Men's Open and 21 for the Ladies Open. Matches started late March and had continued over the

month's to get to the finals at the end of May which marks the end of another fabulous squash season. All the silverware was highly contested with many great match ups along the way to ensure quality squash.

In the Men's Open final, reigning champion **Chad Sunde** was beaten in three very close games by **Ho Fai Chiu** to ensure there is a new name on the Club Championship leader board. In the 3rd/4th playoff **Vincent Cheung** closely defeated **Eric Ho** 3-2. **Julian Tanner**





beat **Eli Bitan** to win the Men's Plate and **Jonathan Davidson** beat **George Chan** for the Bowl.

In the Ladies Open the reigning champion **Carmen Lee** successfully defended her title beating **Karen Lau** 3-1. The Plate was won by **Renee Wu** who beat **Vivi Thomas**.

In the Men's Masters the open finalist **Chad Sunde** beat **Lincoln Chan** in three games with **Eli Bitan** beating **Kien Ng** to win the Masters Plate.

In the Ladies Masters **Pat Choong**

defeated **Emma Duncombe** in three.

For the Men's Super Masters defending champion **James Barrington** lost his crown in the final to **Hugh Dyus** who won 3-1. The Super Masters Plate was won by **Simon Ho** in 5 games to **TK Yeung**.

Thanks to all who took part in the tournament and to all the spectators who came down on finals day to support the players. Well done to all the winners who managed to take the silverware this year. Let's see if you can retain your crown next year. ■

## Junior Club Championship

This year's Junior Club Championships took place over the weekend of 9th and 16th May.

With the addition of the HKFC's Junior Development Programme, the number of juniors participating this year was an all-time record of 50.

The categories this year were U8, U10, U12, U16 and U18.

The Under 8's was won by **Luke Titterington**. Luke had a fantastic final against fellow classmate **Hugo Teng**. **Alfie Davis** came through to win the Plate Final.

Under 10's event was won by **Alyssa Ho** with **Chris Robertson** coming in as Runner Up.

**Oliver Kan** and **James Sum** battled it out for the U10's Plate honours with Oliver coming out the winner 3-0.

**Julia Horsey** got off to a great start against **Paige Hill** and continued her campaign to become the U12's Champion.

The Plate event for the U12's saw an epic battle between **Ambi Matharu** and **Olivia Barton** with Ambi coming through as the winner.

**Neil Sadarangani** dominated the U16 and U18 event with wins over **Max Kerr** and **Julia Horsey**.

In the Plate event of the U16's **Zach Ho** took on **Nitish Milwani**. Although Nitish put up a good fight it was Zach who was the winner with a score of 3-0.

**Alexander Chew** won the U16's Plate final in typical Alex form by dominating the T and making use of his powerful strokes.

Congratulations to ALL the juniors who took part this year and we hope to see many more of you entering the tournament next year.

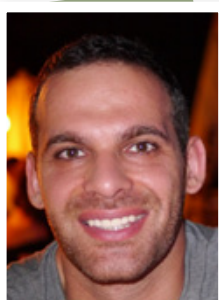
Also, many thanks to all the parents who helped with the Refereeing and Marking. Your help was very much appreciated. ■

For registration and news about the Junior Development Programme/Coaching please contact **matt.robinson@squashfit.net**

For more information on Squash Classes/Coaching please contact **Philhead@blade.com.hk**



# ‘Where Eagles Dare’



Andy Eagle,  
Rugby Section  
Chairman

Dear Section,

It’s an honour to be addressing you as Rugby Section Chairman, and I’m looking forward to pushing the Section onward in what will be our 130th year. Naturally, this history brings with it responsibility and pressure, but it’s also what drives us. As our theatre of operations evolves to become more competitive and demanding, we must rise to the challenge. More than ever now we need to focus on performance, and that is where my efforts will be directed.

On behalf of the Club I would like to extend thanks to **David ‘Animal’ Slater** for his service as Rugby Section Chairman, ably supported in particular by **Derek Titterington**, **James Riordan**, **Damian Babis**, **Horse Nolan** and **Tom DeLuca**, all of whom have stepped down after devoting considerable effort to the running of our Section. Much of what we do as a Section is down to the unseen contributions that Committee members put in, so do buy them a beer next time you see them in the Sportsman’s.

Looking forwards, we have two exciting appointments (subject to visas...) to announce:

## Director of Rugby - Will Thomas



Will joins us from Neath Rugby in Wales, where he served as CEO. Previously, he has gained extensive experience with the Welsh Rugby Union

in both performance and compliance roles. In addition, Will has worked as a management consultant, so is clearly a great bloke.

On the pitch, Will played second row/8 for Ebbw Vale, whilst also representing Wales ‘A’ and 7s, attending the Hong Kong Sevens as a player in 2001.

Will visited the Club a few months back with his wife Simone, and is chomping at the bit to get started. I’m sure you’ll join me in giving him a warm welcome.

## Head Coach - Phil Bailey

Previous Club Captain **Dan Watson** put us in touch with Phil, who has just led New York Athletic Club to a championship winning season as Head

Coach. On top of this, Phil is Head Defensive Coach for the US Eagles, and will be joining them at the World Cup. We’ll watch with interest as the US enters a tough group with a decent chance of surprising some of the more established teams. As such, we expect Phil to be joining us sometime in October, depending on how they get on.

Phil comes from a league background, so expect a focus on fitness and brutal defence. Starting his playing career for Manly, Phil put in over 100 appearances each for both Cronulla Sharks and Wigan Warriors. He also gained representative honours for New South Wales and the Kangaroos. Mr Bailey also appears to be an Olympic level hand-shaker, and left a few unwitting victims with Jeremy Beadle-esque fingers.

Phil was joined by his wife Nicole when they visited Club, and we look forward to welcoming them to the family.

I expect big things from both our new starters - can’t wait to get started.

Regards,

**Eagle, Rugby Section Chairman** ■



# 'Pardon My French'



Charles French,  
Rugby Section  
Captain

Well, well, well It has finally happened.... I have got my hands on the ZZ card, as well as managing to get my name in Gold. Boom! All jokes aside, I have the pleasure and the privilege of being your Section Captain for the upcoming 2015/2016 season.

A lot of hard work has been going on during the off season, and as you have read in the Section Chairman's report,

we welcome the appointments of the new Director of Rugby and Head Coach.

Coaches and Managers for all the other teams are slowly coming together and once completed their names will be distributed via Pitchero. If there is any interest, especially Manager positions, please put your hand up and let me know.

The new Rugby Seciton Committee is as follows:

## Rugby Section Committee

**Chairman:** Andrew Eagle

**Secretary:** Paul Douglas

**Treasurer:** James Thomson

**Club Captain:** Charles French

**Social Secretary :** Sean Purdie

**10's Rep:** Lisa Foley

**Ladies Rep:** Fiona Atkinson

**GC Rep:** Ian 'Jumbo' Petersen

**Membership Rep:** Callum Dunn

**Youth Rep:** Kevin Taylor

**Colts Rep:** Norman McElhenny

**Mini Rep:** Dan Parr

**Sponsorship Secretary:** David Nazer

There will be a number of sub committees relating to Player Welfare, Taipans, Rugby 10's, Tours & Events, Finance and Sponsorship. Again, if you have any interest please let me know and we will consider your application.

Below are some key dates for the Social Calender as it stands, please check Pitchero for further updates.

## Key Dates:

**September 4th - 6th**  
Singapore Tour

**September 12th –**  
HKCC (home)

**September 19th –**  
DeA (away) World Cup Opener  
Eng v Fiji in the Sports Hall.

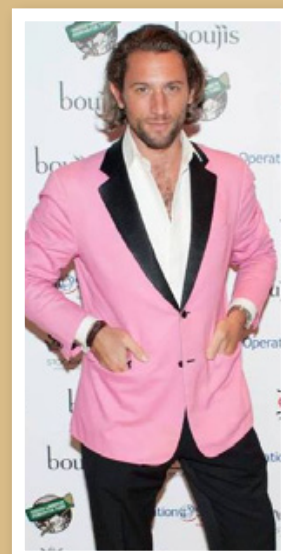
**September 26th –**  
Valley (away)

**October 3rd -**  
First league game and Captains  
Dinner.

**October 11th –**  
Waltons Brunch

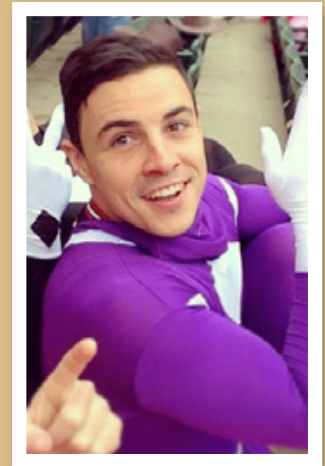
## Get to know the old player: Jeremy Lawson

- What is your party trick:**  
I think everyone has seen the wombat, no?!
- Why did you move to Hong Kong:**  
My company at the time, Pelham sent me out from London. 10 years later...!
- Highest Rugby Honours:** CLUB (1 cap)
- What would your last meal be:**  
Dan Ryan's buffalo wings.
- Most treasured possession:**  
My monogrammed dress slippers.
- Best/Worst rugby memory:**  
Scrummaging against Trevor Leota
- in the 10s tournament 15 years ago.**  
He made me cry. My parents were watching.
- Favourite player growing up:**  
Mick 'The Munch' Skinner.
- Most embarrassing moment, on or off the field:** Not suitable for a family publication.
- What would you spend your last HK\$500 on:** A tattoo for Frenchie.
- In the 15/16 season I will...:**  
Keep turning out for Sequins and be a vocal Club supporter (whilst heckling Niall Rowark, obviously)



## Get to know the new player: **Mitchell Holloway**

1. What is your party trick: Very questionable New Zealand All Blacks Haka rendition
2. Why did you move to Hong Kong: Chasing a dream.
3. Highest Rugby Honours: Debuting for HKFC Select in Feb 2015
4. What would your last meal be: 8-10 plates of the \$88 Salad Bar buffet in the Coffee Shop (was sadly removed for unknown reasons)
5. Most treasured possession: My Mum
6. Best/Worst rugby memory: Will be winning the Premiership with HKFC.
7. Favourite player growing up: Michael Glancy.
8. Most embarrassing moment, on or off the field: Showering post match next to Charlie Higson-Smith
9. What would you spend your last HK\$500 on: A night out at the Harbour View Hotel in Raglan, New Zealand
10. In the 15/16 season I will: Not miss a penalty, conversion or drop goal during the regular season.



## *Lunch with Sir Chris Bonnington*

HKFC Rugby was delighted to welcome Sir Chris Bonnington to Hong Kong; one of the greatest mountaineers in history and perhaps the most eloquent and entertaining lecturers in his field. In collaboration with the Royal Geographic Society (Hong Kong), HKFC hosted a lunch at the Club Restaurant on Friday 26th June. To an audience of just over 100 members and friends of the Rugby Section, Sir Chris shared stories on his extraordinary career from his first adventures on mountains in the early 1950s. Since the Vandals Rugby team had toured to Kathmandu in 2010 and have since developed a close relationship with the Umbrella Foundation, Sir Chris chose to focus on his experiences in Nepal. The talk covered the best of his amazing adventures, including a tour of his first ascents in the great ranges, accompanied by unrivalled mountain photography. He gave a very personal story of adventure, triumph and tragedy, shared with some of the greatest characters of

mountaineering; illustrated with superb images and video.

The lunch was supported by a number of sponsors: British Telecom, The Association of Round Tables, Withers, Last Word Media, Haywards of Hong Kong and Haymarket Media Group. All proceeds from the lunch will be donated to the Umbrella Foundation; a charity that specifically looks to tackle the issues of child trafficking and poverty in Nepal. For more information on the amazing work this organization does, please visit [www.umbrellanepal.org](http://www.umbrellanepal.org)

A huge thanks from the Rugby Section organizers, **Gareth Wilde** and **David Nazer** to the HKFC F&B team for their help in hosting this lunch at relatively short notice. Given the success of this event, the Rugby Section will be looking to host similar guest speakers in the future; so keep an eye on the Pitchero website for upcoming events:

[www.hkfcrugby.com](http://www.hkfcrugby.com)

# Ladies Rugby: Bangkok Tour

At the start of June a party of 50 HKFC rugby ladies and coaches went to Bangkok, in what was likely the largest women's rugby tour in the Club's history. The tourists, made up of members from both Fire and Ice, were keen to play some good rugby and were hosted for the weekend by the Banger Belles; Bangkok's leading women's rugby team.

After arriving in Bangkok late on Friday night, the ladies woke to searing temperatures on the Saturday morning, and after a quick bit of retail therapy the three HKFC touring teams Earth, Water and Sky spent the afternoon playing the Banger Belles and each other in a round robin 10-a-side tournament.

The standard of rugby was high, with some speedy opposition amongst the Banger Belles putting pressure on each of the Club teams. Team Water, made up of many of our newest players, put on a very

strong performance against more experienced players to both score tries and draw one game while Team Sky came third overall. This led to a crunch tournament decider between Team Earth and the Banger Belles, with strong support play, effective tackling and good line speed eventually led Team Earth to come out as the winners.

Celebrations continued well into the night as the ladies, dressed as 50 Where's Wally characters descended on Bangkok. Special mention goes to **Dave Wigley** who stole the show as a surprisingly convincing schoolgirl Wally.

