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USRC Members' Bi-monthly Magazine



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Club Arrangement for
Chinese New Year

Day before Lunar New Year
Thursday, **11th February 2021**
All food and beverage outlets
will be closed from 6:00pm
onwards.

Sports facilities will remain open

Lunar New Year's Day Friday,
12th February 2021

The Club will and its facilities
will be closed.

Happy Chinese New Year

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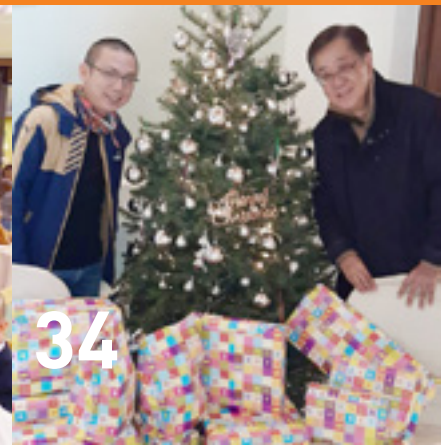


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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Members,

This issue of our magazine marks the arrival of New Year 2021 followed by the Year of the Ox in the Chinese calendar. More significantly, the USRC will enter into its 110th Anniversary (as first established in 1911) which is certainly a great milestone and achievement for the Club to be proud of. Should the situation permit, the GC may well be thinking of celebrating this historical heritage in an auspicious style with Members participation on an appropriate occasion.

You may have learnt recently, one of our Club's gardening staff was diagnosed with Covid-19. Immediate and proper contingency response was taken by the Management to deal with the incident, enabling the Club to continue its normal daily business operation without interruption. As this pandemic is still raging across the globe, and with the added pressure of additional mutations, the GC and Management remain alert to ever-escalating hygiene standards and government guidelines. Let's hope that with the general public's increasing cooperation and the successful production of vaccines by the world's leading nations, the disease can be contained and people's lives will return to normal.

The Club has been very quiet with activities and in F&B sales because of temporary facilities closure and gathering restrictions. With prudent cost control and the government support scheme, however, our financial position remains sound despite the coffers being slightly depleted and membership strength dropped due to resignations. Staff morale is high as we always adopt a good employer policy by alleviating their job security anxiety during this difficult time. That said, in view of the economic downturn and revenue reduction, annual pay increments will be frozen and no cumshaw for staff gratuity will be solicited from Members this year. While GC is of the view that the upkeep and sustainability of the Club depend largely on Members' monthly dues and spending, it is hoped that appropriate compensation could be returned to Members for their continuing support when this adverse situation subsides.

Many thanks again to all those who kindly supported and helped prepare Christmas gifts from the Club for donation to those less fortunate children who had to spend their Christmas in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. This long-standing worthy cause of ours has always been well supported and this year was no exception. The parcels were well received upon delivery except that no presentation ceremony was staged for photo taking this year to avoid personal contact.

Finally, I would like to wish all Members and their families a healthy and prosperous 2021 and a Kung Hei Fat Choy for the Lunar New Year.

Patrick Cheung
Chairman



親愛的會員：

大家好！今期雙月刊標誌著2021年的到臨，緊隨是中國曆法中的牛年，而更重要的是，明年是三軍會踏入110週年紀念（最早成立於1911年）的大日子，無疑是我們引以為傲的里程碑和成就。若果情況許可，執委會考慮在這座富有歷史建築物裡舉辦慶祝活動，讓會員一同慶祝這個別具意義的時刻。

本會最近有一名園藝員工感染新冠肺炎疫症，而截至目前為止，會內未有其他人員感染。管理層立即採取適當應變措施，使會所保持正常運作不受影響。新冠肺炎疫情目前仍在全球肆虐，即使感染率減慢，但執委會與管理層仍然高度警惕，不斷提高衛生標準和政府準則。我們期望市民同心抗疫，加上超級大國即將成功生產有效疫苗，遏制疾病的爆發，儘快讓生活回復正常！

在臨時關閉餐飲業和限制令措施之下，本會活動大幅減少，餐飲銷售緩慢，收入減少，同時亦有部份會員退會，在本會審慎成本控制和政府支援計劃下，會內財務狀況仍然良好。我們一如以往採取優良僱主政策，員工士氣保持高昂，也緩解員工於困難時期中的不安。鑑於經濟不景和收入減少，我們將凍結明年加薪，也不會向會員徵求酬金。執委會認為，會內維修和可持續發展的開支，在很大程度上取決於會員月費和消費，期望這種不利因素消退後，會員能作出相應的支持及補助。

本人再次感謝所有熱心支持和幫助本會準備聖誕禮物的人士，將禮物捐贈予在伊利沙伯醫院留醫過聖誕的兒童。這項長期的關懷行動一直獲各方大力支持，今年也不例外。禮物交收期間獲得讚揚，但受制於限聚令，今年並沒有舉行頒獎禮和拍照儀式。

最後，我謹祝所有會員及其親友，有個健康及繁榮的2021年，也向各位先拜個早年，恭喜發財，心想事成！

張伯陶
主席

"In desperate need of a restorative evening? Here's one."

NEW YORK TIMES

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Music and lyrics by
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GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Dear Member,

Following one of the most eventful years in living memory, many people will be glad to see the back of 2020. Fortunately, there are plenty of things to look forward to next year, a fully functioning Club for one, and the opportunity to travel overseas! Predictions for 'wheels up' range from the middle to the later part of next year.

As we welcome the year of the Ox, we can gladly say goodbye to the year of the Rat! Next year we celebrate our 110th year Anniversary, over the year we plan to run a series of members activities, these should appeal to all age groups, backgrounds and will be advertised through the usual channels.

With a return to normal we hope to run a full food & beverage calendar without disruption. This will include wines tastings, wine dinners, guest chefs, jazz and much more...

Should you fancy a great night's entertainment, featured in this issue of "Oasis", we have the Hong Kong singers "Songs for a New World" show at the Sheung Wan Civic Centre Theatre. You may see some familiar faces in the cast of this 'must see' show.

As we move into 2021, change will continue to happen, Hong Kong will continue to offer opportunities as one of Asia's most open economies. We strongly believe the Club will continue to grow with further investment in aging facilities positioning us to grow into one of Hong Kong's premier Clubs.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Members for their unbridled loyalty over what's been one of the most tumultuous years on record. Let's hope 2021 will offer a period of sustained growth and prosperity for all.

See you around the Club.

Noel Burns

General Manager



親愛的會員：

我們在2020年所經歷的一切確實是難以忘懷，但即步踏入年底，相信大家都有如釋重負的感覺，因為新一年到臨，象徵著希望和新氣象。明年有不少事情令人期待，例如是全面翻新後的三軍會，還有是出現回復旅遊的跡象！從目前疫情走勢，市場預期旅遊限制，最大機會在明年中到明年下半年放寬。

「送鼠迎牛」，明年是三軍會慶祝成立110週年大日子。我們將舉辦一系列會員活動，吸引各個不同年齡層和背景的會員參與，稍後會內及網頁中會有更多宣傳及細節。

至於餐飲服務方面，待情況回復正常，我們將全面恢復所有食品和飲料供應，包括葡萄酒品酒體驗、葡萄酒晚餐、客座廚師到訪及爵士樂音樂會等等。

若您希望從繁囂鬧市裡享受悅耳柔和的一晚，我們將在上環文娛中心劇院舉行香港歌手“Songs for a New World”表演。你會從中尋找到一些熟悉的面孔，節目是不容錯過！