All in all it was a brilliant weekend of rugby despite the heat, and a great opportunity for the HKFC ladies to celebrate the significant development of women's rugby at HKFC over the last 2 years. ■



## Get to know the Ladies with Royce Chan

1. What is your party trick: Shots hunter... ask if you need a demo.
2. Why did you move to Hong Kong: I was born in HK.
3. Highest Rugby Honours: Captain for HK women team 7s teams.
4. What would your last meal be: Something spicy.
5. Most treasured possession: Being able to live and work as a full time rugby player.
6. Best/Worst rugby memory:  
Best memory - Winning bronze in the East Asian games and scoring tries in front of the home crowd in the Hong Kong stadium. Worst memory - Losing in the bronze medal match in a tie break for the Asian Games.
7. Favourite player growing up: David Beckham... that was before I played rugby...
8. Most embarrassing moment, on or off the field: Not being able to sprint 1/3 of Happy Valley pitch when I first started playing.
9. What would you spend your last HK\$500 on: A meal with my parents.
10. In the 15/16 season I will...: Play my 12th season for HKFC Ice in the Women's Premiership League. Really looking forward to challenging the top teams in Hong Kong with all the surprises that are bound to come along.



## *HKFC Rugby Players Make History in Myanmar*

The HKFC Rugby Section has completed a historic trip to Myanmar after its famous Vandals side visited the country on its annual end-season tour.

The Men's Vandals team and the Women's Ice team headed to Yangon for the 2015 tour following previous end of season getaways to countries such as Nepal, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, India and Laos.

"This Vandals tour was one of the best ever," said tour organiser, **Sean Purdie**. "The special thing about a Vandals tour is that as well as the rugby, we also endeavour to participate in some charity work, which is a unique and rewarding experience for all involved. Myanmar was no exception."

Arriving in Yangon late on a Thursday night, the teams started early the next day with a tour of the Shwedagon Pagoda site in the heart of Yangon.

In the afternoon, the Vandals and Ice teams ran a training session for the Colourful Girls development programme ([www.girlsdetermined.org](http://www.girlsdetermined.org)) at the Sky City development sports ground, which also included children of the site's construction workers.

Saturday was match day against the Yangon Dragons. The match was part of the Myanmar Rugby Union's goal of becoming an affiliated member of World Rugby (the old IRB), and was attended by 40 members of the Myanmar Olympic Committee, who were there to sanction the match.

The curtain raiser was provided by Ice and a Yangon Ladies team, then the main match kicked off at 3:30pm. Perhaps due to the pressure of making history the Vandals produced an outstanding display of running rugby, with forwards and backs combining

against a tough Dragons team running out victors by 22 points to 10. Try scorers – **Grewcock, Hartley, Conlon** and **McCulla**. Everyone is looking forward to seeing Man of the Match **Rob Hartley's** devastating running in the new season. After match celebrations were organised by the Yangon Dragons and enthusiastically supported by Vandals and Ice.

Sunday brought another early start with the highlight of the tour for some the "Bus Trip to Nowhere" – the grueling road trip took in some of the highlights of Yangon's nearby provinces, including historical ruins, the largest public swimming area in the province, and quirky local restaurants, all accompanied by a torrential thunderstorm.

That night the best Vandals talent was rewarded at our annual tour prize-

giving ceremony, with **David Nazer** finally, after many years of effort, taking away the top prize.

Monday was definitely the tour highlight for many tourists, both Vandals and Ice, with a visit to the Zaba Aye Education Monastery. This trip was organised by our Section sponsor QNET's charity arm, the RHYTHM FOUNDATION. Many thanks to our day trip coordinator Jag Shadan. The monastery was reached by a two-hour bus trip, then a walk to a bullock cart stop for a 45-minute bullock cart trip across muddy tracks to the school inside the monastery.

The children had never seen foreigners before or ever had any kind of organised team sports lesson.

Within five minutes the first smiles appeared and by the end of the session grins were ever present on all the kids, parents, teachers (monks) and bullock cart drivers'

faces. Ice and Vandals distributed all the stationery, lunchboxes, water bottles, donated rugby balls and rugby kit we had brought with us. QNET also bought ice cream for the school - another first for the children.

Monday evening prior to the flight was spent planning the next tour.

**Vandals Yangon 2015 squad:**  
**Colin Wong, Andy Eagle, Christian Von Kimberley, Livo Liversidge, Charles "Broken" French, Matt Smith, Jason Toms, Federico Bogna, Conor Cole, JD Pequignot, Danny Dolores-Brown, Lee Curtis, Dave Cook, Timaj Carpenter, Jon Gillespie, Richard Scarth, James Thomson, Richard "Spitz" Sharpe, Gaz Bourne, Terry Hart, Nick Conlon, Paul Skurr, Neil McKinnon, Maxim Leroy, Grewers Grewcock, Joe Yuen, Callum Dunn, Ian Morrison, Charlie Higson-Smith, Rob Hartley, Jez Yong, Ben Radclyffe, Rhys Pendergast, Andrew**

**McCulla, Paul Christopher, Derek Titterington, Shane Bourk, Trev Conneely, Matt Marsh, Dave Nazer, Paddy O'Connor, Scott Lindsay and Sean Purdie.**

Ladies Section members on tour included: **Lucy Burton, Sophia Nazer, Lois Lu, Casey Gallagher, Kim Kan, Audrey Lo, Maggie Wong, Amy Kong, Shannon Priem and Jane Cheung.** ■

## DAVID HOWELL *Memorial*

Members of the HKFC and Hong Kong community attended David Howell's Memorial Service on the 22nd June at St John's Cathedral. During his many years as both as player and Member of the of the HKFC, Dave held many positions, including Honorary Treasurer of the Club on the HKFC General Committee. He was a keen rugby player in his day and was a front row forward for the Drags and Vandals, also supporting and coaching the Minis. David was instrumental in introducing the Pieman to the HK7's: he invited his fellow prop from London side Haringey, Martin Hollis, to the 1993 Sevens, where it was soon discovered that he had eaten all the pies.

David organised the Pieman's Ball in 1995, an event that threatened to overshadow the Sevens itself, and one of the finest Black Tie events to be held in a curry house.

David is survived by Linda and their three kids, Callum, Connor and Kate. His passing is a sad loss to the Rugby Section, the HKFC and the wider Hong Kong community. He will be deeply missed.



## Hong Kong Barbarians Under 8s TRC Cup Singapore Tour

### HK Barbarians Squad



PLAYER	CLUB
Timothy ASHBROOK	HKFC
Atticus BIRD	Sandy Bay
Oliver BROCK	Sandy Bay
James CALVERT	Sandy Bay
Samar COOKE <i>(did not travel)</i>	HKFC
Dylan ELLISON	Sandy Bay
Gustavo HENDRIKS	HKFC
Ethan LIGHTBOUND	Sandy Bay
Nicholas MURFIN	Sandy Bay
Rory O'CONNOR	HKFC
Ciaran POLLARD	HKFC
John WOOD	HKFC
Alexie WRIGHT	HKFC

### 16th -17th May 2015, Singapore

A fantastic group of 6 HKFC Under 8 mini-rugby players travelled to Singapore with 6 of their good mates from Sandy Bay on the weekend of 16th and 17th May as part of the Hong Kong Barbarians invitational team. The Barbarians came home exhausted from a weekend of non-stop play, exasperated at some controversial refereeing decisions, and exhilarated from winning the Plate final. The same can be said of their Dads.

The Hong Kong Barbarians are the creation of **Denis Brock** from Sandy Bay (for now) who, with sterling assistance from **Jackie Tong** at

Travelux, puts together the whole show from the invitations (based on making sure everyone old and young will get along – and enjoy some good rugby) through to organizing tournament entry, sponsorship, kit and optimizing the poolside bar bill. The team brings together kids from the different clubs who, as if by magic, immediately have fun together based on their love of rugby and all things active.

The tourists set off (mostly) on Friday afternoon and were immediately in for a most excellent surprise. **Kieran Pollard** (the elder), father of **Ciaran Pollard** (the younger) had brought his own sponsorship contribution – a set of ONANOFF BuddyPhones Travel headphones for each player. Within

minutes, each boy was working on their stickers and the built-in sharing capabilities to watch and hear each other play whatever it is kids play on devices. The headphones were given rave reviews (grunts) by all and were also remarked upon for their child-friendly features during our travels. Every mini-rugby tour should have at least one parent involved in consumer electronics manufacturing.

The coaches' big plans for a training get-together on the Friday evening were squashed by delayed flights so the team had to get it together quickly in their first game on the Saturday against the organizing club's top team – a team we had seen in previous tours to Singapore and KL, as the Barbarians

or HKFC, were quite excellent. And, after about 3 minutes the Hong Kong Barbarians started running straight, passing quickly and defending as a team. Unfortunately, 3 minutes of a 10 minute game is a big chunk and the TRC Hurricanes would go on to win the close game by 10 points to 7. The tournament had introduced the interesting concept of a Super Try – where a try scored in a box marked out by blue cones corresponding to scoring “under the posts” was worth 7 points while a try outside the box was 5 points. The Super Try was an interesting concept and perhaps worth considering for future Hong Kong tournaments and it was interesting to note how the players quickly adapted to the concept as the tournament progressed – scoring wherever they could when they had to and running to the box when they could. Also, having the scoring team kick off at each try restart made the restart much more of a contest for the ball – which is most of the point of the game of rugby.

Coming off the back of a tough first-up loss but full of confidence from how their performance developed against TRC, the Barbarians played some great running rugby to win against the Centaurs Cavaliers, scoring 25 unanswered points. The teamwork in defence, running into space and some excellent individual efforts also saw the Barbarians to a comfortable victory over SCC Tigers by 19 points and again holding the opposition scoreless. As coaches and parents, it was really impressive to see the team working together so well, especially in defence.

Often in the Under 8 age group a few superb defenders can do the defensive work for the team but in almost every set of 6 tackles, the Barbarians worked together to cover the field, make their tackles, get on side and do it again until the ball was turned over.

The final game on Saturday, the result of which would determine the Barbarians standing for the finals the next day, was another strong victory for the Barbarians over the TRC Typhoons by 24 points to 7. With 3 wins out of 4 games, the boys finished the rugby portion of their day very hot and very happy, and with a whole afternoon in Singapore to enjoy thanks to excellent TRC scheduling that meant the Under 8s were all done by 11.30am.

After a pick-up game of tackle rugby against each other, the Barbarians and their parents/coaches retreated to the pool at the hotel for some reflection, refreshment and to destroy the peace of the other guests who were expecting some serenity in Singapore. Fed and watered, the whole group then enjoyed the delights of an amphibious vehicle’s lurching progress around the streets and rivers of Singapore while ignoring the propaganda spouted by the commentator. The Duck Tour is a great way to see Singapore from a different angle – though be prepared to be more seasick on land than on the water.

Even with several highly regarded litigators on tour, we couldn’t convince the Duck to drop the group at the Hawker food centre at Lau Pa Sat but we all made it there eventually. Unlike the December tour, there was no

“The Hong Kong Barbarians are a great example of rugby being played in the best of spirits and for all the right reasons – and there is really only one reason required: to have fun.”

“Occupy Singapore” feel to sitting on the stools in the closed-off road this time around but everyone enjoyed their satay sticks, rice, noodles and some beverages. As expected, rugby and chasing continued post-dinner for the kids and some even went back to the hotel pool for more shenanigans while the more tired among us retired to prepare for Finals Sunday.

Sunday’s first game was the play-off to stay in the Cup and, as a game, would provide many “learning moments” as a management consultant may say. Again the Barbarians played strongly, especially in cover defence when 2 runaway attackers were run down and clearly tagged on the hips, one runner in two separate tackles. Unfortunately, tackles that were clear to everyone on the field and on the sidelines were unseen by the referee and the Centaurs Archers would be victorious by 10 points. The frustration of such refereeing definitely impacted



the play of the Barbarians – and we can only imagine how their spirits and attacking play would have been different if the great cover defence had been rewarded. There were tears aplenty for the Barbarian players at the end of the match and I am sure some of our lawyers were scrambling for some sort of injunction. The kids eventually (actually quite quickly) put the loss behind them, maybe listening to their coaches who very truthfully expressed their pride in the kids play and sportsmanship while noting that they will suffer similar injustices for the rest of their playing lives (and that several of the Barbarian Dads would have to referee games and it is not fun for the referee either).



The Barbarians resilience was clearly demonstrated in the second game on Sunday against the Centaurs Buccaneers with the Hong Kong team dominating for a 30 to nil shutout. The team was back to their free-running best and defending like boys possessed though admittedly against weaker opposition. That victory placed the boys in the Plate final, with a game against SCC Lions to determine whether the Hong Kong Barbarians would return to the Fragrant Harbour with silverware.

The Plate final was the closest game the Barbarians played all weekend and their weekend of non-stop activity in the Singapore heat was becoming evident. Another slow start and some decisions to throw long and not-so-great passes near their own try line would mean the Barbarians were unable to complete

their own sets of 6 in the early stages, placing them under tremendous pressure from the Singapore Cricket Club team time and time again. Under the soft yet forceful guidance of Coach **James Wood**, the Barbarians eventually burrowed over for the only try of the game with less than a minute on the clock. As a wily old front-rower, Coach Wood's shoelace suddenly needed to be retied and, with sufficient time eaten up, the games final seconds played without incident and the Barbarians (players and dads all) would whoop and holler their celebrations at winning the Plate in the Singapore TRC Cup of 2015.

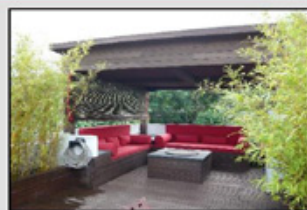
The Hong Kong Barbarians are a great example of rugby being played

in the best of spirits and for all the right reasons – and there is really only one reason required: to have fun. The players were commended by the organizers for their sportsmanship and playing ability. The boys were able to be positively competitive, make great new mates and enjoy an experience that they can remember when they are much older and allegedly wiser.

In closing, I hope my on-field coaching record of 2 games and 2 losses doesn't count against me for an invitation to the next tour. ■

*Patrick O'Connor*

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# Backpack Initiative

With thanks to generous donations from members of the HKFC mini rugby community, Andrew Corkery and James Kibble, also members of HKFC, were able to present over 20 HKFC rugby bags containing back-to-school basics- along with jersey, shoes, socks, toys and books- to the children of Sekolah Dasar Negeri Jabon Barat school (Governments Elementary School of West Jabon in Indonesia). The bags were collected and presented as part of the Selong Selo Group's charitable initiatives in the region.

The school currently educates 83 children of ages ranging from 6 to 12 years. These children are under privileged, with very few belongings. Further, the conditions in which the few teachers must educate is extremely difficult, with very little extras or facilities available to them to help improve and facilitate their students learning development.

We are extremely grateful to the families of the HKFC mini rugby section for donating the bags. A further collection of old bags (in good condition) will be made at the Kit Collection for the Mini Rugby section season 2015/16. If you would like to contribute, please bring along your old bag(s), containing some new Back to School Essentials.

If you are unsure what to pack, any/all of the following would be greatly appreciated:

- new pens/pencils/colouring pens
- pen/pencil case
- ruler
- writing books (plain/lined paper)



In addition, any reading books, toys, shoes, clothes will also be welcomed.

Many thanks.

*Look out for the Kit Collection for the Mini Rugby section season 2015/16 to drop off your old bags with some new Back to School essentials.*





Atletico Madrid celebrate winning the final with an extra-time winner from Samuel Saiz.

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Stephen Tew,  
Soccer Section Captain

## Captain's Report

Summer is on, it's been a scorcher so far...and pre season is just lurking around the corner.

A big congratulations to the HKFC Citibank Soccer 7's committee and helpers for what was another excellent weekend of football at the Club.

We also had success with our HKFC team winning the plate beating Leicester City in the final.

This month we catch up with the official report from the 7's, how we fared on a trip across the water to play KCC at cricket, Bangkok Tour, news of the U-14's, U12's girls season report, the end of season awards and the Crusaders epic battle!

Finally we say goodbye to **Christian Capurso** who will be leaving Hong Kong for Sweden. I am sure you will join me in wishing Christian and his family all the best.

Enjoy. Cheers, Tewy

# Spanish Stars Savour Citibank Soccer Sevens Success

*Atletico Madrid came from two goals down to beat West Ham 3-2 after extra-time of a thrilling final to crown a spectacular tournament debut, while USRC - BTS beat Wallsend Boys Club to win the over-35 Masters.*



**A**tletico Madrid's debut at the HKFC Citibank Soccer Sevens will live long in the memory after the Rojiblancos became not only the first Spanish side to compete in the tournament but also the first to win it.

Atletico came from two goals down to beat West Ham United 3-2 after extra-time to win the Cup final in spectacular fashion at Hong Kong Football Club, crowning a magnificent 16th edition of the annual seven-a-side spectacular.

Made up mostly of Atletico B players, the champions left with the Cup and a new army of fans after living up to their reputation as the tournament's team to watch, thrilling fans with attacking football that provided dramatic matches throughout the group and knockout stages.

The Spanish giants – whose first team won La Liga last year – needed extra-time to win all three of their knockout matches on Sunday, edging Hong Kong champions Kitchee 3-2 in the quarter-finals and then pipping debutants Wellington Phoenix 1-0 in the semi-finals.

Captain Samuel Saiz was named Player of the Tournament and was also the top scorer with seven goals, which included the extra-time winner against a young West Ham side.

"It's very simple. We have this philosophy at the club that we never give up and this is the club's philosophy. It's in our heart. It's part of the Atletico

Madrid brand," said the 24-year-old striker, who has played for Atletico B for the past five seasons.

"We really enjoyed it. The seven-a-side format is new to us, but it's a lot of fun and great viewing for the spectators. We want to come back next year."

West Ham led 1-0 at half-time through 19-year-old Jaanai Gordon, who scored again in the second half to give the Premier League club a healthy-looking lead.



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Benjamin Akoto Asamoah, 21, pulled one back for Atletico before Ivan Perez, 24, curled in a superb left-foot equaliser late on to force extra-time.

With a sudden burst of rain adding drama to the finale, Samu again rose to the occasion, the blonde striker creating space at the top of the box for a low right-foot shot into the corner that prompted huge celebrations.

"It's our first time and we can't believe

that we could keep going and going, all the way to the final," Saiz said. "We had to give everything we had to win it."

After dancing and singing in celebration at the trophy presentation, the squad were mobbed by young fans looking for mementos from their new heroes, whose attacking style and their vulnerability at the back ensured thrill-a-minute matches.

In the group stage, Atletico had to come from behind against both HKFA U-20 and Yau Yee League Select to record 2-1 wins and only secured their progress into the Cup competition with a lively 2-2 draw against Stoke City.

West Ham had earned their place in the final with a 3-1 win over Newcastle United, who had goalkeeper Adam Bartlett sent off in the fifth minute when the Hammers were 1-0 up.

BC Rangers of the Hong Kong Premier League won the second-tier Shield final with a 3-1 win over Yau Yee League Select, who proved the tournament's surprise package.

Jason Eng, Han Jae-woong and Chuck Yiu-kwok all scored for BC Rangers, while Luca Merlone smashed in a spectacular goal for Yau Yee League Select, who reached the final by knocking out five-time champions Aston Villa in the semis with a 7-6 penalty shootout victory after a 2-2 draw in regulation time.

Representing Hong Kong's top amateur league, Yau Yee League Select had earlier upset the seedings in Saturday's group stage when they beat Stoke City



Newcastle forward Adam Gilliead takes on West Ham striker Djair Parfitt-Brown in the semi-final.



USRC - BTS won the Masters at the third time of trying



Hong Kong Football Club lift the Plate on a memorable day for the hosts.

(2-0) and HKFA U-20 (2-1), and even led Atletico Madrid before losing 2-1.

Hosts Hong Kong Football Club won the third-tier Plate by beating 2013 Cup winners Leicester City on penalties after a scoreless draw in the final. Football Club edged sister side Captain's Select in the semi-finals, having needed penalties to oust Singapore Cricket Club in the quarters.

Captain's Select, meanwhile, reached the semis by beating Stoke City 2-0, with **Robbie Bacon** and **Niall Cox** scoring against the English Premier League debutants in a memorable tournament for the hosts' two representatives in the Main competition.

In Sunday's penultimate match, USRC - BTS lifted the Masters Cup at the

third time of trying with a 2-1 win over Wallsend Boys Club of Newcastle in the penultimate match of the day.

USRC took the lead through 35-year-old Daniel Lins Cortes, formerly of Wellington Phoenix and later named Player of the Tournament. Former Leeds United striker Michael Bridges equalised for Wallsend before Paolo Henrique eventually scored the winner for the Kowloon-based club.

Capone, who helped Galatasaray win the 2000 UEFA Cup, captained a squad dominated by former and current Brazilian pros, including former Hong Kong captain Cristiano Cordeiro. Both were also part of the squad that lost to Ajax All Stars after extra-time in last year's final.

"We came very close last year, but we couldn't make it," Cordeiro said. "We decided that this would be our year, so it means a lot for us to win it. We trained very hard, then suffered some injuries, so we had to overcome that.

"I thought the final was a very exciting game; a really, really exciting final. It's a nice rivalry with Wallsend because we played them in the group stage and we played them twice last year."

KCC Veterans won the first trophy of the day by beating HKFC Chairman's Select 3-1 in the Masters Plate final. Marcel Sosnowski, former Scottish pro James Grady and Ian Nelson all scored as Kowloon Cricket Club regained the silverware they first won in 2009, while Simon Page scored for Chairman's Select.

Both teams finished third in their groups to automatically qualify for the Plate final in a streamlined 10-team Masters Tournament. ■

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**RIGHT:** HKFC Chairman's Select finished runners-up in the Masters Plate.

**FAR RIGHT:** Mark Grainger takes on KCC in the Masters Plate final.



## HKFC vs KCC Cricket

The unofficial cricket section of the Soccer Section set off for uncharted territory – the Dark Side – to take on a Friday afternoon team of the mighty Kowloon Cricket Club (KCC) on a scorching hot day in May.

Eight of the team plus volunteer scorer, **Paul Wilson**, managed to arrive on time. As KCC elected to bat they kindly made up the numbers in the field. Two more of the team arrived 10 minutes late but half an hour in, there was still no sign of 11th man **Simon Galvin**. Just as **Captain Tew** was about to announce Paul Wilson's promotion to the team, Galvin magically appeared and took his rightful position on the furthest boundary.

It is fair to say that KCC were very kind to us, fielding a make-shift team that included several old timers and one or two who had never played cricket before. The opposite was true in our case. We fielded one of our strongest teams after repeated defeats on the Wong Nai Chong Gap Road to the ruthless HKCC Taverners.

Quickly into their stride Wanderers right back **Mike Thurbon** and Lucky Mile's **Jezz Gill** demonstrated some serious bowling talent and KCC wickets started to tumble. Everyone on the KCC team, apart from their Australian ex-international who went easy on us, started to look concerned.

To counter our bowling prowess there were some comedy moments in the field. It started when **Dave Shaw** and **John Pimlott** ("The Claw") both went for the same potential catch. Hearing a call, Shaw left the ball for The Claw only to discover it was just a grunt from the Claw who was still five yards away from the action.

Across the pitch, **Ashley Dyer** made a brave leap trapping a ball under his body to prevent a certain four, only for it to seemingly emerge from his sphincter at a rate to knots 20 feet into the air!

Later on The Claw made a similarly brave attempt to trap the ball only to fly



straight over it. But the best was saved for last. As the Aussie ex-international popped one up off a loose edge **Tony Hamilton** did the hard part covering 18 yards in record time, only to arrive at the drop zone to discover his fingers were made of butter.

Irrespective, KCC wickets tumbled as one Club bowler after another took wickets for fun with THB taking three of them. KCC were eventually all out for a surprisingly low total of just 94 runs. In true sporting fashion we let their 11th man have another go as he'd been in for a matter of minutes. Everyone on the team was happy with the decision except The Claw who complained bitterly to Captain Tew and anyone else who would listen.

After a short refreshment break, our solid wicket keeper **Tom Pugh** and The Claw opened the batting for the Club. Dismissing the 35 over concept as nonsense, The Claw settled into his five day test match routine of taking things 'nice and steady', much to the consternation of the lower order sluggers who were looking forward to their annual thrash.

Thinking he was still paying behind the stumps, Tom Pugh managed to run himself out and was replaced by **Robbie Bacon**. Captain Tew replaced The Claw and went in swinging in true Soccer Section style. Despite his best efforts he couldn't get himself out and was dropped four times before finally succumbing for a respectable 19 runs.

By now, Club's score was climbing rapidly, helped by Dave Shaw's six off his first ball. When Robbie finally went for 20, to be replaced by Ash, it became apparent to the lower order that the impossible might happen – that they wouldn't get to bat as we looked like winning!

And that's how it ended. Shaw and Dyer finished not out on 21 and 16 respectively, giving this Club cricket team a welcome victory.

Big Bad Bob took to the nets to smack a few consolation shots and Si Galvin remained on his phone, doing deals, where he'd spent most of the afternoon.

Dinner and beers were served and Ash was awarded KCC's man of the match by Jezz's dad for his 16 not out and 2 wickets for 11 runs. **John McGinley** was awarded Club's man of match but a taxi driver was the proud owner of the gift courtesy of Tewy.

A great day was had by all and it was announced that this inaugural match would become an annual fixture. However, the going is unlikely to be so smooth next time. The comment from KCC's wicket keeper of 'we seriously underestimated the talent in your team' suggests our return to Cox's Road will be a great deal more challenging.

In the meantime, we'll travel to HKCC later in the year with a victory under our belt and our secret weapon, **Mike Thurbon**, to give the Taverners a run for their money. ■ **Dave Shaw**

# HKFC Bangkok - A Right Royal Tour

To be invited to travel with the HKFC is something any Section member should feel privileged about. I've been fortunate enough to tour on a number of occasions, but as I prepared to do so this time, for the last time, I found myself reflecting on just how fortunate we are to belong to such a wonderful club.

On the Airport Express it was established that, in the absence of some of the organising committee, **Graeme Lane** was in place as Senior Tour Director; **Antony Sassi**, Head of Legal Arbitration; and **Mark "The Real Dev's" Devonshire** as Distressed Debt Officer. One could assume then, the tour was in safe hands, or so it seemed...

The journey from Hong Kong to the Royal Bangkok Sporting Club would see that theory seriously challenged: with The Real Dev's leaving his passport and boarding card behind, then his bank card in the ATM; and Sass asking "Is this us?" as we arrived at the one and only stop on the boarding gate transfer train. If that wasn't enough to raise an eyebrow, when **Jordi Rhodes** left his passport on the plane; and our self appointed disciplinary officer failed to make it to the team breakfast or morning swim, then proceeded to keep the team waiting on the bus for 40 minutes while a search party was sent out for him, it is fair to say I was secretly very concerned.

On to the real business, football. RBSC vs HKFC, an annual tour fixture that has been played for over 50 years. This year however, would see the HKFC Select XI continue the tradition, as well as a HKFC Masters XI competing for the inaugural Masters Trophy.

Bright blue sky and a grass pitch that was prepared like a bowling green, what more could a manager ask for in his first official engagement after recently being appointed to the first team...? Ah yes, 40°C with 80% humidity and a kick off time of 3pm.