邁向2021年，一切將繼續充滿變化。香港將繼續作為亞洲最開放的經濟體之一，提供不同的機遇。我們堅信，隨著翻新老化設施，三軍會將繼續向好發展，成為香港頂級會所之一。

最後，我要感謝所有會員，對有記錄以來最動蕩的一年，對本會繼續保持堅定忠誠，期望2021年，將是一個持續增長和繁榮的時期。謹祝新年新步！

歡迎您蒞臨三軍會！

Noel Burns

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United Services Recreation Club
Hong Kong - Since 1911

Clay Pot Rice

煲仔飯

Clay pot rice with omnipork and preserved vegetables \$88

梅菜新豬肉煲仔飯

Clay pot rice with assorted mushroom and truffle sauce \$88

黑松露什菌煲仔飯

Clay pot rice with pork spare ribs with black beans \$90

豉汁排骨煲仔飯

Clay pot rice with preserved pork belly and preserved sausage \$95

臘味煲仔飯

Clay pot rice with chicken and cordyceps flower \$98

蟲草花雞煲仔飯

Clay pot rice with garoupa fillet and garlic \$138

金銀蒜星斑球煲仔飯

Available 8th January to 31st January 2021

At the Garden Café

Monday to Friday : 6.00pm – 9.30pm

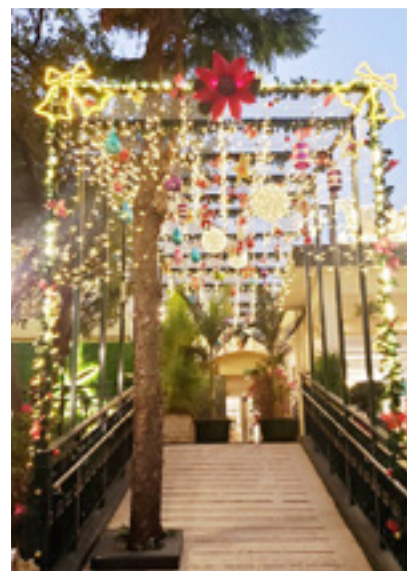
Saturday and Sunday : 12.00nn – 2.30pm & 6.00pm – 9.30pm

Club Christmas decorations and tree lighting

This year the Club's Christmas Decorations were visibly very sharp and heart-warming with different themed Christmas trees for different outlets. There were certain areas like the entrance and above the main building's roof area where the lights were very bright and lit up areas where it used to be quite dull. Thank you to all the staff who worked very hard to make the Club look its best for Christmas.

The lighting event was held on 11 December out by the main entrance where it was attended by our Membership Director, K.C. Ng and our General Manager, Noel Burns. The lighting of a Christmas tree is a time-honoured tradition, like mulled wine and mince pies, and a custom which the USRC cherish throughout the years. The Club celebrated the start of the festive season with our management team ensuring the Christmas spirit was upheld with a welcome speech and the illumination of the Club's Christmas trees and lights by a young member of ours.

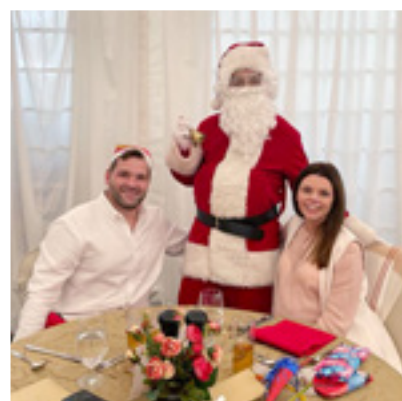
A wonderful beginning to the festive season.





Christmas Day Brunch

We held a Christmas Day brunch buffet in the Garden Marquee. The weather was ideal for the outdoors setting and the guests who came out for the occasion were very well fed with a wide range of traditional Christmas favourites and international fare.





In the spirit of joining ... Christmas gifts that warm the heart – our annual Christmas charity event

For a number of people, the holiday season represents more than presents, Christmas carols and family reunions. There is also an element of social responsibility, often expressed through Christmas charity programs.

The Club has again coordinated with the Paediatrics Ward of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital to donate gifts to children who are unable to be at home during Christmas.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and further tightening of social distancing this year, we were unable to present the gifts personally. We sent 192 gifts donated by Club Members to the ward on 22 December 2020.

Donating Christmas gifts to children in need is a great way to spread the holiday cheer. We expect to continue this spirit through a gift-giving programme during the Christmas period for years to come!



Spring Dinner Menu

春茗豪華宴

Available from 1st January to 15th March in Garden Café, Garden Room & Banyan Room

For reservations, please contact Mr. Ken Kan or Ms. Nike Lau at 3966-8633

or email to catering@usrc.org.hk

Menu

X.O 醬西蘭花蝦球
Wok-fried prawns with broccoli and X.O sauce

玉環如意
Deep fried crispy shrimp balls

好市大利
Braised dried oyster and pork tongue
with Chinese lettuce

杏汁菜膽燉豬肺
Doubled boiled pig lung soup with almond and cabbage

清蒸大青斑
Traditional steamed garoupa with ginger and spring onion

蟲草花魚腐浸娃娃菜
Chicken broth with cordyceps flower, fish curd and baby cabbage

炸子雞
Crispy chicken

臘味糯米飯
Steamed glutinous rice with preserved meat

生果拼盤
Seasonal fruit platter

美點雙輝
Chinese petit fours



Side dishes

- ◆ Pickled vegetables
- ◆ Pickled young onions
- ◆ Assorted nuts
- ◆ Soya sauce with chilli
- ◆ Dried fruit candles and melon seeds

HK\$2988 per table of 6 persons

HK\$5,888 per table of 12 persons

Cancellation & No-show Policy:

- (1) 100% full charge penalty applies if the reservation is cancelled on the day of the event.
- (2) 70% charge penalty applies if the reservation is cancelled on the day before.
- (3) 50% charge penalty applies if the reservation is cancelled 2 days before.
- (4) No penalty charge will be applied if the reservation is cancelled 3 or more days in advance.

Château Giscours & Du Tertre Wine Dinner

On Thursday 19th of November, the Club hosted the Château Giscours & Du Tertre Wine Dinner, 'Two Gems From The Margaux Region'.

Margaux is a wine-growing commune and Appellation d'origine contrôlée within Haut-Médoc in Bordeaux, centred on the village of Margaux. Its leading château is also called Margaux. It contains 21 cru classé châteaux, more than any other commune in Bordeaux.

Feedback from members was positive and they enjoyed the evening.





Grounds, Environment and Community Relations

A huge thank you to all of our members who kindly contributed to the charity collection for ImpactHK in October.

ImpactHK is a locally based NGO whose mission is clear: To have a positive impact on the plight of the homeless in Hong Kong. Founder Jeff Rotmeyer started out in 2017 with the aim of doing one 'kindness walk' per month, handing out much needed supplies and providing a source of friendship and comfort to the city's street sleepers.

Since then, the organisation has blossomed into a movement that organises up to 50 walks per month across Hong Kong. They have become a vital resource for those in our community who are without a home, providing not just sustenance but also counselling, mentorship and in some cases shelter.

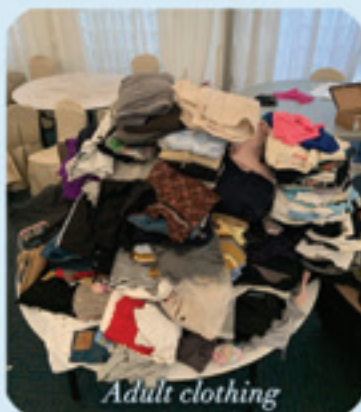
Their slogan 'Kindness Matters' could not be more apt in a harsh year of unprecedented challenge. It was with this in mind that in October, we asked our

members to donate practical items that ImpactHK could share with the homeless. Your response was overwhelming. From face masks and hand sanitiser to clothing, food and toiletries we received enough to fill several trolleys.