Weather aside, it was indeed a hotly contested match from the start, with both teams having good chances early in the first half. Football being the great leveller that is, just as the HKFC team gained control in the game, a mistake from our midfield allowed them through on goal and a fine finish put RBSC 1-0 in front, which is how it would stay until half time.

A firm and clear address at half time from the manager, **Richard Ewart**, saw us come out in the 2nd half with exactly the right endeavour. With the midfield of **Jordan Brown, Scott Hooper, Rob Scott** and **Jordi Rhodes** following instructions to the letter; the introduction of **Phil Dowding** at left back and the back four as a unit looking as rock solid as ever, we created multiple scoring opportunities eventually hitting the back of the net in the 68th minute through **Tommy Halder**. On the ascendancy we continued to create chances and the game opened up. This in turn provided RBSC with some chances of their own which required these old pair of hands to get involved on 3 occasions to keep the score at 1-1. It is fair to say we were in control of the half, forcing them to defend hard and having had 3 clear chances of our own to take the lead. However, as is often the way with football there was one last twist. With 2 minutes remaining in normal time and both teams out on their feet, we would

mount one last offensive... A turn over from our exhausted midfield saw the ball at the feet of RBSC's eventual man of the match, our own best performers **Sebastian Page** and **Liam Brennan** 3 on 2 at the back, with a quick exchange of passes he was through on goal. With a very tidy finish he found the back of the net at the far post, securing the trophy for the home team.

Conditions for kick off of the masters fixture were not much kinder and with temperatures still in the high 30's the old men went into battle. Early signs suggested this would be an evenly fought affair and quite possibly come down to good old hard work. And with only 2 substitutes (a goalkeeper being one) our masters would have to be on their game. This was certainly exemplified early on when "The Real Dev's" made a save which was right out of the top drawer. As the half wore on it was clear that, whilst there would definitely be chances for both sides throughout the match, it would all come down to making the most of your opportunities. It was wonderful to see the likes of **Antony Sassi, Mark Hulbert, Graeme Lane** and **Martin Rainer** in full flight; and with **Phil Dowding** (who'd had just played the full 2nd half of the main game) flying up the left wing connecting with his old mate **Stewart McGuinness** in the midfield, there was the possibility that the HKFC masters could break the game wide open. However some questionable calls from the linesman and our boys struggling to string together full passages of play, it was anybody's game and RBSC would lead 1-0 going in to the half time break.

After some wholesale changes at half time from manager, **Neil Picknell**, and a welcome reprieve from the heat was offered as some dark rain clouds approached; the second half was an all out attack from our men. Quick movement of the ball and endless amounts of running lead from the back by **Rory Hussey** and **Phil Dowding**



(both players subsequently named by our hosts as men of the match) forced RBSC onto the back foot. A master strike from **Stewart McGuinness** in the 65th minute was fair reward for our hard work, followed shortly after that with **Neil Horton** finding the back of the net, HKFC leads 1-2.

Never a club content just holding on, the HKFC chargers continued to push on narrowly missing some well worked opportunities. The rain fell, the running continued and with a lot of men forward, a slight lapse in concentration saw RBSC catch us on the counter attack and level the game at 2-2. This sparked a frantic next 10 minutes with both sides pushing for the win and 2 minutes from time, **Phil Dowding** embarked on yet another blistering drive up the left wing. A good ball in to the feet of **Mark Hulbert** allowing him to deliver a first time pass to **Stewart McGuinness**, who in turn found yours truly unmarked out wide on the left; a cross in to **Hulbert**, who'd made his way in to the box, who chests it down to **Graeme Lane** who'd come screaming (literally) in from the right, a perfectly weighted square ball to **Antony Sassi** who took a quick look up and from 25 yards out found the back of the net with a bullet like strike. The masters win the trophy — weekend made.

■ *Christian Capurso*



## Under 12 Girls Season 2014 to 2015 review

The HKFC Under 12 girls squad had a healthy increase in girls playing with 25 girls regularly training and playing matches. It was great to see the same girls playing as last season with the addition of friends, a few strong players and some who had not played before.

We regularly played friendly matches at the Peak on a Saturday afternoon which gave the girls a great opportunity to play matches

### HKFC Soccer Section Season 2014-15 Awards

- HKFC Player of the Year - Robbie Scott
- Lucky Mile Player of the Year - Adam Bailey
- Albion Player of the Year - Tom McGillycuddy
- Wanderers Player of the Year - Andrew Wylde
- Colts Player of the Year - Andreas Thorsen
- Colts Player of the Year - Chui Wan Yeung
- Dynamics Player of the Year - Mark Grainger
- Rovers Player of the Year - Gavin McDermott
- Gazelles Player of the Year - John Charleston
- Veterans Player of the Year - Graeme Lane
- Ladies Player of the Year - Rebecca O'Brien
- HKFC Coach of the Year - Tony Hamilton-Bram
- HKFC Soccer 7s MVP – Freddie Toomer



ABOVE LEFT:  
Kieran Flynn presenting  
Tony Hamilton with the  
Coach of the Year award

ABOVE:  
JC winning yet another  
Player of the Year vote

LEFT:  
G presenting Ladies Player  
of the Year to Rachel  
O'Brien

and against different opposition. This certainly helped the girls improve and have fun on a Saturday afternoon.

We fielded two teams at each of the tournaments at KCC, Tai Tam and Maccabi throughout the season. The girls played well at each tournament, improving all the time and experienced success in reaching a few cup finals, winning a cup and a plate final.

The season finished with 4 girls taking part in the tour to Cambodia and teaming up with local girls to make a team and win the Cup final. It was a great experience and hopefully more girls can join next season.

There was a clear improvement in performance in the girls and very good attendance at training, matches and tournaments. We are proud that **Anna Aiello** was chosen to represent the Hong Kong Under 12 girls team and we are very fortunate to have so many girls enjoying and playing good football.

Player's player of the year: **Anna Aiello**

Coach's player of the year: **Lizzie Hau**

Most improved player: **Lisa Saffon**

Overall 2014 to 2015 was a very good season and we all look forward to a fun season ahead!

■ **Mike Sadler, Coach**

## Under 14 Boys Tournament at CDNIS



The HKFC U14 Development Squad were provided their first competitive action of the season by competing in the Major League Football Academy's 'Champions League' 6-a-side tournament from the end of April through to the first week of June. The tournament focused on allowing development teams to participate in competitive matches. For coaches **Kieran Flynn, Jerry Simpson** and **Chris Plowman**, it also provided the opportunity to evaluate whether the season's hard work in developing the skills and techniques of the players had succeeded!

The tournament format was a succession of round robin games between 5 teams; each allocated the name of a team participating in this season's UEFA Champions League. The HKFC team had the unfortunate honour of playing under the 'Chelsea' pseudonym and hoped to improve upon their namesake's own pitiful performance in the competition!

Deploying a traditional 2-2-1 formation for each game, HKFC finished top of the table at the end of the round robin phase, losing only once to Manchester City, and qualifying for the Final against a strong and experienced Juventus side. In their group match, HKFC beat Juventus 3-2 in a tough fought victory, where they lead 3-0 at half-time and, in traditional Chelsea style, had to 'park the bus' to fight off a determined second half assault from their opponents.

Juventus again fielded an experienced team in the Final and HKFC's task was made even harder due to the absence of Player of the Season **Alex Timpany**, on a 'Holiday in Cambodia', and **Jasper Plowman**, exiting early from the tournament with a knee injury, which swelled to the size of the Elephant Man's head.

With **Ben Lee** and **Justin Mak** rotating as goal keeper and both employing **Hugo Lloris'** sweeper-keeper tactics, HKFC set up with a strong defence, including the impenetrable **Andrew 'Slide-Tackle' Simpson, Jude Schoeb** and **Aayush Batwara**. And it was the latter's penchant for attacking from defence, to the detriment of his coaches' and the supporters' hearts, that resulted in HKFC taking an early lead. With further goals from **Zach Measures, Jasper Smith** and **Justin Mak**, HKFC went in at half time 4 goals to the good. The second half saw a more dogged performance from Juventus, requiring shaggy haired **Lucan Flynn** to work overtime in midfield to quell any sustained response. A second goal from **Aayush Batwara** sealed a well-deserved 5-0 victory for the HKFC and provided the players with ample reward for the season's hard work.

Thanks are provided to Section members **Tom Halder** and **Gavin McDermott** for organising the event at the Canadian International School, which was enjoyed by all; and we look forward to participating in the event again next season. ■

## White vs Blue — the EPIC battle !!!

Saturday 30th May saw the epic battle of the titans at the HKFC Citibank Soccer 7's when the HKFC Crusaders tournament squad was split into 2 teams to battle it out between them for Crusader supremacy.

Under the watchful eye of English Premier League referee Mike Jones, the game was not without incident.

Dives, debatable hand balls, sneaky taps of the ankle, pointed aggressive gestures and celebrations that would not be out of place in the Champions League were all let go in the name of keeping the game flowing!

A 4 - 1 scoreline to HKFC Crusaders white was a well earned victory and man of the match has to go to “**Cheech**” **Tsang Tsz Hong** for a superbly taken early goal and a victory celebration that had the crowd on their feet and one of his fellow team mates pinned to the ground!

The game also saw one of the best goals of the season from white team goalkeeper **William Russell** who managed to score from his own goal kick!!! A heavy footed, lofted kick bounced once and went over the head of the blue team keeper. Once again the crowd were on their feet.

“I was very proud of both teams and they certainly entertained the 7's crowd who gave them a well deserved rapturous round of applause as the final whistle went,” said Head Coach, **Nigel R Merritt**.

He went on to thank the 7's committee for giving the HKFC Crusaders the opportunity to play in front of their “home crowd”, to the Prudential for their continued sponsorship of the programme, the Soccer Section for their support and endorsement and to all the coaches who throughout the season have helped train the Crusaders and take the programme to its current level.

The crowd in the visitors stand were also on their feet ( for the 3rd time!) to applaud the HKFC Crusaders as they walked their path of celebration on the way to the Sportsman's Bar where food and drink was laid on to satisfy the hungry players, who swapped stories re their recollections of the game which were often not as recorded! We won 11 - 1 I think said one member of the blue team! Bring in video playbacks I say!

The HKFC Crusaders season has now come to an end, but they will be back on the training pitch on Monday 14th September getting ready for their next tournament, Operation Santa Claus in December. ■

*Nigel R Merritt*

*Correction: In the June 2015 edition, Nigel Merritt's email was printed incorrectly. His email should be [nigel@nrmerrittassociates.com](mailto:nigel@nrmerrittassociates.com)*

“*I was very proud of both teams and they certainly entertained the 7's crowd who gave them a well deserved rapturous round of applause as the final whistle went...*”





**RIGHT INSET:** Guv presenting the inaugural Guv Dillon Scholarship Award, May 2015. The spirit of Guv's enthusiasm will be paid forward through charity projects dedicated in his name. Donations can be made through the Hockey Section.



## Outgoing Chairman's Report

**Nick Studholme-Wilson,**  
Outgoing Hockey  
Section Chairman

Dear All,

It seems like only yesterday that I wrote my first comments as Chairman, but three seasons have gone by very quickly and sadly my term has come to an end. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chairman and that is due to my fellow committee members who took great pride in the way they performed their duties, as well by the high involvement by so many people in the Section who have been instrumental in making the Section work. The Section continues to go from strength to strength and an important reason for our success has been due to the fact that everyone really gets that the Section is run by all of us.

I am pleased to hand over the baton to **Sam Edwards** who has been an important member of the committee and Section over the last two years. I think with his drive and energy and your help we will continue to see positive things happen in the Hockey Section.

I am moving on to help develop the **Guv Dillon Memorial Foundation**. Guv was a great friend

to all of us as well as the broader hockey community in Hong Kong. We will all miss him greatly and he had a great impact on a lot of us. On a more positive note, a new generation of hockey players who are starting to enter the senior part of the Section are taking forward the lessons they have learnt from him and are building on the strong platform he provided them. In time we hope that some of them will pass their knowledge on to the next generation and so on.

Helping the young was always important to Guv and the Section has set up a programme to help continue his personal mission. The main principal behind the programme will be to raise funds and assist children who need help to re-engage with society through hockey and sport in general. I know that if we harness the power of all of us, that we can provide important help to our community and continue Guv's work.

As a final word I would like to say that we should not take for granted our privileged position that we have as part of the HKFC and to use it to try and make a difference in our local community and in our global sport. Let's set our goals high and go for it!!

Thank you for your trust and support over the last 3 years. ■

*Nick*



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## GUV DILLON, 1980 - 2015

It's easy to dedicate a tribute to someone who polarized those around him so profoundly. There have been many kind words shared and some great memories retold in recent weeks as we very sadly farewelled a life lost too soon. Losing a mate so early in life is hard to comprehend, but in the knowledge his suffering is now over and our healing can begin we can reflect and put value on all the good that came from Guv's time with us, and look to ways to pay it forward in his honour.

Guv was a notable 'character', a man with a presence around hockey in HK. Whether on the sideline as a coach or out on the pitch as a player or umpire, with Guv, you always knew he was going to be passionate about his role and the game in play.

As a player, from time to time he had his doubts in his own performances, but he was always on the cusp of being awesome... or so he would constantly tell me. Guv was the ultimate optimist and had no reason to doubt he wasn't going to be a valued member of any team he played for. He was advanced in his knowledge of the game and the player requirements for every position, under any situation, against any opposition. For him the leap from knowing what to do and being able to do it seemed a mere step, as easy as turning a page in a book. So even if he wasn't having his greatest game ever there was never any doubt it was probably going to be the next one that he'd set the world on fire.

Speaking of fire, although Guv was a player who could start a fire and put it out where there was no need for one in the first place... mostly when challenging his father's umpiring... he was regularly the glue between rival clubs. Able to bridge the gap created by perceived differences, Guv could manage players and situations that fired up between rival teams and whilst he always had your

back, he could also offer that same support to the opposition without it compromising his loyalty to his own. Only Tottenham would surpass his passion for supporting a club the way he supported the HKFC. This was even more evident in his approach to coaching, particularly the juniors and the lower division senior teams. For him, everyone was entitled to become a better player and he dedicated a huge amount of his time and efforts to coaching these players.

Guv would regularly make the point that there was always something you could improve on, there was always something new to learn, there was always something to take away as an achievement, a step forward. Whoever he was working with, he never 'dumbed-it-down' or lowered his expectations. He was always encouraging his players to play to their potential and to realize that the potential would always increase the more they applied themselves. He ensured that the players he worked with always felt there was no end point to what they were capable of achieving and for that he was greatly appreciated and valued. He quickly established relationships with other coaches and players and was thirsty to share their views and to discuss his own. Being around the game was always enjoyable for Guv. He was so open and honest with people, even if he'd just met them. You got what you saw with him, he gave you his opinion (good and bad), and people respected that (most of the time). He was loyal to the game, to those who shared his interest and to those who were prepared to challenge his thinking and accept the challenges he posed back, but ultimately he was in it for the fun, the opportunity to hang out with his mates... after all, it beat going to work.

For all of this and more, he will be missed but remembered fondly. ■

*Chappie*



**Sam Edwards,**  
Incoming Hockey Section Chairman

## Incoming Chairman's Report

The summer expat exodus is well underway which for the new Section Committee means it is time to get on with the planning for the upcoming season. Firstly I'd like to thank all the committee members, both from last year and this, for stepping up to volunteer their time, effort and expertise to the various roles that make the Section run. Secondly, as Chairman, **Nick** has overseen a crucial time in the Section's history and his efforts have brought great success and stability to the Section. Thank you Nick!

In continuing his work we are looking forward to an exciting new season. In September we will welcome **Tristram 'Trid' Woodhouse** to join us and provide some coaching forums for all areas of the Section - men, ladies, juniors and the coaching volunteers who help coach at all levels across the section. Trid is an ex-Australian international now running his own Sports Academy in Perth, we also hope that with Trid's help we can create great opportunities for advancing our youth tours in the future.

Our Junior section continues to go from strength to strength under the guidance and drive of **Simon Shepherdson**, and the coaching and development skills of **Simon Chapman**. With growth comes

## 2015/16 HKFC Hockey Section Committee

Chairperson	Sam Edwards
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Ladies Vice Captain	Nicola Bruce
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Ladies Membership	Lynsey Edgar
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Men's Social	Chris Giblin
Ladies' Social	Sammy Liddlelow
Sixes Tournament	James Buchanan
Communications	Claire Watson
Social Media	Alice Cabrelli
TeamSnap	Adrian Ho
Club Magazine	Natalie Dent
Umpire Co-ordinator	Lyle Williams

challenges and this year we will be expanding our coaching staff in order to benefit both the junior and senior sections. We are on the lookout for two young coaches to assist across the Section. Watch this space!

Another step in improving our offering to the junior players is the moving of the U12 coaching to a Saturday. This move will enable us to provide more pitch time across the Section as a whole as well as better coaching and availability of our essential volunteer coaches. Our hockey community thrives based on input from a wide number of people offering extra time and commitment.

As a committee we will be continuing to focus on both the development of the Section and maintaining its smooth running. A challenging area is umpiring; going forward all new joiners will become active umpires, however, we cannot rely on new joiners alone and I would encourage all to partake. Having recently taken charge of my first game, as part of the mighty KimChees summer 11s, I can say that it is very rewarding and really does help with both your understanding of the game and the elements required to succeed. To enable more umpires to become qualified **Lyle Williams** will be setting up more courses and arranging more practical assessments to help resolve the back log with the HKHA.

As a Hockey Section Committee we would like as much input from Section members as possible so please reach out to us with any requests or concerns, you will find the details of the committee on the adjacent table.

Lastly I'd like to congratulate **Rhona Barr**, **Leela Patel**, **Tina Bell-Kake** and **Lou Man** for their appointments to their respective HKHA committees.

Have a great summer and we look forward to an exciting season of hockey ahead. ■

*Sam*

## Men's Captain Summer Report

You'd think that with no hockey going on there'd be little to report, but alas, hockey is a wheel that does not stop turning, and the summer months are as busy as ever for the Committee; thus, I will try to keep this brief, but there are some important points to cover so please bear with me.

Whilst the Men's section (MS) have already bid farewell to a number of players this summer, we are already looking to welcome in new blood who will add strength in depth and a bit of spark to our squads. Much of this will actually be provided by the Junior section, as the MS take the significant steps of introducing a "Colts" team into the senior set-up, providing our



best young players - aided by some experienced old hands - the chance to take their hockey to the next level. This is an unprecedented initiative for the MS, and will involve a good deal of rearrangement and reshuffling from the D team down; rest assured, we are doing this in co-operation with captains and with great consideration for all affected. This will be a complicated balancing act for the selection committee, but the development of our junior players is of great importance to us; we hope you will all be supportive and excited about the Colts as we progress.

On wider squad selection, as always, the MS are required to register initial squads with the HKHA by the prohibitively early date of 31st July. At the time of writing, in order to provide a final/only(!) look at existing and new players before then, we will be holding a "kick-off afternoon" to the season on **Sunday 26th July**, to take the form of friendly small-sided games between squads, followed by a few even more friendly beers at the Sportsman's. Many of you may be away or otherwise unavailable then, and so I should clarify that these are not trials in the purest sense, but rather much more a welcome back to hockey and your team mates not seen in a while, shortly ahead of pre-season training which will be starting up again in August. More details have been emailed out separately. I wish to be fully transparent on this, so if you have any queries please feel free to contact me.

This early registration date is one of a number of issues presented to us by the HKHA Men's Section (HKHAMS), and so I'm delighted to announce that at the recent HKHAMS AGM, held on June 25th, our Vice-Captain and our very own **Lou Man** was elected to the HKHAMS Committee. With Lou on board we will now have a much better chance of effecting real and positive change on men's hockey in Hong Kong, so it really is great news and massive congratulations are due to Lou.

On our own committee, we also welcomed two new members vital to the successful operation of the MS: **Rob Ridland** joined as Membership Co-ordinator whilst **Stephen Porteous** took up the role of Convenor, responsible for liaising between HKFC and the HKHA. They replace **Paul McGuire** and **Tim Loh** respectively. These are the guys who make sure you can play Sunday league hockey for HKFC, and do a great deal for all of us, so I'd like to publicly thank Paul and Tim for their hard work over the years, and formally welcome Rob and Stephen, who have already thrown themselves into their roles already with tenacity and rigour.

I'll see you all for training soon enough; enjoy your summer break while it lasts...

*Yan Adams, Men's Hockey Captain*



Mel Watt received the HKHA's Service to Hockey award for her 14 years of contributions, which include playing for the Club and Vets, umpiring games at local and international level, and helping mentor new umpires.

## Ladies' Captain Summer Report

I hope you are all enjoying your summers and a bit of time away from hockey. I'm sure lots of you will be keeping up your fitness, but for those who eat a lot whilst away on holiday (like me), there will be lots of fitness and pre-season training sessions going on from the beginning of August. **Trials will be held on the 22nd and 29th of August** and will be open to everyone, so if you'd like to try out for a higher team, go for it! We will also be taking performance at preseason into account, so we get a fuller picture of how you play hockey. In addition to those dates, we plan to run team friendlies on the **5th September**. We hope to have you all in a squad by the end of August to allow you time to bond and train with your new squads before the league begins on the **12th September**.

Huge congratulations to **Tina Bell-Kake** and **Leela Patel** who join me on the HKHA women's section committee. It is always fantastic when people give up their time to help run and develop Hong Kong hockey.

Last but not least, as there is no goal of the month (as we have had no games), I am dedicating the space to someone who has contributed an amazing amount to hockey and umpiring at the Club and in Hong Kong. **Mel Watt** received the HKHA's Service to Hockey award for her 14 years of contributions, which include playing for the Club and Vets, umpiring games at local and international level, and helping mentor new umpires. She was also Ladies Vice Captain and on the HKHA umpire's section committee. An amazing achievement and a great role model, well done Mel! ■

*Rhona Barr, Ladies Hockey Captain*

# End of Season Party: Havana Nights



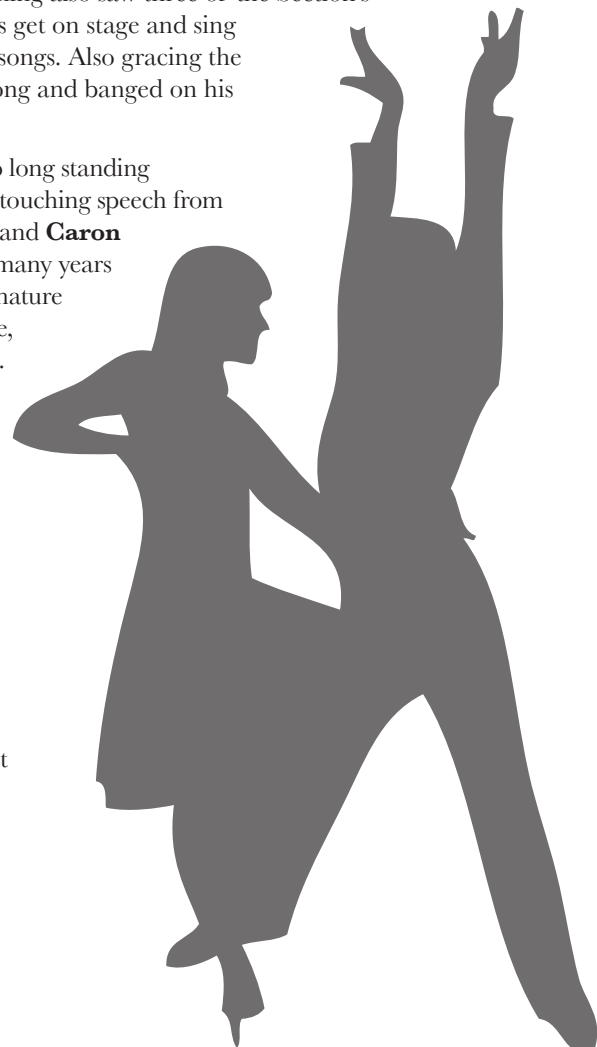
The Three Amigos plus one

**T**he Havana Nights Party ended the hockey season with a bang! With a great attendance across the board, the organizers were hard pushed to fit everyone into one space. There was an array of retro Cuban outfits which added to a solid performance for the season's closing. Guests were greeted with Mojitos on arrival, and enjoyed the open photo booth which provided the usual entertaining poses. Team tables were a must and various parts of the room echoed with raucous end of season fine sessions. The awards, an incredibly important part of the evening went by with tankards dotted all over the venue at the end of the night - with a few battered souls collecting theirs a number of days later. Dancing

ensued, with the Latino band Azucar Latino, which garnered high energy dancing, a lot of sweating and the occasional spill on the dance floor throughout the night. The evening also saw three of the Section's Spanish speaking men's players get on stage and sing an assortment of classic Latin songs. Also gracing the stage was **Pagey**, who sang along and banged on his tambourine.

The Section also paid tribute to long standing member **Nikki Russo**, with a touching speech from close friends **Dawn Strachan** and **Caron Hughes**. Nikki signed off her many years as a Club Member with the signature hockey fine... Cointreau - gargle, shake and drink it upside down. The entire Section wishes both Nikki and her husband **Dave** the best of luck on their new adventure in New York.

A great night was had by all and it is now time to look forward to the start of season party, which will be organized by the sections two new social secretaries **Samantha Liddelow** and **Chris Giblin**. Details of the party will be sent out to your team's social secretary soon. ■



Best of luck to Nikki and her husband Dave on their new adventure in New York

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# Lawn Bowls News



HKFC representatives on Finals Day

## First 2015 National Competitions Finals Day

The first Finals Day for 2015 was held on the morning and afternoon of 28th June. Thanks to the remarkable performance of our bowlers, six HKFC teams won their semi-final games which enabled them to compete for four titles in the Finals. The competitions were full of excitement and challenges, and our teams came away with three championships and three runners-up. Congratulations to all the Club representatives and thanks for their great effort and support to the Section. The overall results of our teams are listed as below:

### Mixed Pairs

Runner-up: **Winnie Au** and **SK Ng**

### Women's National Pairs

Champion: **Rita Shek** and **Wanis Sze**

Runner-up: **Celena Kwok** and **Vivian Yip**

### Women's National Triples

Champion: **May Poon**, **Flora Ni** and **Priscilla Lam**

### Mixed Fours

Champion: **Winnie Au**, **Camilla Leung**, **SK Ng** and **Danny Ho**

Runner-up: **Connie Chung**, **Connie Chan**, **Stanley Luk** and **Stephen Chan**



Women's National Triples Champions: May Poon, Flora Ni and Priscilla Lam



Rita Shek, Wanis Sze, Celena Kwok and Vivian Yip in National Pairs



Mixed Fours Champions: SK, Danny, Camilla and Winnie

Celena and Wanis, share the moment of glory



Cyrus and Camilla



Runner-up of Mixed Fours: Connie Chung, Connie Chan, Stanley and Stephen Chan



Cheers to the Women's National Triples Champions



Supporters Wai Yee and Daisy

## Sunday Afternoon Social Games

In order to attract more Section bowlers to come together and have fun bowling, the Section organized the 'Sunday Afternoon Social Games' in May and June. This event consisted of five rounds held on five Sunday afternoons. The participants were drawn into teams and each team played three games during the afternoon. Price money, contributed by the players, was presented to the winners and runners-up at the end of each afternoon and the results accumulated until the last round held on the 21st June.