On Saturday 7th November representatives of the committee accompanied GM Mr Noel Burns to deliver your donations to the charity's Mong Kok office in time for their open day. We discovered that many of the staff there had at some time been homeless themselves, and through Impact Hong Kong were on the path to rebuilding their lives. A striking demonstration of quite how much kindness really does matter.

So once again on behalf of the committee, ImpactHK and the homeless whose lives you directly impacted with your donations, thank you!

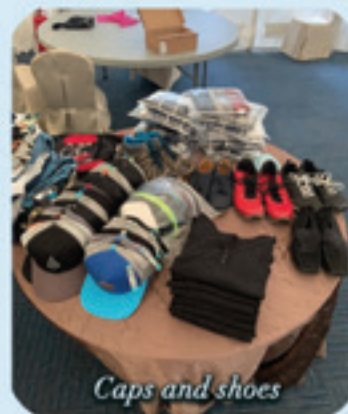
Donation to Impact HK



Adult clothing



*Masks and
hand sanitizers*



Caps and shoes



Travel-sized toiletries



Ready-to-eat food



Donation on the way



Delivered on time!

Thank you for your donation!

USRC Lacrosse

This year has been a relatively slow year due to the pandemic, however we have utilized every practice to its best whenever training was available. This season we had many new faces, even a couple overseas players who joined us from the states during their summer holidays.



This year during Halloween, we held a beginner's Halloween lacrosse open day, where several children age ... to ... joined us in their special Halloween costumes.



Two young members, Alessio Pallanti (14) and Claudia Pallanti (16) have been with USRC Lacrosse from the very beginning. They have improved tremendously since 2018, and have immersed themselves in different levels of lacrosse, such as inter-club tournaments, lacrosse sevens and Hong Kong Lacrosse Association Champions League games. The brother and sister have shown their enthusiasm and interest in the sport through their

high level of commitment and encouragement. Here's a message from the Pallantis:

"We first started playing lacrosse about two years ago with very little knowledge of what the sport even was. Initially it was intimidating learning a new sport with people we haven't met before but everyone was very inclusive and all willing to teach us. We both have realized that since we have joined, we love playing lacrosse and will for sure continue playing in the future."



With the closure of sporting facilities, it is a good time for USRC Lacrosse to build and improve on the team's operations and planning. We have designed a new lacrosse pinnie featuring the name "USRC Barracks" as our new team name.



We look forward to everything returning back to normal and hope for our team to continue to grow and be able to participate in the upcoming tournament - The Lacrosse Sixes, organized by the Hong Kong Lacrosse Association in 2021.



Captains: Lorenza & Leona

Please feel free to contact Lorenza Hayat at 9728-3349 and join us.

Classes & Activities at the USRC

Basketball

Champions Basketball Hong Kong

Coach Ken

Tel: 9147 1217

Coach Michael

Tel: 9886 0891

Bridge

Mimi Wong

WhatsApp: 9120 3789

Email: usrcbridge@gmail.com

Thursday duplicate

9.30am-12.30pm

Pre-registration required

Cricket

Muhammad I. Gull

Tel: 9421 4741

Email: sportsofficer@usrc.org.hk

Individual Lesson (including) Beginners,

Intermediate & Advance Cricketers

\$350 per hour (member)

\$400 per hour (guests)

Group Lesson (minimum 2 to 6 persons) –

\$700 per 1 ½ hour

Team Training (minimum 2 to 6 persons) –

\$800 per 2 hours

Junior's Individual Lesson

\$300 per hour (member)

\$350 per hour (guests)

Junior's Group Lesson (minimum 2 to 4

kids) – \$600 per 1 ½ hours

Junior's Team Training (minimum 2 to 6

persons) – \$700 per 1 ½ hours

(Beginners or any age kids are welcome)

Football

Alan Urmston

Email: alanu@netvigator.com

Wednesday: 7:30-9:00 pm, King's Park

\$50 for 90 minutes' playing time (adult)

Brasil Top Skills Soccer School

Website: www.brasiltopskills.com

Phone: 9815 3151

Email: info@btshk.com

Gym Familiarisation

Contact Reception 3966 8600/611

for registration and scheduled class times

– 30 minutes per lesson

Private lesson \$100

Lacrosse

Coach Eric

Tel: 9603 9620

\$100 per lesson

Personal Trainer

Ken Hon

NASM CPT Certified Personal Trainer

Tel: 9042 4434

Email: kenhonchinghei@gmail.com

Personal Trainer 1 on 1 package

Trial Session - \$380 hour

1 Session - \$750 hour

4 Sessions - \$720 hour

12 Sessions - \$660 hour

24 Sessions - \$630 hour

52 Sessions - \$580 hour

Personal Trainer 1 on 2 package

Trail Session - \$200 hour/ per person

1 Session - \$400 hour/ per person

Pilates

JM Pilates Studio

Tel: 9194 5856

Email: jmpilates@yahoo.ca

Group Class lessons

USRC Members - \$198 - per lesson

Non Members Individual Lesson - \$250

10 lessons Non-members - \$2,100

Private Lessons

USRC Members - \$700 - per class

Non Members -

\$7300 - 10 lessons

\$3900 - 5 lessons

\$850 - single lesson

Semi Private Lessons (price for 2 people)

USRC Members - \$850 per lesson

Non-members - \$900 per lesson



Playgroup

Pearl Lam

Tel: 9499 6693

Tuesday: 9:30am

\$50 for the first child (member)

\$88 for the first child (guests)

\$35 per additional child or parent

Squash

Ilyas Gull

Tel: 9421 4741

Email: sportsofficer@usrc.org.hk

Adults

1. Private lesson for adult \$350 per hour

2. Group of 2 \$600 per hour

3. Group of 2-4 \$800 1½ per hrs

Juniors

1. Private lesson \$300 per hour

2. Group of 2 \$500 per hour

3. Group of 2-4 \$600 1½ per hrs

Swimming Classes

Eric Fung

HKSCA Level 1 Coach

Tel: 9603 9620

Email: kyfung.eric@gmail.com

Private Lesson (for members only)

1 person - \$460

2 persons - \$620

3 persons - \$780

4 persons - \$880

Tennis

Coach Sam

HKTA Level 1 & USPTA Pro 3

Phone: 6371 3132

1 on 1: \$600/h

1 on 2: \$650/h

1 on 3: \$700/h

Chris Hunt

HKTA Qualified Coach, Licensed Level II.