A total of 78 bowlers joined this function. Here are the results of each of the five rounds and the overall aggregate winners:

Round One: Winning team – **WY Lau, KH Wong** and **Johnny**  
 Runner-up team- **Tonia, Frankie** and **Arthur**

Round Two: Winning team – **Raphael, WY Lau** and **Donald**  
 Runner-up team – **Bernard, Yumi** and **Johnny**

Round Three: Winning team – **WY Lau** and **Frankie**  
 Runner-up team – **Calinna** and **Wanis**

Round Four: Winning team – **Tonia** and **Yumi**  
 Runner-up team – **Lita** and **Josephine Lam**

Round Five: Winning team – **Edmund, Cecilia Tso** and **Herbert**  
 Runner-up team – **WY Lau, Raphael** and **Roger Nissim**

Aggregate Champion – **Yumi Wong**  
 Aggregate Runner-up – **WY Lau**

This event will carry on during the summer, and will be held on four Saturday afternoons starting from 11 July. We hope more bowlers can join and share the fun together. Thanks to **Frankie** for organizing this event. ■

*Bernard Young* **Chairman**



Group photo



Round 1 Winners: Wai Yee, KH and Johnny



Round 1 Runner-ups Tonia, Frankie and Arthur



Round 2 group photo



Round 3 Winners Frankie & W M Lee, Runner-ups Calinna & Wanis



Round 4 Winners: Tonia & Yumi  
 Runner-up, Josephine & Lita



Round 5 Winners, Cecilia Tso, Raphael and Herbert



Round 5 Runner-up, Wai Yee, Roger and WM Lee (not in the photo)



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## LAWN BOWLS

### National Indoor Singles 2015- Finals Day

The morning of Saturday 11th July 2015 began at CCC's Indoor Green with great expectations for the Club having 3 bowlers competing in the semi-finals on the National Indoor Singles, but, by late afternoon only **Dorothy Yu** remained to claim glory in the Ladies Championship Title.

**Danny Ho**, wearing the new Club shirt, presented to him by the Chairman for good luck, easily dismissed his opponent by winning both sets of 9 ends. **Wanis Wan** won her first set against Queenie Lai of SBSC but lost the second set by only one shot to deprive herself of glory. In the tie breaker, she also lost by 1 shot.

Dorothy Yu needed the tie breaker to dismiss her opponent and the scene was now set for Dorothy to play Queenie Lai of SBSC and Danny to play Kevin Fung of CCC in the exciting Finals.

Both finals games had to be settled by tie breakers, but Danny's lucky shirt may have let him down as he had to settle for runner-up, or maybe it was Kevin's home green advantage that deprived Danny of taking this title for Club for the sixth occasion since the event began 20 year ago.

Dorothy won the first set, lost the second set, but took the title from Queenie in the tie breaker. All Dorothy' supporter from Club, who had been watching the games all day, joined her in her celebration. Well done Dorothy. ■

*Mike Worth*



Dorothy with her Club supporters

# Netball News



Karin Looram,  
Netball DSA Chairperson

## Chairperson's report

After many years as Chairperson, it is with mixed emotions that I hand over the reigns to the new Chairperson, **Penny Angove**, so this will be my last magazine write up.

I am so proud to have witnessed how far the Netball DSA has come over the past years with the hard work and brilliance of the committee members past and present.

It's also been great to see the amazing results of the HKFC teams, players and coaches.

The Netball DSA held their AGM and Prize-giving in May. Welcome to all the new committee members and thanks to the outgoing. Also a massive congratulations to the Players' Players recipients and the Coach's Players recipients.

We are in our off season right now, so not much to report from the regular league, however big news would have to be the recent Invitational Singapore Tour.

Hot off winning the 2015 League, HKFC Club team were invited to Singapore to play against the Singapore National team, who were preparing for the World Netball Championships.



HKFC Club at the Invitational Singapore Tour

It was a great opportunity for HKFC to test their strength against a team that was at the peak of their fitness with full playing squads.

HKFC pulled off an amazingly close first game on the Friday night, even out-scoring in several quarters of the 6 quarters.

The second game on the Saturday was just as close with only 6 goals in the end between the two teams.

It was such a successful tour on all accounts, from the great competition we faced, to the strong competition that we gave them, the close relationships forged between Singapore and the HKFC coaches and administration, to the knowledge and experience we all gained from playing Singapore.

Also accompanying HKFC on tour was Umpire **Ellie Stanley** who worked as the HK representative and was lucky enough to be mentored by Singapore Umpiring while on tour. Big thanks to Ellie who did an amazing job and we look forward to having her tour again with us in the future.

The final complement came when Singapore Coach Ruth Aitken invited us back the next weekend - if we were free! We look forward to



BKK Tour



BKK Dim Sum Dolls



Netball Management team

## NETBALL

hosting the Singapore National Squad at HKFC very soon.

HKFC were also represented in Bangkok for the Southerners Invitational Netball Tournament. The HKFC "Dim Sum Dolls" went to BKK with high hopes and played against teams from all over Asia. The Dim Sum Dolls, made up of Whirlies, Tornadoes and Monsoons were eventual winners! I am sure they celebrated with a massage and a cocktail!

Lastly, check out our Facebook and website for updates on Trials and our first ever Net Ball! ■



HKFC Club outside the OCBC Arena in Singapore

### Coach's Players for 2014-2015



### Players' Players for 2014-2015



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Greg Brutus,  
Tennis Society Chairman

## Chairman's Message

It's a great honour to serve as Chairman of the Tennis Society (TS) and we're excited about the year ahead.

First and foremost, I'd like to thank the outgoing Committee members for their time and dedication in helping with the continued success of the Society. In particular former Chairman **Tony Shield**, former Treasurer **Gus Henderson**, as well as Publicity Officer **Dan Martin**. I'm especially grateful to **Desiree Wong** for staying on the Committee for over ten years as Secretary to help maintain the continuity of the Society and for keeping us all organized! I'd also like to welcome new Committee members **Dave McCann** (Treasurer), **Eric Hanemann** (Social), **Henry Lai** (Publicity), **Job Tang** (Membership) and **Nathan Booth** (Juniors and S&RSC Rep). A full list of all Committee members together with their photos and responsibilities will be posted on the 3/F notice board.

We are currently reviewing our 12-month and 3-year strategy plan and we will make details available shortly. At a high level we intend to focus on three broad areas:

1. Improving communication within the Society and increasing participation in all events
2. Consolidating the league teams to ensure each team has the resources to remain at their current level
3. Continue to develop and expand our junior programme



My thanks also to Australasia Tennis Aces for their continued support in contributing to the overall success of the Society. From our humble beginnings in 2001 we now have around 240 members, four men's teams and two ladies teams in the HKTA evening league, two ladies teams in the morning league, a veterans' team, a mixed doubles team and three junior teams. We hold over a dozen social competitions and events throughout the year and we play an active part in the HK tennis community.

For more information or if you would like to get involved please visit the TS website:

<http://www.hkfctennis.com/>

## French Open Saturday 30th May

Just like the red clay of Roland Garros, our rooftop brought the best out of the players on 30th May for the French Open Social. The players were split into a competitive group (Mostly A+, A and B players) and a social group, then divided evenly to play against each other.

Pairs mixed within teams played against opposing groups in fast four / timed format, no let rule ( any of receiving

team can return a let serve) to make it interesting.

Congrats to the winners of the competitive group:

**Willard Hui, Tim Plunkett, Daniel Martin, Maree Prebble, Tanya Master, Anatole Le, Sammi Chan, Dexter Brutus**

Congrats to the winners of the social group:

**Nigel Anton, Lin McMurtrey, WingYee, Libby Denton**

## Wimbledon social Saturday 4th July

The Wimbledon Social was held on 4th July at the HKFC. With most people adhering to the all white dress code of Wimbledon, the 27 participants braved the stifling conditions and battled away for their appointed teams. With the fast four format played (first to 4 games, no advantage and no lets on the serve) and competitive group and social group options offered, the players competed for a number of prizes supplied by ATA. The Competitive competition



consisted of three teams of six players, with Team Federer taking top honours for the afternoon. **Philip Tam** dominated the Social category. Icy cold Pimms, classic fish and chips and traditional strawberries and cream were welcome refreshments. It was fantastic to see new faces join in the festivities and a great afternoon of tennis was had by all despite the stifling heat.

## Men's A+

The Men's A+ squad had a mediocre season with 3 out of 9 wins sitting comfortably in mid table territory. We went down a couple of games 4-5, but that's how the game works and it just didn't roll our way. This season we were delighted to welcome ex Davis Cup player **Gilbert Wong** who joined the squad and we are hopeful that we can rebuild for the next season.

*Men's A+ captain, Simon Cheung*

## Men's B2

Following an inauspicious start to life in the B division, losing the first two matches against mediocre opposition, there were shadows of doubt over the ability of the newly promoted squad to survive. Then the cavalry arrived; a new sports member **Garreth Anwar**, the successful completion of pre-natal classes and a week off from football training enabled an overall stronger team to gain five wins from the last six matches only losing to the division champions (who were later

trounced in the play-offs by our B1 team brothers.) So a satisfactory 5-3 record from our first season in the B division. Many of the team have been together from the D division and two promotions later we can still hold our own! Your captain is proud of you.

*Men's B2 captain, Tony Shield*

## Men's D

The team had a successful season in the league matches and won 6-1 only losing to the Police team, 2-7. We made it to the playoffs for the second year running and once again we had to play away against South China at King's Park. They had won all their league matches going into the playoffs and we were given a thrashing and lost 9-0. They had a very strong team with many players appearing for the first time who were clearly not D grade. Thanks to everyone who played this year including **Job, Jason, Shane, Ethan, Clement, Justin, Martin, Des Anthony**, and **Eric**.

*Men's D captain, Jonathan Quach*

## Men's B League Champions At Last!

After losing in the playoffs last season I'm incredibly proud of the way our team picked themselves up and showed even more determination and passion to go one further this season. We had a couple of really close matches, including coming from 2-4 down to beat SCAA 5-4 late in the season, but the pinnacle of our success was beating the American Club in the final at home 6-3 to cap a perfect 10-0 season. Having our strongest players available each week was vital and it was great to have some added strength with **Jaff Lo** joining our squad this season. Congratulations and thanks to the whole team for a fantastic performance, in particular the core squad of **Tim Plunkett, Angus Chan, Eric Hanemann, Anatole Le, Jaff Lo, Eric Tsea, Raja Kanthan** and **John Pipe**. We're excited to be playing division A next season!

*Captain Greg Brutus*



## Upcoming events

**Interclub Challenge organized by KCC**  
**Sunday 9th August**

**US Open Social**  
**Saturday 12th September**  
**from 2 - 6pm**

**Cup of Nations**  
**Saturday 10th October from 2-6pm**

## Ladies A+

The ladies A+ had a fairly tough season with some very strong opposing teams in the mix. With four solid wins we finished the season 7th, out of 11, similar to last season. An ever growing team, now a 15 strong-side, it's great to see new faces out on the court. Still being fairly new to the A+ league next season we hope to build on some regular pairings and try to climb our way up the league table. Good luck to **Jil Leong** who will be taking over as captain of the team.

*Ladies A+ captain, Tanya Master*

## Ladies A

Our goal for the first season in ladies A division was to win enough matches to stay in the division and figure out what fire power we will need to stay and progress in the division. Thanks to the additions of two junior players, **Angelina** and **Justine**, and a seasoned player, **Vivian**, we were able to win 3 out of 8 matches; thus, securing our place in the division for another season.

As the season closes, sadly we bid farewell to two valuable members of our team, Jenny and Angelina. Jenny, who has been invaluable to our team in securing our match wins, will be moving to Vancouver with her family. Angelina, in her first season with the team has been instrumental in our match wins, will continue her education in the US. We will sorely miss both of them and wish them the best.

The team is currently looking for A players to add to our roster. Interested

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*Ladies A captain, Yoke-Ming Ong*

## Ladies Morning Premier

Our team did well finishing equal 5th. We plan on an even better season to come with the return of **Dawn Olsen** and more play from **Tanya Master** who has returned from injury and we will try to fit in more games in between work commitments. Also, we hope to get more play from **Annabel**, who is juggling her time with young children. We should be a very strong team for forthcoming season.

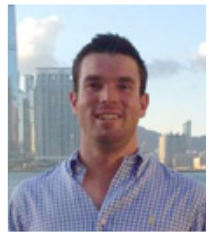
*Ladies Morning Premier Captain, Jenny Chapman*

## Ladies Morning Division 4

Most team members have been playing in the team for many years ranging from over 10 years to 2 years. **Myrna Jivraj** and **Libby Denton** joined us last season, and we look forward to our challenges together in the forthcoming seasons.

Due to the consolidation of teams in the coming season, we're moving up to Division 3, so let's get out there and get ready for our promotion!

*Ladies Morning Division 4, Yolanda Sun*



**Sean Whipkey,  
Swimming and  
Triathlon Captain**

## Message from the Swimming and Triathlon Captain

The Hong Kong Football Club Swimming and Triathlon Society continues its busy 2015. The squad recently gathered to vote in our new executive board, and more importantly, to thank the old board; all with continued leadership from our veteran Chairman, **Mike Sadler**. With the hard working board members back in place, the tireless efforts of all involved will only help our success continue to grow. Our biggest races of the season are on the forefront, so as always, let's keep up the hard work and dedication in the pool, on the track, and on the road; and proudly represent the blue and the white around Hong Kong, and around the world.

Go Club! ■



Youth training in action

## Taiwan 70.3

The race was in Taitung and was called Taiwan 70.3.

The area is really nice. The swim takes place in an artificial rowing lake. The bike is along the rolling coastline and the run consists of loops within one of the Lakeland national parks. As usual in Taiwan, the race was well-organised and well attended. Overall there were about 1,500-2,000 people racing.

Swim: felt quite good. Not sure of the time but felt quite strong for me. Came out of the water about 5th place but about 5 min down on leader. Think the time was about 30 min dead.

Bike: I ended up having to reign in the pace a little on the bike quite early on. My heart rate was too high. I had suspected this might happen as I have done a fraction of the training volume of normal recently. Unfortunately I'm not one of those people who can still turn out huge performances on less training.

Otherwise the bike went quite well. I lost all my fluid on a speed bump at

one point and had to go about 25-30k without drink, but it didn't seem too bad and I kept my effort down slightly to make sure I didn't dig a hole for myself later.

First half of race was in about 60 minutes so thought I was on course for about a 2:05-2:10 bike but didn't think I did that (not sure of time yet).

I managed to pass a few people but never caught up with the leader, although he was just leaving T2 when I was coming in. Surprising game on still.

Run: the heat was awesome so I set out nice and easy. Took my nutrition and salt sticks etc and tried to relax and not go too hard. Despite that, I was ticking along at a reasonable pace almost straight away. Felt super easy but I kept a lid on it. Was making ground on the leader too. Looked like he was suffering. I didn't try and catch him too quick but just tried to maintain a steady pace. I was actually feeling really good. At this rate I thought I'd be able to drop to 3:45 per k pace once legs had got going and do a reasonable last 10k.

However I got to about 8k and started

to struggle. Just wasn't getting any energy to legs. Despite this I caught the leader at 10k. He seemed spent so I decided to run with him for a while and recover before pushing on. I never recovered though. Just got worse and worse. By 12k we were both doing a horribly slow pace. We were both checking behind to make sure we only had each other to worry about. With about 5k to go he put in the slowest injection of speed probably ever required to drop someone in such a tightly contested race. I had nothing. The wheels well and truly came off! The cramps that had been threatening to come then crippled me. I really struggled to just keep running. Luckily 3rd place was way back and couldn't get me. Ended up about 2 min back from first. Totally battered.

Overall was annoyed with performance but couldn't have gone any harder or pushed any further on run. Was as destroyed as I have ever been. Didn't really have any excuses during race. Just goes to show there is no substitute for putting in the hard work beforehand! ■

*Iain Veitch*

## New World Eco Triathlon on 24th May

The New World Eco Triathlon on Sunday 24th May was a very good race for the Swimming and Triathlon Society, achieving a clean sweep with a 1-2-3 podium finish for HKFC members **Richard Hall, David Gething** and **Steven Purcell**. Also giving stand-out performances were Society members **Beauella Purcell, Charlie Hall, Nigel Mukherjee, Adrian McCarroll** and **Doug “the Machine” Morton**.

It was a fun day out, although it must have been one of the most odd triathlons any of us have done. The race itself was held on the grounds of a large steel factory in Tuen Mun, with the swim being held off the loading pier, the bike ride on the delivery road and the run around the factory itself, which appeared to be in partial operation on race day. To add to that it was a very unusual format for a triathlon. First there was a 750m swim, then a 20km cycle, then a 5km run, then we continued and did the whole lot again, with a 250m swim, 7km cycle and 1.5km run.

And if I ever thought the first swim in a triathlon was hard, I now know a second swim makes my arms feel like jelly. ■

*David Gething*



## Splash'n'Dash race report

HKFC did very well again in Splash and Dash aquathon race by Revolution Asia on 31st May. After the first race of the series had been cancelled due to red tide and weather conditions,

we were looking forward to let the steam out and show the results of our hard training. And a steamy day it was, with roads still wet from the rain but the sun already blasting full force providing the athletes with all benefits of a steam bath.

The challenge category included 4 km run, 540 m swim and another 4 km run. Sprinters had to complete 2km run, 300 swim and 2 km run. Juniors had one run and one swim with distances assigned by age groups. There was plenty of splashing and dashing for everyone!

HKFC was represented by 29 strong athletes determined to get all the points that they could lay their hands, feet or goggles on and bring them to the Club.

Everyone gave it their best shot. Special kudos go to **Beauella Purcell** and **Lily Sheary** who took silver and bronze in 10-11 teens and kids female category finishing within 2 seconds of each other in 11'45" and 11'47" respectively. **Susan Lowrey** was 4th female overall in Challenger category and 2nd in her age group joined by **Olya Korzh** next to her on the podium. **Richard Hall** finished 1st in his very competitive age group with running speed approaching 22 km/hr. (What kind of treadmill does he train on?) **Steve Purcell** finished in 2nd category.

It was a wonderful day and well done everyone! We will carry on with our training and are looking forward to the next challenge! ■

*Olya Korzh*



# Badminton



Players, families and supporters lined up before the game began

Men's Doubles finalists

## Annual Internal Tournament

The annual badminton tournament was held the afternoon of Sunday 14th June, with active participation from Society members. Three events, namely Family Doubles, Centenarian Doubles and Men's Doubles were played. We had strong pairs from several families in the Family Doubles category, with the two strongest teams **Edwin** and **Amy Ma** (husband and wife) and **Boon** and **Raymond Khoo** (father and son) playing in the finals. Both teams played possibly their best games ever. In the end Edwin and Amy narrowly prevailed, with Boon and Raymond (12 years old) putting up a very impressive performance.

The Centenarian Doubles was as popular as ever. Seasoned players proved that good badminton can be played at all ages. The competition was fierce. In the end, the championship went to **Danny Leung** and **Wah Sai Lim**, with **Colman Lam** and **Kenneth Ying** as first runners-up.

In the Men's (open) Doubles, we tried a new arrangement in terms of pairing. Pairs were formed randomly by pairing

a Sports Member with a non-Sports Member (eg. Social Member). The arrangement was well received, and participants found the matches more challenging as the differences in the skill level between pairs were narrowed. **Edwin Ma** and **Danny Leung** came out champions of the event, and **David McDonald** and **Raymond Khoo** as first runners-up. Congratulations to all winners.

## Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting was held right after the Annual Internal Tournament, at which the committee



The champion family with their 4-month old new member Austin, and Phil Woolf, Chairman of the Sports and Recreation Subcommittee

## Badminton Society Committee 2015/16

**Chairman:** Ryan Wong

**Secretary:** Paul Tso

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**Membership Secretary:** Philip Chan

**S&RSC Representative:** David McDonald

**Badminton Society Captain:** Danny Leung

**Ladies Captain:** Amy Chan

**Tournament Officer:** Steven Ng

**Social Secretary:** Benjamin Chan

**Youth Badminton Reps:** Peggy Lee, Emily Chow

**General Officers:** Tommy Liu, Sui Cheung Yu, Michelle Cheung, Terry Leung

for the 2015/16 session was elected (*see box above*). Prizes were also presented to the winners of the Internal Tournament by **Philip Woolf**, S&RSC Chairman. Some 30 Members and guests joined the dinner gathering in the Restaurant after the AGM.

## Royal Bangkok Sports Club visiting

On a hot Saturday afternoon on 20th June, we were very happy to host our friends from the Royal Bangkok Sports Club (RBSC) for a social game of badminton. The RBSC delegates comprised mostly of senior players, including their current and former badminton club chairmen. We matched them up with our own senior players, and some younger ones too. A total of 13 doubles matches were played, each of two games of 21 points. We won five matches while our guests took four, a marginal victory for the host. The visit was concluded with a dinner of delicious Cantonese cuisine. ■



All thumbs up for the RBSC social game



Dinner celebration after the game

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## 19th Hole for June/ July 2015

On 24th June 2015, the Golf Society held its AGM in the Lockhart Room.

At the AGM, approval was given for the Society to increase its annual golf levy for the first time in nine years from the fee of \$600 set in January 2007 to \$750 with effect from 1st January 2016.

Given that this fee provides Society members with use of golf debentures and golf clubs for hire at both Macau and Lotus Hill, plus subsidized golf lessons, subsidised events and competitive matches, as well as bag tags, handicap services, social events, an enhanced website and access to a lot of information about golf in the region, this still represents excellent value for our members.

The Society took the opportunity of the AGM to launch its new enhanced website [www.hkfgolf.com.hk](http://www.hkfgolf.com.hk) and began by inviting our members to register online in a user friendly way that can be accessed via both mobile phones and computers for the events scheduled to be held in July 2015 and thereafter.

At the end of the AGM, the Chairman for the past three years, **Ian Petersen**, handed over to the incoming Chairman, **Chris Meecham** and the new Golf Society Committee consisting of:

<b>President</b>	<b>Ian Petersen</b>
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# Golf Outings

## HKFC Golf Society vs WAGS

**Macau Golf and Country Club, Monday 1st June**

**I**t was whilst rummaging around in the trophy cabinet to retrieve the trophy for another event that I stumbled across a rather attractive silver plate inscribed with HKFC GS vs WAGS. Curiously, this was last contested in 2004! Knowing a couple of active WAGS members, I wondered whether this fixture could be revived. The invitation was keenly accepted and arrangements were made.

WAGS is a longstanding golf society in Hong Kong, whose name hails from their original playing slot on Wednesday afternoons. We were hoping to disorientate them by playing on a Monday and dragging them over to our 'home' course in Macau.

The respective captains chose and ordered their pairings before they were revealed 'Ryder Cup-style'. First out, a redoubtable pairing of **JP Cuvelier** and **Dallas Reid**, a

pairing you'd bet your house on – and yet approaching the turn they trailed. It was clearly going to be a mighty battle. Fortunately, their age-defying fitness levels pulled them through 2 and 1, and we took an early lead.

In the second flight, a fine pairing of youth and experience was beyond our opponents and **Jim Suttie** and **Anatole Lee** prevailed 4 and 3. Anatole did well to stay focused with Jim unable to remember or pronounce his name and resorting several times to calling him Ayatollah!

Knowing the calibre of his team, the Captain in the 3rd flight, paired with debutante **Diana White**, took pity on their opponents, succumbing meekly to a 4 and 3 defeat. Moving swiftly on to our 4th pairing of stalwarts **Andrew Wood** and **Fiaz Magdoom**. They blew their opponents away 6 and 4, turning around an early deficit with a winning streak of 7 holes!

Flight number 5 comprised hockey talents, **Jonny Brock** and **Gary Sharma**, or Seve Sharma as he will be known henceforth. Finding



themselves 3 down with 5 to play they then won 4 on the trot and halved the last to secure a famous victory, and with it, the match.

It's always good to have a strong pairing in the last flight, you never know when it's going to go down to the wire. And pairings come no stronger than the reunited dream team of **Terry Wright** and **Lynda Coggins**, both seasoned internationals in their own sports. Such is their level of professionalism that the first beers weren't cracked open until victory had been secured.

And so HKFC ran out 5-1 victors. To be fair to our opponents, this scoreline does them no justice, noting that they had at some stage led all 6 matches. We enjoyed a meal and a few drinks afterwards and vowed that it would not be another 10 years until the plate was contested again. ■

*Duncan Spooner, Captain*

## Annual HKFC Golf Society Strokeplay Championship

**Kau Sai Chau – North Course,  
Saturday 6th June**

The sun shone, perhaps a little too brightly as the day dawned for the 2015 Club Championship with several contenders waking up with title hopes, including the defending champion, **Phil Head**, looking to become the first three time winner of the trophy. Four others had previously won it twice (also in a row) but then never again, at least so far! One of those, **Duncan Spooner**, was looking to rectify that record, along with **Terry Wright**, who had put an end to Duncan's own hatrick dreams with a win back in 2012. **Dallas Reid**, who has long fantasised about victory in this event, turned up clad atypically in plain white, perhaps hoping that the year of the sheep would prove fortunate for him? Looking to keep that dream just that, however, were **Jonny Brock**, the runner up in 2014, the debutant diplomat, **Tony**



2015 Club Championship at KSC North Course

**Ambrosino**, another promising low handicapper and the ever-competitive, Belgian bandit, **JP Cuvelier**. Beyond these 'magnificent' seven lay a host of mid to high handicappers in one of the larger fields for this event. Could it be their title and/or would they carry off one of the day's other spoils?

As play got under way around mid-day, they say it is only mad dogs and Englishmen who venture out in such heat, but it was Hong Kong's own **Johnny Lam** who very graciously accepted the responsibility of teeing off first (with 3 non-HKFC members in view of the uneven number of players). By all accounts he had a very sociable round, which is just as essential an element of the day as the scramble for the silverware. Meanwhile those yet to tee off hid in the shade or under an umbrella; at least those wise enough to have brought one along!

Next off were the hockey grouping of **Matt Burke**, **Fraser Hern**, **Will Glover** and **Simon Weller**, three of whom are well used to hitting a small, white ball very hard with a stick whilst sweating bucket loads. However, the accuracy required over 300 yards as opposed to a 'mere' 30 took its toll, with Will leading the way, posting a 93, and Matt's century perhaps not aided by deciding that Crocs were the most appropriate footwear for the day! Fraser at least managed to turn up (for once), although he still failed to submit a card, whilst Simon, the only

non-hockey player, won the longest drive on the 17th (the 8th as we played it) having just eagled the hole before, a par 4 across a gaping ravine. Glory beckoned! However, not for long, as he played the second nine in 'triple twenty', including two double figure holes, eventually carding a 105. He would, though, be far from the last player to fall victim to the closing nine....