USRC Junior Tennis Teams Captain

(Under 14s and Under 18s)

Tel: 9316 6191/ 2550 5094 (evening till

midnight)

Drop-in group lesson:

\$180 per hour per child

Saturday: 10am – 11am (beginners group)

Saturday: 11am – 1pm (intermediate group)

Thursday: 6pm – 7pm (intermediate group)

Super group lesson – by appointment only:

\$260 per hour per child

Tuesday: 5pm – 7pm (improvement class I)

Thursday: 4pm – 6pm (improvement class II)

Private lesson (for members only):

1 person – \$520, 2 persons – \$680,

3 persons – \$880, 4 persons – \$1,080,

5 persons – \$1,350, 6 persons – \$1,620

\$200 per hour per person (member)

\$250 per hour per person (guest)

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday



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- Social Tennis (Court 1) 3 – 7 pm
(Court 2) 3 – 8 pm
- LB 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
(Club Members)

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- Pilates Group Class 4 pm
- Football for All 7 – 9 pm
(Multi-purpose Court)

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- LB 2:30 pm - 9:30 pm
(Club Members)
- LB League Team Practice
6:30 – 9:30 pm

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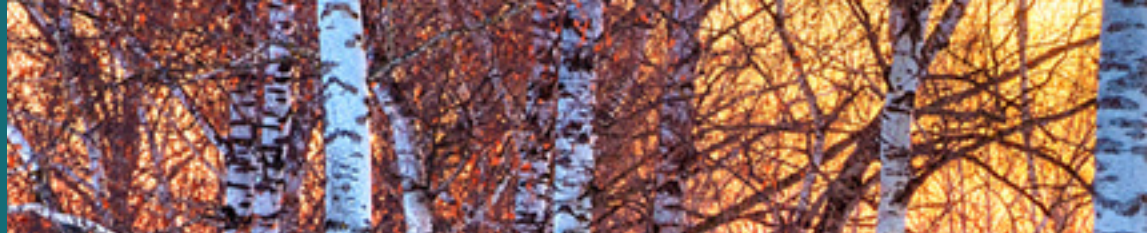
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Cricket News

by Ahmed Saleem
Cricket Convenor



Journey Of The USRC Gunners

The Cricket section is pleased to contribute a new series of articles depicting the journey of USRC Gunners, a product of the USRC and have progressed to have representatives in the Hong Kong national side. Monisha Kotwani, a hardworking and valuable member of our cricket section management team, has contributed this absorbing article.

Most sportspeople in the world face troubles and turmoil of some kind. In Hong Kong, a lot of budding cricketers face lots of challenges to fulfil their dream of playing cricket and representing Hong Kong. These include, but are not limited to financial, infrastructural and societal barriers. In the USRC we have two young budding talents who have overcome their challenges and are now representing Hong Kong and the USRC in cricket. This is a special feature dedicated to our young talents in the USRC, Zakir Hayat and Ehsan Muhammad, who have overcome barriers and represent the USRC in the most prestigious cricket leagues in Hong Kong.

Zakir Hayat

Zakir is from Pakistan and he came to Hong Kong in 2013 after his father moved to Hong Kong for work opportunities and started his education here. He started playing cricket at a very young age and is now 17 years since he dedicated himself to cricket.



Zakir is an avid sports fan, be it watching or playing, enjoying both with the same passion. While cricket is his passion it does not bring him financial stability and hence he needs to undertake part-time work to make ends meet.



USRC welcomed Zakir in December 2013, where he represented the Club in the junior leagues and played for the U-13's. At the time, his coach was Asif Hussain who coached and supported him for 4 years until he qualified for the U-17's league. He was then coached by Ilyas Gull, Niaz Ali and Rameez Raja. Once Zakir reached his potential, he was selected to play in the prestigious Saturday Championship league along with more experienced players where he was given the opportunity to shine among the big shots. Since he started to play for the Saturday Men's league, he was supported by Aftab Ahmad and Kashif Shams, who constantly pushed him to achieve his best and most importantly perform and win games for the USRC.

Zakir spent a few years with the Saturday Men's league and was then invited to join the Sunday Elite league before playing in the Premier League, the most prestigious cricketing league in Hong Kong.

With support from captain Imran Arif of the Sunday and Premier League, Zakir represented the USRC in the highest cricketing league of Hong Kong. He developed his skills under the guidance of other senior players and is now considered to be one of the best players in USRC.

Having been recognised for his dedication and zealous passion towards cricket, Zakir was invited to join the Hong Kong national team in 2018 and played and represented the Hong Kong U19 team. He was able to meet a lot of different people and build his cricketing career with the best coaches in Hong Kong. He considers it a great honour to be able to play and train with the legends of Hong Kong cricket, some of whom are Aizaz Khan and Imran Arif.



Zakir describes the USRC as his second home. He has developed from a young child to a valuable asset of Hong Kong cricket. Zakir believes USRC has played a very important role in shaping him and making him a player he is today. Fortunately for Zakir, his parents have constantly supported him emotionally and financially and allowed him to devote his time to cricket and be the great sportsperson he is today. He wishes to represent USRC and Hong Kong on a bigger international platform in the near future.

Ehsan Muhammad

Having a similar background to Zakir, Ehsan also has a similar story and is from Pakistan. Ehsan's father moved to Hong Kong in 1997 and in 2008 Ehsan moved to Hong Kong and started his cricketing career here. He started by playing tape ball cricket until 2015 when he first played with the hard ball.

Ehsan's passion and love towards cricket is admirable. He used to work at the USRC as a server and decided to join its junior leagues to represent the Club. He managed his time efficiently and effectively, whereby he gave his dedication toward his hobby and passion for cricket while working to support himself and his family. As a result of his hard work, dedication and passion, Ehsan is now recognised as one of the best budding talents in Hong Kong.



Ehsan started playing for the U-15's league, representing the USRC in 2016 and was coached by Niaz Ali. To date, it has been almost 5 years of Ehsan's commendable loyalty towards the USRC.

He progressed by playing for the Saturday Championship League followed by the Sunday Elite League and on to the Premier League. Ehsan has been a key player for the USRC, taking the most number of wickets and often scoring big winning runs for the teams he represents. He is a dependable player that his team can rely on in crucial times and he never fails to deliver. Since Ehsan was such a valuable asset to his junior league teams, captain Imran Arif of the USRC Premier League team invited him to join the Premier League competition at only 16. Ehsan, through his skills, showcased to his team and the captain that he was a fine addition who added many skills to the team.

Ehsan is grateful to the USRC for providing him with a platform to showcase his talent, develop his skills and become one of the finest cricket players in Hong Kong. He appreciates the support provided by his coaches Rameez Raja and Imran Arif, as he understands that they try and bring out the best in all the players by constantly pushing them to thrive and perform their best. He respects and values the facilities of the USRC which are available to him to develop himself.

Ehsan has faced difficulties with juggling his work, education and cricket. While his passion for cricket never subsided, Ehsan did not want to miss out on his education and thus had early difficulties trying to balance all aspects of his life. Eventually, he was able to manage his cricket, work and education and has been thriving since then. Ehsan believes the USRC, the cricket committee and his coaches have provided him with the necessary assistance and has played a big role in helping him become the player he is today. Ehsan looks forward to his future in Hong Kong cricket and hopes to become a top player in Hong Kong.

We wish both Zakir and Ehsan, the very best for their lives and cricketing careers and hope they continue to make the USRC proud. The Cricket Section is very grateful to the USRC Chairman, Sports Director, General Manager and the Sports Management for their continuous support and dedication in nurturing these future cricketing stars.



Football News

Alan Urmston
Football Convenor



As you can imagine, there was little football played in the last couple of months of 2020. After the lockdowns of last spring and summer, we were hopeful that once it had been decided to write the 2019-20 season off as a bad job (despite Gunners winning the League) and that we could start afresh with the 20-21 season in October. All seemed to be going well but by the end of November, we were back in lockdown again. Anyway, here's news on the games that were played.

Reigning Legal League champions **USRC Gunners** got their season off to a blistering start, winning their first five games and scoring 20 goals in the process. First up was Club Tropicana on 16th October and they were defeated 4-2, thanks to goals from Sean Taylor, Marcus McMillan, Giacomo "Jack" Gallina and Matt Logan. This was followed on the 23rd by a 6-1 thrashing of KCC Cavaliers (Marcus (2), Jack, Kieran McBride (pen), Gwilym Cornes and Mark Jobling) and a week later by an even more emphatic win, 7-1 over Goodfellas. Marcus and Sean were again in the goals with a pair each.