Meanwhile our Chairman, **'Jumbo' Petersen**, led off the hopeful 2nd flight alongside **Tony Ambrosino**, **James Riordan**, a recent prize-winner at CWB, and **Declan 'Longstockings' McDaid**, who, hailing from a country steeped in golfing tradition, was certainly not going to go out in the mid-day heat in anything other than the proper attire:-



They too though found it hard to play well beneath the sweltering sun, with James scoring 95, after a strong start, and Declan topping off his outfit with an equally dapper 104. Tony's lack of match practice led to 'a score in the 90s' whilst Jumbo decided discretion was the better part of valour in not submitting a card; it's the taking part that counts after all.

The 3rd flight comprised **Jim Suttie**, **Guy Devenish**, **Eric Desgouttes** and **Patrick Watts**, all of whom were looking for 'one for the pool room'. Sadly three of them were 'dreamin', with Eric displaying typical Gallic resilience by walking off after only nine holes claiming 'fatigué'. Suttie though at least had a decent excuse for posting a century after being nearly hit by a ball on the first tee...twice! First as he teed off, and then as it rebounded from the starter's hut whilst his own ball whistled off into the distance. Patrick, perhaps seeing double due to the heat, played the wrong ball and so graciously disqualified himself. Guy, in contrast, was one of the hardy few who managed to hold his game together over the course of the day, being the first of only two players to play below their handicap (gross 94, nett 71); a commendable effort in the searing conditions and also testament as to how difficult they were.

Off 4th were **Jonny Brock**, **Don Rider**, **Duncan Spooner** and **JP Cuvelier**, who displayed all his competitive cunning by being the only player to employ a caddy. This aided his initial efforts, which looked promising, but, as with so many others, he later faded away as did his shots, to record a 90. Meanwhile, Don, with his not one, but two new hips, posted a truly singular Nelson (111) thereby laying down a healthy marker for the keen golfer award. Whilst this was going on, the two other 'serious' contenders were playing copycat golf, both good and bad, with Jonny beating Duncan for the nearest the pin prize on the 14th, sandwiched by both duffing short pitches over/into bunkers and later double bogeying the 17th before thankfully the sun settled behind the clouds. That enabled Jonny to play

the ten remaining holes in 1 over par, carding a solid 77 and taking the prize for most birdies along the way, whilst Duncan had one more blow-out but nevertheless became only the second and final player to play below his handicap (84, nett 71). That triple bogey though was to prove his double undoing as it enabled Guy to claim the nett competition on count-back and another of his old time foes to snag the bronze medal spot.



The 5th flight included three relative novices to KSC in **Joe Wheeler**, **Paul Walters** and **Darren Measures** under the watchful supervision of the experienced campaigner, **Terry Wright**. Indeed Joe had asked innocently at the start if he needed a trolley and should be thankful that we were an honest lot in saying 'Yes!' Otherwise his century plus four could well have been higher. Darren, who had been drafted in by Phil unaware that buggies were not allowed, made another rookie error in not applying sunscreen all over, with his resultant, lobster calves meaning that he won't be resting on a chaise-long reflecting on his round for a while yet (not that he probably would want to without his favourite tippie to hand). As anyone knows, the KSC rough, aka bramble bushes, can be very unforgiving even in the mildest of weather let alone the summer months, and the course accordingly took its fair share of golf balls from all, including Terry who lost his first shot of the day. However, he's not known as 'thermometer' for nothing and consequently kept his cool in the

heat of battle, managing to progress relatively smoothly thereafter, carding a respectable 83, which once again meant that he had edged out Duncan, this time for 3rd place overall in the gross competition. If only he hadn't lost that ball, but such is golf, especially with no Baldrick to look for it!

6th off were **Dale Willetts**, **Anatole Le**, **Brent York** and **Dallas Reid**. Anatole was yet another to fall victim to the conditions, scoring 93, half as much again as his handicap, which was actually better than most of the field, a number of whom did not complete several holes, with Dale becoming the second player to feel that the front nine were more than enough in what was rapidly becoming HKFC's very own 'Marathon des Sables'. Brent, however, battled on, maintaining a happy countenance in the face of golfing adversity, easing the other's scoring struggles with his ever-pleasant demeanour. In spite of this, whether it was the warmth or simply the excitement of the event, the normally steadfast Dallas couldn't keep control of his shots, even posting a quadruple bogey at one stage, thereby sharing 5th spot on 90 with JP and so bidding adieu to his title hopes for yet another year. But, just like Tiger Woods, who performed a similar feat over the same weekend, we know he will return.

The penultimate group consisted of **Jonathan Li**, **Colin Lunn**, **Richard Neish** and **Brian MacDougall**. These golfing stalwarts clearly had their eyes set on other goals beyond mere tin cups, being determined to extract full value for their money, with only Mr Li failing to score a century, and that by a mere one 'run', whilst the other three battled it out for the keen golfer award. No-one though could match Colin's hunger for the title as he posted a closing 14 and 10 over the last two holes to shoot 119; a very worthy winner indeed of that particular accolade! On a further positive note, this was one of only two groups where all four players were able to submit completed scorecards.

The final fourball included three 'social' players, **James Larsen**, **Paul Bennett** and **Rob Wilkinson**, alongside the

defending champion and triple-title-seeking, **Phil Head**. Their serious approach to the day is clearly evidenced by Paul's warm-up routine:-

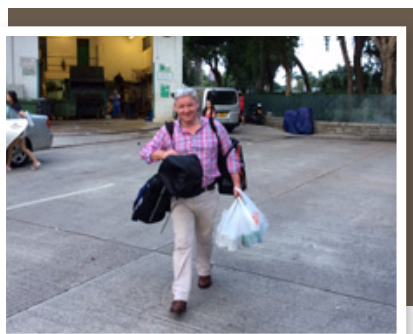


As they relaxed into their rounds, this laid-back attitude clicked with Cool Hand Head, who got up and down from all corners to remain at level par after ten holes, which meant (albeit unbeknown to him at the time) that he could afford to bogey every other hole to 'achieve the unachievable'. Just as the sun took shelter behind the clouds, however, the closing nine claimed its final victim as Phil's game also lost its sparkle and he rather sportingly performed the equivalent of bogeying every hole instead. Nevertheless he still carded a laudable 80 to claim 2nd spot outright, thereby swapping positions with Jonny from the previous year, a neat twist to a great day's competition.



With the golf and heat finally over (after rounds lasting a draining 5 1/2 hours) the refreshment attempts began in earnest. Combined with the delays on the course this caused a bit of a scamper to catch a late ferry home,

with eight players still managing to miss that one, naively expecting an empty shuttle bus to carry them down to the said ferry, forgetting that 'rules are rules' in Hong Kong and that the driver would not move until his allotted time slot, whatever the logic. Very wisely, 'Longstockings' pre-empted the multiple fines that were being plotted by all those hard-boiled souls waiting on the return coach by acquiring two bags full of 'rehydration salts' for all.



These proved to be fitting whistlers ahead of the sumptuous F&B laid on back at the Club, where prizes were distributed amidst an over-abundance of food and tales of heat-struck woe as the fable that was the 2015 club championship came to a deservedly, well rehydrated conclusion. Huge congratulations to all those who organised and participated in it and especially to those who lasted the course on what proved to be a very demanding test of golfing mettle.

If you fancy the sound of testing your own metals, then why not put the first Saturday of June 2016 into your diary now? Whether it's keeping Dallas's dream alive for another year or simply breaking 100 - in either direction - it's a great day out and will be even more so with your participation. A year is more than enough to build up those spousal brownie points. Or even better, why not combine them, as unfortunately the ladies' event had to be called off due to too low a participation in contrast to the high turnout of 'real men'. Or maybe they had simply looked at the weather forecast and decided that they were neither mad dogs nor Englishmen, Irish, Scots, Chinese, Australians, Kiwis or even Belgians with their own manservant!

Either way, happy golfing to one and all for the back nine of 2015. May the sun shine brightly (although not too fiercely) on all of your efforts. ■

*Jonny Brock*

## HKFC Golf Society v. Little Sai Wan Golf Society

Macau Golf & Country Club, Monday 15th June

Little Sai Wan has just celebrated its 50th anniversary. It is a very prestigious golf society, based at Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling. Suffice to say, it comprises some very serious golfers. And so, its Captain, a certain **JP Cuvelier** you may have heard of, rather fancied his chances of getting one over on HKFC and winning this inaugural match between our golfers.

The format of play, as demanded by our opponents, was to be singles matchplay. As we travelled over to Macau on the ferry, a draw was conducted to see who would play whom. With 11 players drawn from each team, it was clear that those remaining in the bag were none other than their captain, **JP Cuvelier**, and our own esteemed Chairman, **Ian Petersen**. "Well, that's one point in the bag" was written all over JP's face. Little did he know...

Blessed with a day of glorious sunshine we were relieved to be using buggies, it would have been a tough day if walking. And so the captains led the way. The mojo was firmly in the HKFC cart in this flight. HKFC's **Captain Duncan** and **Chairman Ian** were both in the zone and were never headed. Our opponents, Roger Best and JP fought gallantly and played solidly but they had no answers to the HKFC onslaught that resulted in our Captain and Chairman recording 6&4 and 5&4 victories in their respective matches. 2 - 0!

In the next grouping, we had the terriers - **Nick Allen** and **Will**



HKFC GS vs Little Sai Wan GS at the Macau Golf & Country Club

**Glover.** Nick was in redoubtable form whilst Will struggled for consistency and so the overall score moved on to 3 - 1.

Our third group was pleasingly strong – **Dallas Reid** and **Peter Aherne** – both very familiar with their foes. Dallas played almost faultless golf to humble his opponent 7&5. Peter came up the last all square but conceding a shot to his opponent. With quite a gallery now surrounding the 18th green, Peter's birdie putt slipped past the hole but fortunately his par was good enough to halve the match. So HKFC's lead was extended to 4½ - 1½.

We had our low handicappers in the next flight – **David Muir** and

recently crowned HKFC Golf Society Strokeplay Champion, **Jonny Brock.** David's 5-handicap proved too tough on the day and he went down to LSW member, Dale Willetts. Jonny fought back well in his match and, to half the gallery's delight, secured a 1-up victory on 18. At 5½ - 2½ HKFC sat on the brink of a famous victory. But who was going to get us over the line?

Step up **Terry Wright!** Before any tension could arise, Terry brought his game home a comfortable 5&3 victor. Little did we know it at the time but HKFC wouldn't score another point. **Jim Suttie** couldn't live with some scintillating golf from his opponent. And in the last flight, **Andrew Wood**

lost to his opponent's gross 73 and **Anatole Le** narrowly lost a tight and slightly controversial match.

This was a victory to savour, against illustrious opponents. And boy did we savour it! The beers flowed in the Clubhouse, on the ferry and back at the Sportsman's Bar.

In one of my pre-match emails, I had referred to LSW as 'a bunch of golfers'. JP had taken issue with my lack of reverence for their esteemed society. On this occasion, however, HKFC's stellar play reduced our opponents to being merely a bunch of golfers. Until next year!! ■

*Duncan Spooner*

## Walmsley Cup

### Kau Sai Chau – South Course, Wednesday 24th June 2015

It was a dark and stormy start to this year's event and after the previous two days of torrential rain, it was lucky that we managed to step foot on the golf course.

Fortunately the weather held out for most of the round, but the amount of deeply driven sunken balls told a tale of a very wet golf course.

Only 24 players set out to play this year and with the men's and ladies' tournaments being combined due to there being only a few lady entrants, so yet again **Dallas Reid**



was dreaming of glory at the annual Walmsley Cup set on the short but tricky South Course at KSC.

Dallas was first out with **Terry Wright, Phil Head** and **Nick Allen** and in good sporting fashion the formidable Allen and Head team challenged Reid and Wright to a better ball match to complement the efforts of winning the Walmsley Cup. As predicted this turned out to be a nail biting match with the lead too-ing and fro-ing until the 9th when Reid and Wright went 2 up, from then on it was nip and tuck before Allen holed out to half the match on the last green.

In the second grouping of the day, the erratic but exciting play of **James Riordan** and **Andrew Wood** was overshadowed by the amazingly consistent play of **Jonathan Li** who shot 85 for 40 stableford points.

3 more groups set off before bringing up the rear were **Skipper Spooner**,

**Jonny 'club champ' Brock**, **Stephen 'I'm in here' Bottomley** and **Norman 'I've got the day off' Wong**, Sadly, thanks to the slow play ahead, Brock, Bottomley and Wong could not concentrate on their games, and only Skips, who had spent the last year increasing his handicap by 50 percent, focused on winning this particular silverware. Sure enough he did not disappoint shooting a 75, 5 strokes below his handicap, a round that 'El Bandito' himself would have been proud of.

So the final standings at the end of play were: 3rd place **Jonathan Li** with 40 points, 2nd place, **Duncan Spooner** with 41 points and this year's Walmsley Cup Champion was **Cathy Neish** with 44 stableford points. The best gross score went to **Duncan Spooner** with a 75.

Longest drives on hole 17 went to **Jonny Brock** for the men and **Malou Waldie** for the ladies.



Nearest pins went to **Malou Waldie** on hole 2 and **Jonny Brock** on hole 5, while **Cathy Neish** took both holes 11 and 16.


After a few celebratory drinks we all headed back to the Club for the GS AGM and a few more drinks and nibbles to follow.

See you all at the next event.

Happy golfing. ■  
*Phil, Golf Event Organiser*

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