Giacomo Gallina scores for Gunners against KCC Cavaliers on 23rd October



Matt Logan in action for Gunners against KCC Cavaliers on 23rd October

There followed a couple of narrow wins, over Hong Kong Scottish Stags (1-0, Ian Armour) and Revolution (2-1, Jack and Jonathan Mok) before the lads were brought down to earth by a humbling 6-1 defeat to Wanchai Spartans. On 27th November, Gunners took on Soho Spartans and defeated them 2-0 thanks to Jack and Jonathan to put them on 18 points from the first 7 games. This was the last game played before pitches were closed. As things stand, Gunners are second in the table, a point behind Irish Harps.

USRC 1911 started their season on 23rd October with a 3-1 win in a friendly against BTDT. They met the same team a week later in their first game of the Legends League season and went one better, winning 4-1. Gwilym Cornes (2), Lee Burns and Connor Mannion got the goals to get 1911 off to a great start. Unfortunately, a week later they came up against Discovery Bay in ruthless mood and suffered a bruising 6-0 defeat. They also played their last game before the lockdown on 27th November, losing narrowly to Godfathers (2-1, Greg Turner).



The 1911 team that took on BTDT in a pre-season friendly on 23rd October:

Back: Chuk Tsang, Jon Redding, James Darwin, Chris Jay, Ciaran Fay, Richard Phillips, Martin Brown, John Bona.
Front: Ian Casey, Laurence Rudge, Rudi Dray, Anthony Vasey, Williams Nambeke, Andy Hull.

USRC Vitesse managed to get two games in. The first was a friendly win (3-1) over Unicorn, with John Bona (2) and Greg Turner scoring the goals for Vitesse. This was followed by their first game of the 20-21 season in the Legends Over-45s League against Godfathers. Vitesse won that game 4-1 with Greg scoring two, Chris Jay one and Godfathers contributing the other after Football Section Convenor Laurence Rudge had looked sure to score himself anyway.

So we did manage to fit a lot into the six weeks or so that the current season lasted. We can only hope that at some time in the not-too-distant future we can resume playing. Our Annual Charity Match scheduled for January has inevitably had to be postponed to a later date.

Like everyone else, we hope for a 2021 that will be better than the past year, and that we'll be able to get back to the activities that bring us joy. We are doing what we can to stay safe, stay well and stay fit, so that when the pitches do open again, we'll be ready.



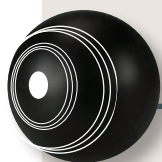
The Vitesse team that played Unicorn on 16th October:
Back: Jason Ho, Marco Leung, Andy Hull, Chris Jay, Gilbert Nkouagne, Darryl Hood, Kenneth Chui.
Front: Brian Mulcahy, Paul Chan, Frank Kam, Sam Chan, Greg Turner, John Bona, Laurence Rudge.

Monday Night Football, which had continued during the previous lockdowns also had to end at the end of November. This has proved to be a very popular "in-house" activity, with

many members joining in and guest teams being invited. On 23rd November, our guests were the ex-pros of South China AA.



USRC and South China players enjoy Monday Night Football on 23rd November



Lawn Bowls News

by the Apprentice

Club 2x4x2 Pairs Competition 2020



As reported in the last issue, the Semi-finals, Auxiliary Final and Final of the Club 2x4x2 Pairs competition were held as scheduled on 26th October.



Semi-Final 1



Semi-Final 2

It was all action with the two Semi-final games started at 10am. Both games were tight. In the end, the two winning teams played each other in the Final whereas the losing teams competed in the Auxiliary Final in the afternoon.

Final

Mandy Ho Paul Kwok	vs	Allen Cheng Leung Kin Hung
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Auxiliary Final

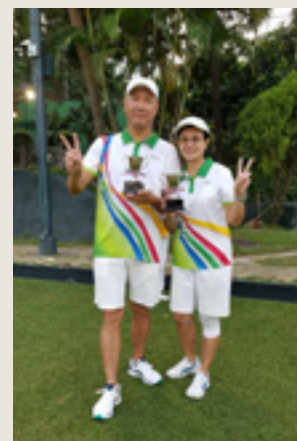
Elise Lo Ricky Mak	vs	Anissa Ng Ho Wai Man
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After another 15 ends of battle, the final results are:



Winner

Leung KH & Allen Cheng



1st Runner-up

Paul Kwok & Mandy Ho



2nd Runner-up

Anissa Ng & Ho Wai Man



3rd Runner-up

Elise Lo & Ricky Mak



Green Opening Ceremony

The LBS has taken the opportunity to have our second green opening ceremony this year on the same day as the Finals of the 2x4x2 Pairs were played and we have the pleasure of Mr Burns joining us in the Bai-sun and Roast Pig Cutting ceremony.

There were over 45 members turned up to enjoy the occasion and the roast pig feast afterwards.



As usual, members enjoyed a game of Happy Bowls in the afternoon while the 2x4x2 Finals were played on rink 3 and 4. Refreshments were being served during the half-time break.



Angela Chau's Memorial Service



Angela Chau, a well respected and experienced lawn bowler and a member of the USRC had passed away peacefully on 31st October 2020. An ex-Hong Kong International with over 30 years of bowling experience, Angela was one of the most decorated women bowlers in Hong Kong. During the years of

perfecting her skill in lawn bowls, she won over 30 national titles, not to mention her distinguished achievements while representing Hong Kong on numerous occasions. She was one of the most wonderful people we have known and will be sadly missed by all.

A memorial service was held for Angela on 7th November at the USRC. It was attended by many of her friends, members and staff.



Speeches were made by Liana Lee (on behalf of Uncle Luk), Elise Lo, Annie Yeung and David Tse (representing the HKLBA) in remembrance of Angela. To pay our last respect, a minute of silence was held followed by flower laying for Angela. May she rest in peace.



Reciprocal Charity Game with YLLBC

The reciprocal Charity Friendly Game with YLLBC was organized by the Yuen Long Lawn Bowls Club at Yuen Chau Kok on 8th November. All funds raised from the game are for the benefits of ImpactHK, the LBS's charity beneficiary.

Four teams of fours represented USRC against the YLLBC teams in 2 sets of 10 ends with a short refreshment break in between. Prizes were awarded to the two best performing teams on each side.



A total sum of \$5200 was raised and Eddie Tang, Convenor of YLLBC presented the donation to the LBS. It was highly appreciated and gratefully received by the USRC Convenor.



Women National Fours 2020 Competition

After the success of Kelvin Lin made it to the Final of the Men's Novice Singles competition, our women players decided that they are not going to be left behind.

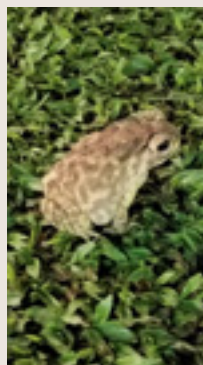
On 29th November, our team of Joanna Wong, Tammy Tam, Mandy Ho and Hana Ko represented USRC in the Women National Fours 2020 competition qualified for the semi-final held at KCC. They managed to beat their opponent team LCN and reached the final for the very first time.



They will meet the CCC team in the Final. It will be a tough match and we wish them all the best of luck.



Wildlife on the Green



DRAWING TO THE SCORING ZONE GAME

- Put a mat at each end and mark out a "scoring zone" ie a 1 metre square with two flat plastic markers at the front and two other markers at the back, with a half tennis ball as the jack at the centre of the square.
- Play a competitive game in which the score for each end is the normal bowls score plus one for each bowl which finishes with any part inside the square
- This can be played as two bowl pairs, three bowl pairs or two bowl triples

Reference: getagameofbowls.com



Rugby News

Nigel Mattravers
Rugby Convenor



Once again the Rugby Section has been hit by the Covid-19 controls and so, along with all other sports, we have had to stop playing for the moment. Taking this opportunity during the enforced break, Director of Rugby, Sam Hocking reflects on what has been a solid start for the senior teams to the season played so far.



WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP RECAP

Speaking with Fan Shun Kei & Lindsay Varty

Following a nail-biting 27-21 win over Gai Wu Falcons, the USRC Tigers look to continue their unbeaten run in the KPMG Women's Premiership. From a strong showing from the roster top-down, there are plenty of reasons to be proud of their performance so far.

Speaking with the Head Coach, Fan Shun Kei, he expressed his satisfaction with what the USRC Tigers have

achieved. He exclaimed that we have "won 4 out of 4 games so far and stopped Valley's winning streak", acknowledging that it has been a "very good start". He pointed out that the team's strong performance has been largely due to the intensity shown in the attack along with some very good team tries.

Going into detail of the key areas the USRC Tigers have executed well on, Fan Shun Kei noted that "our attacking game looks very dangerous, especially with our kicking game and transition from defence to attack." With how hard the team has worked in those areas, he was happy to see it pay off, all the while putting the opposition under a lot of pressure which resulted in some fantastic tries.

Talking to Captain Lindsay Varty, she commented that the good form has been kept up by smart coaching, the depth we have in the roster along with the energy and team spirit brought to each match. "We've had a good run so far and are very happy with the result", she exclaimed. She also added that it's "the first time in many years that we have been at the top of the league table!" With us always being a team that supports and encourages each other, Varty was happy to see that "shining through this season".

Looking at the next steps, with the return of training restrictions, Varty acknowledged that it would be up to each player to keep themselves fit, healthy and connected with the team. With this in mind, she added that "we expect a lot of home workouts, lifting bags of rice and using water bottles as dumbbells, and zoom sessions for team HIIT workouts!"



MEN'S PREMIERSHIP RECAP

Breakdown of 4 rounds.

With the momentary hiatus from Premiership Rugby, there is certainly time for reflection on the prior matches. With the Men's Premiership beginning their run of good form, we look back to the last four matches to see how they have progressed on a statistical level.

Round 1, USRC Tigers vs HKFC: Score 13-33

In what was a tough match, the USRC Tigers had notable carries from both Josh and Zac Hrstich (the Double-Trouble Brothers), each respectively tallying 21 and 10 carries. However, the offence was hampered as they made 9 errors on the attacking front, with a large portion due to ball handling and ball security. On the defensive end, Charlie Wilson and Ryan Spriggs led the charge, contributing a combined 17 made tackles. The USRC Tigers on a whole also applied their pressure on the defence, forcing 6 turnovers from HKFC. Discipline proved to be the decider, as Tigers conceded 15 penalties something which they would look to improve in the next match up.

Round 2, USRC Tigers vs Valley: Score 9-18

In another hard-fought match, the USRC Tigers once again had strong carries from the Captain Josh Hrstich, leading the team with 18. With an increased number of breakdowns from

the prior match with HKFC, ball security at the ruck proved to be vital - with Harrison Dobbs involved in 20 breakdowns. However, ball-handling still proved to be an issue, causing 12 of the 15 errors on the offence. The defence tightened up as the number of missed tackles by 31%. This did not amount to a lot of forced turnovers, with the Tigers only forcing 2 on the defensive end. In a hard-fought game, the USRC Tigers were unfortunate to come out second best after a turnover deep on the Valley line resulting in a length of the field score proved costly.

Round 3, USRC Tigers vs HKU Sandy Bay: Score 16-13

In the first win for the USRC Tigers of the 2020/21 season, fly-half Josh Henderson proved to be an important part racking up 11 points for the Tigers. With strong carrying contributions from the entire team, the USRC Tiger offence seemed to be firing on all cylinders. This resulted in a significant decrease in errors on the attack to 5, allowing them to look dangerous throughout the match.

On defence, it truly was a team effort as all the Tigers recorded made tackles, with Charlie Wilson leading with 11. Big defensive periods and holding out during key moments, helped them win the game.

Round 4, USRC Tigers vs HK Scottish: Score 20-15

In their latest match, the USRC Tigers again looked very clinical, minimal errors on the attacking front which allowed for the Tigers to rack up 20 points, with contributions from Josh Henderson, Chris Maize and Ryan Spriggs. The forwards were clinical against HK Scottish, securing 100% of the Tiger's scrums and 90% of the lineouts. In what was a physical match with the USRC Tigers tallying a combined 92 tackles and forced 8 turnovers.

Men's Premiership clinching two vital wins before the interrupted break against Sandy Bay and Scottish. Playing with a confidence that has been reflected in their performance and looking more dangerous with every game under their belt.

Looking Forward

The New Year will bring the return of rugby to Hong Kong, we hope, and we all have our fingers crossed that all teams meet the upcoming challenge head-on, whether that is to start the league within our NL1 and CL4 teams or for the Premier Men and Women and the Titans finding that comfort zone again and battling it out for the next six rounds of games when rugby comes back online.

Stay tuned for updates when rugby returns!



Squash News

Colman Ng
Squash Convenor



Impact of the Pandemic on Squash Activities

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to seriously disrupt the planned activities of the Squash Section. With the fourth wave of the pandemic outbreak, all USRC sports facilities, including squash courts, were once again closed as from 10 December. As a result, our Club Tournament competitions, which was in its final stage, had to be suspended pending reopening of the squash courts. Again, for the same reason, our highly popular junior training programme had to be put on hold.

Although the HK Squash has called for applications for the HK Squash League 2021 with the hope that the situation would improve over time, it is, however, unsure if the League competitions could actually proceed as planned. In view of the latest pandemic situation, HK Squash has recently decided to postpone the League competition for one month to start in February instead of January 2021. But understandably, this would be subject to further changes depending on the prevailing condition at the time.



Members had their last practice session before the closure of the courts



Squash players practising 'social distancing' while enjoying dinner at the Garden Cafe before the evening ban

Wing Ding Charity Tournament

The Annual Wing Ding Charity Tournament was held on the 21 November at the HKFC Squash Centre. On account of the pandemic outbreak, the format of competition this year has been simplified to reduce human interactions. Instead of playing against several players from different teams, each player had to play against only one player from another team for a continuous period of 25 minutes. This is a running team fun squash tournament with 10 teams of 10 players competing in non-stop squash racing to be the first team to score 500, 1,000, 1,500 and top points.

All money raised, fees, donations and raffle, goes directly to Operation Santa Claus. Operation Santa Claus is the annual charity campaign, jointly organized by the SCMP and RTHK. It offers a platform for Hongkongers to share their good fortune with the needy during the winter festive season. Through the generous donations from members and friends, the USRC Team raised a total of \$14,400. Despite this period of economic difficulties, we certainly have not forgotten the less fortunate group of people in our community.



The USRC Wing Ding team



The USRC Wing Ding team in action



Totally exhausted after 25-minute non-stop play



Tennis News

Cindy Fung
Tennis Convenor



The Convener

In September the Winter League was held as scheduled. All the teams actively participated, and our Men's D Team even got into the playoff but unfortunately, the league was put to a halt since the government announced the closure of all sports facilities due to the escalated pandemic situation. The Happy Tennis and Year-End Dinner originally scheduled also had to be cancelled.

Luckily the Happy Tennis event on the 24th of October was held successfully with lots of enthusiastic participants and competitive games. It was a fun and lively afternoon. I sincerely hope that the pandemic will be over soon and the subcommittee will organise different activities for members to participate in the coming year. Lastly, I wish you all a very Happy New Year. Stay safe and healthy.

All the best in 2021!

Cindy Fung

Junior League

Tennis in Hong Kong is continuing to grow in popularity as a sport for all ages and is one of the most family-friendly sports in the city. The USRC is one of the fastest-growing and favourite clubs in HK, increasing its player and membership numbers every year. It has a great history and reputation for playing fair, winning premierships and having great supporters, especially in the tennis aspect.

Apart from growing our senior teams, we also focus closely on nurturing our juniors, ranging from under 9's up to under 18's and this has been evident with the Club's success over the past years. To accumulate more practical experiences and enhance tennis skills & techniques in the junior team, we provide opportunities for each player to participate in the league and other competitions. Meanwhile, our junior players can build loyalty by participating in league games on behalf of the USRC.

Our tennis coaching team is experienced and qualified in the tennis industry. They are responsible for training, managing and coordinating all aspects of our junior team. Regarding regular tennis coaching lessons and participation in a junior league match, please contact reception for details. Our coaches, Sam Lam and Chris Hunter, are always ready to be of service to you all.

Happy Tennis

Sixteen senior (in terms of ages) members participated in the first-ever '130+ Happy Tennis Tournament' held on October 24. All of them were drawn to pair based on one single criterion that each pair had to reach a combined age of 130+ regardless of gender.

During the matches, all players demonstrated a strong desire to win each game since it counted for gaining points to become the champion. Spectators enjoyed watching them play since they tried hard to reminisce their old days in terms of attempting a classic kick serve or a topspin down the line forehand stroke. Regardless of the success rate, they appeared to be very satisfied with their performance and received cheers from the crowd.

In the afternoon, another session of the 'Happy Tennis Tournament' was held with 32 elite players of the section joining the event. Players were categorised according to their level of skills in each court and they were drawn to pair and play in a round-robin format.

Snacks and drinks were served when all games were in play, providing an opportunity for players and spectators to chat and mingle off the courts. After the event, many players strongly requested the Subcommittee to organise this kind of activity more often.

Photos from the Happy Tennis Tournament





Elite Member

Congratulations to Dr Dennis Ng BBS MH on his recent award of the SBS (Silver Bauhinia Star) from the Hong Kong SAR Government. It was awarded in recognition of his contributions to facilitate effective communications between the commerce sector and the HK Government, as well as his leadership in the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of HK to support the development of the Greater Bay Area and the Belt and Road Initiative.



The Tennis Subcommittee wishes all members, families and friends a Happy New Year and the best of health in 2021 and years beyond!



Bridge News

Mimi Wong
Bridge Convenor



Charity

New gifts and toys were bought by the Bridge Section for charitable donations. These items were sent to children who were staying in the children's ward of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital that were not able to be at home during Christmas. Many thanks to Henry Lau who spared his weekend family time buying the gifts and delivering them to the Club.

The gifts were placed in the collection box at Reception on the 20th December. We wish the children staying in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas.



Regular activities

- Monday – Social game
- Wednesday – Tutoring
- Thursday – Duplicate

Monday social bridge

The Monday social bridge is run under an extremely serious but relaxed atmosphere. We have some advanced players offering to play hands with beginners, give advice and correct any mistakes that the beginners have made. We have set out a bridge bidding system for players to follow. This minimizes the problem of misunderstanding in any first-time partnership during the game.



Wednesday tutoring

Revision topics covered:

- Negative double
- Beware of the danger hand
- Further development on Stayman Convention

Due to the severeness of the fourth wave of Covid-19, the Section has decided not to offer any new beginner's class for the meantime. The existing intermediate and beginner's group will meet online while the classes are suspended. Team game tables are set up for them to continue with bridge skill practice.

Thursday duplicate

Due to social distancing restrictions, the number of tables held for Thursday duplicate was limited to five tables. For this reason, there was a reduction in the number of players.

However, the participants were particularly enjoying themselves with the quiet, intimate and friendly atmosphere. We were fortunate enough to host ten games from September to November before another activity suspension on 1st December due to Covid-19.

Keep in touch

Bridge is a great way to keep your mind agile while making new, like-minded friends. It's also hugely rewarding to learn, whether socially or competitively.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Submit your answer to the Club reception on or before 7th February 2021. All correct entries will receive a FREE SMOOTHIE*

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Membership No:

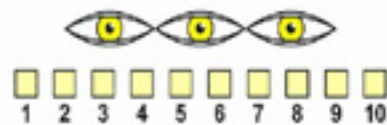
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*Please note only one entry will be accepted per membership

2021
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Year Of The Ox



3-D SUDOKU

Rules for 3-D Sudoku

Below is a completed sample of 3-D Sudoku. You can see from the cross-section 3x3 diagram that digits 1 thru 9 only appears once and duplication is not allowed. The sum of each row (horizontal, Vertical, and frontal but count diagonal is not counted) in the cross-section must add up to be a multiple of 3, i.e. 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24 etc.

Example



3D Sudoku

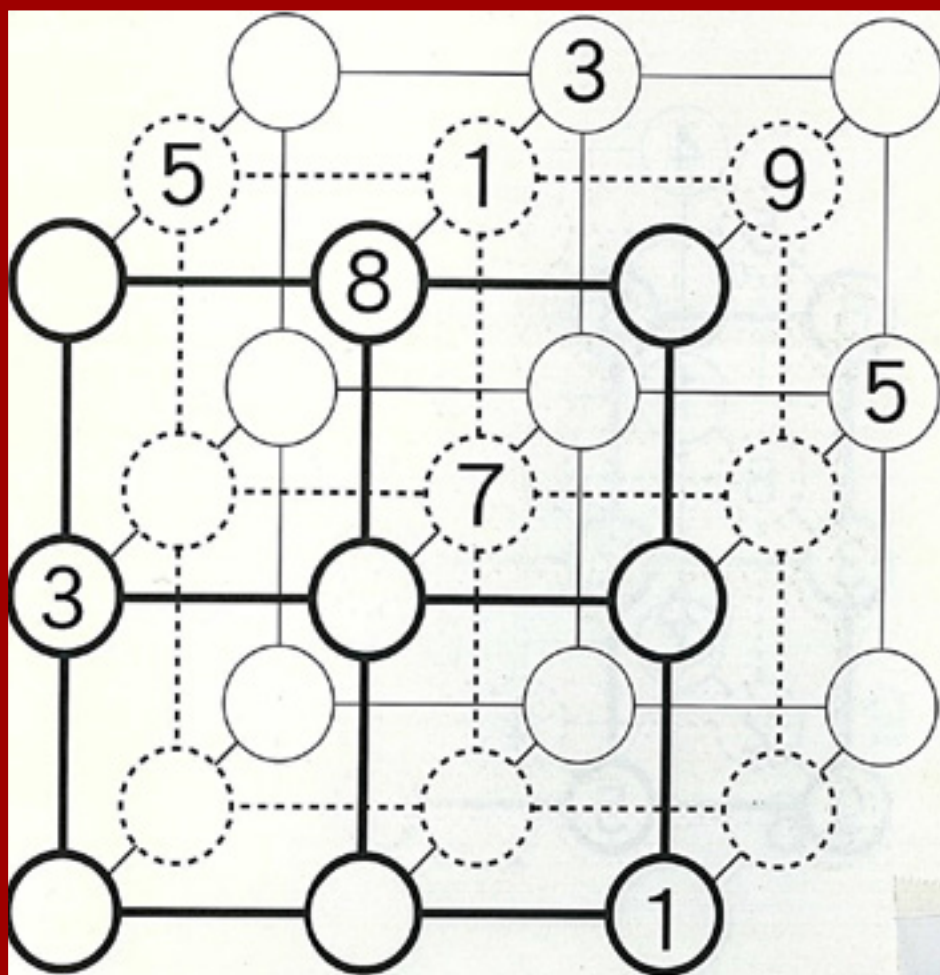
(Horizontal)

(Vertical)

(Frontal)



(Example)



Fill in the blank with Digits 1 thru 9.

Submit your answer to the Club or fax 2724 0949 on or before Sunday, 7th Feb 2021. All correct entries will be placed into a draw. The Winner will receive 4 Courses Set Lunch for two person at Garden Café . Good Luck!

Name: _____

Membership No: _____

Contact Tel No: _____

Email: _____

*Please note only one entry will be accepted per Membership



Nov & Dec Quiz drawn by Mr. Lau



Congratulations to Nov & Dec Quiz Winner Ms. Lau

The Northern Club



The Northern Club is a private members' club in Auckland, New Zealand. Founded in 1869, today it has more than 2,000 members, drawn from the city's professional and business community. The club's main building is designated as a Category 1 historic building by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.

Cloaked in ivy and sitting against a backdrop of modern skyscrapers, it's easy to see how the four-storey Northern Club building was considered a grand high rise when it was built back in 1867.

Perched on the corner of Princes Street and overlooking Albert Barracks, the quarry stone building served the city as the Royal Hotel until 1869. It was then that a forward-thinking group of Auckland's movers and shakers purchased the brick Italianate-style building.

The 120 founding members called on architect Edward Ramsey to rearrange the hotel's internal rooms and the Northern Club was born. The distinctive Virginia Creeper began to take hold in 1927 and the building was granted Category 1 status by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust in 1988.

A wide range of facilities are available, from large entertaining spaces to intimate reading rooms and secluded boardrooms, you will find space suited to your needs.

The Billiard Room can be found on the second floor and is fully equipped with two full-sized billiard tables. It is a true club room and displays the wonderful Officers' Club memorabilia.

The Club provides a great dining experience, from casual to fine dining. Bankside Bistro offers a dynamic and contemporary space and is the ideal spot for relaxing at the end of a hard

working week with live music on Friday nights adding to the atmosphere.

An enticing west-facing terrace soaks up the last of the sun's rays and is a unique space for summer dining while indoors the fireplace offers a cosy retreat during the colder months.

Another ideal place for relaxing after work is the Bankside Bar and Lounge, the newest wing of the Club. It is an exceptionally modern and stylish space which features a cosy lounge, a two-story wood-burning fireplace, a sweeping brass and timber bar, patio, lawn and terrace. There is plenty of space to relax and watch the sunset.

If you want to stay to continue with the enjoyment, you may choose to stay over in one of the Club's guestrooms. All guestrooms are beautifully renovated in appointed boutique style.



List of Reciprocal Clubs

COUNTRY	CITY	CLUB NAME	COUNTRY	CITY	CLUB NAME
AUSTRALIA	Adelaide	Naval, Military & Air Force Club of South Australia	SINGAPORE		Camden Park Hollandse Club Orchid Country Club Singapore Ceylon Sports Club The Chinese Swimming Club
	Brisbane	United Service Club			
	Canberra	Canberra Club	SOUTH AFRICA	Cape Town	Cape Town Club
	Melbourne	The Kelvin Club Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Royal Automobile Club of Victoria Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club		Durban	Durban Club
	Sydney	The Royal Exchange of Sydney Royal Automobile Club of Australia	SPAIN	Barcelona	Círculo Ecuestre
BELGIUM	Brussels	Royal International Club Chateau Sainte-Anne		Bilbao	Sociedad Bilbaina
	Gent	International Club of Flanders	SWEDEN	Stockholm	Military Club of Stockholm
CANADA	Vancouver	Hollyburn Country Club Jericho Tennis Club Terminal City Club	THAILAND	Bangkok	The Bangkok Club The British Club
	Victoria	Union Club of British Columbia	TRINIDAD	Port of Spain	Trinidad Union Club
CHINA	Taipei	American Club	UK-ENGLAND	Bath	The Bath & County Club
FRANCE	Paris	Saint James Paris		London	The Army & Navy Club Carlton Club Naval & Military Club Royal Air Force Club St. James Hotel and Club Mayfair The Lansdowne Club The Walbrook Club
GERMANY	Berlin	International Club Berlin	UK-N.IRELAND	Belfast	The Ulster Reform Club
	Frankfurt	Union International Club	UK-SCOTLAND	Aberdeen	The Royal Northern and University Club
INDIA	Ahmedabad	Karnavati Club		Edinburgh	The New Club The Royal Scots Club
	Jaipur	Jaipur Riding and Polo Club	U.S.A.	Bellevue	Bellevue Club
	Jodhpur	Umed Club		Berkeley	The Berkeley City Club
	Kerala	Sri Mulam Club		Cincinnati	Cincinnati Athletic Club
	Mumbai	Golden Swan Country Club Royal Bombay Yacht Club The Bombay Presidency Radio Club The Umbergaon Club		Kansas	The Kansas City Club
	Pune	Residency Club		New Haven	New Haven Lawn Club
IRELAND	Dublin	The Stephen's Green Hibernian Club		New York	The Cornell Club Princeton Club The Williams Club
JAPAN	Kobe	Kobe Club		Philadelphia	The Racquet Club of Philadelphia
KENYA	Nairobi	Nairobi Safari Club		Portland	University Club of Portland
	Mombasa	Mombasa Club		San Francisco	The Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel
LUXEMBOURG		Cercle Munster		Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara Club University Club of Santa Barbara
MALAYSIA	Ipoh	Royal Ipoh Club		Seattle	The Rainier Club
	Kuala Lumpur	Royal Commonwealth Society		Washington DC	The Army & Navy Club
	Penang	Penang Club			
	Port Dickson	Royal Port Dickson Yacht Club			
	Sabah	Sandakan Yacht Club			
NEW ZEALAND	Auckland	The Northern Club			
	Dunedin	The Dunedin Club			
	Napier	The Hawkes Bay Club			
	Wellington	Wellesley Boutique Hotel The Wellington Club			
PHILIPPINES	Baguio City	Baguio Country Club			
	Cebu City	City Sports Club Cebu			
	Manila	Manila House			
PORTUGAL	Lisbon	Gremio Literario			
	Oporto	Oporto Cricket & Lawn Tennis Club			

Clubs in bold are recently added clubs to our reciprocal list





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FROM 7 YEARS TO 17 YEARS

AGE GROUPS	DAYS	TIMINGS
AGE: 7 - 11 YEARS	SATURDAY	11am to 1pm
AGE: 12 - 15 YEARS	SATURDAY	9 am to 10.30am
AGE: 15 - 17 YEARS	TUESDAY	6 pm to 8pm

Our Elite Coaches panel:

Ilyas Gull - National Coach

Imran Arif - Hong Kong Player and International Coach

Shahid Wasif - Hong Kong Player and Coach

Kashif Shams - USRC player and ICC level 1 Coach

Rameez Raja - USRC player and ICC level 1 Coach

Our Coaches focus and help children to develop:

- 🏏 The love and Passion for Cricket
- 🏏 Basic skills and development of the Game
- 🏏 Improvement in the overall techniques Bowling, Batting and Fielding
- 🏏 Building Confidence , Sportsmanship, Teamwork, friendship, Respect
- 🏏 Best use of lesisure time, promoting sports as the best healthy activity



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