

## New wine in old bottles – Football Section management changes

The Football Section held its Annual General Meeting on 3 June and duly concluded the business of the 2010-11 football season, noting the following highlights:

- KCC Knights had won the Yau Yee League Second Division championship and had also reached the semifinals of the Yau Yee Cup
- KCC Dragons had finished fourth in the First Division, their best position for three seasons
- The junior programme had grown to over 180 young players, including girls and the newly established KCC Under 15s squad
- The section had a successful visit to the Royal Bangkok Sports Club in January, with some 35 section members taking part in social and competitive matches

Thanks were recorded to retiring committee members: James Gough (Secretary), Jim Down (Knights and Junior Football), Ravi Sujanani (Royals) and Mike Trayford (Events and Sponsorship).

The AGM was followed by the section Annual Dinner, attended by over 140 people, including former heads of the section Mike Kennedy and Mike Pomfret. General Committee Members Mike Dowie (Hon. Secretary, representing the President

of the KCC), KC Shing (Hon. Treasurer), Kishu Lalchandani and Aaron Yip (who is a member of the Football Section) also joined the dinner, at which the following players received awards for their contribution to the section in the past season:

James Down Trophy (Junior Footballer of the Year) – **Mervyn McKinley**

KCC U15s Players' Player – Chris Jensen

Tony Smith Shield (Royals' Player of the Year) – **Geoffrey Ho**

Mike Trayford Trophy (Young Player of the Year) – **Mike Wu**

Mike Kennedy Trophy (Most Improved Player) – **Martin Rigby**

KCC Knights Leading Goal Scorer – **Chris Delaiglesia**

Matthew Wake Trophy (KCC Dragons Leading Goal Scorer) – **Jason Trenberth**

Mike Kennedy Trophy (KCC Knights Player of the Year) – **Jason Jayem**

Shyam Nainani Trophy (KCC Dragons Player of the Year) – **Richard Young**

The Nigel Sandford Chairman's Award – **Chris Pickles**



*Junior Footballer of the Year Mervyn McKinley*

Looking ahead, we plan to welcome Aston Villa FC to the KCC in late July, when they will be in Hong Kong competing in the Barclays Asia Trophy against Chelsea, Blackburn Rovers and Kitchee. We are also due to host our friends from the RBSC in mid-August, so although the football season has come to a close, there is no rest for the wicked.

**Jonny Mac**

## The AGM elected the following new committee for 2011-12:

**Jon McKinley** – Captain of Football

**Tony Smith** – Treasurer

**Paul McGunnigle** – Secretary

**Shyam Nainani** – KCC Dragons Manager

**Dharam Mirpuri** – KCC Knights Manager

**Dave Christmas** – KCC Royals Manager

**Tony Smith** – Head of Junior Football

**Chris Pickles** – Events and Sponsorship Coordinator





## Junior Football Section awards

4 June 2011

The Junior Football Section held its end-of-season awards on 4 June 2011 where all of the achievements of the past season were celebrated. The highly successful Saturday morning junior football programme has grown enormously over the past few years, and is run by 14 KCC volunteer parent coaches with professional coaching provided by Brazilian Soccer Schools.

### KEY STATISTICS

#### Players

Number of children signed up	191 (including 22 U15s)
Number of boys	148
Number of girls	43
Waiting List	39

#### Games

Number of HKJFL Tournaments played (2000-2002s)	6 x 2 teams
Number of HKJFL League matches played (1999s)	13 x 2 teams
Number of HKJFL League matches played (1998s/97s)	14/12
Number of friendly matches played by KCC U15s	10
Number of girls tournaments played (3 age groups)	3
Total during the season	300 matches

The programme caters to boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 15 and provides a springboard to the KCC adult football teams. Key successes during the past season have been as follows:

2002s	Plate Runner-Up, Cup Semifinal
2001s	Plate Winners, Cup Quarterfinal
2000s	Plate Winners, Cup Quarterfinal
1999s	A Team 4th in Division 1; B Team 4th in Division 3
1998s	4th in League
1997s	3rd in League
Under 15s	Wins vs. Tai Chung and Sham Shui Po
Girls U10s	Plate Final Runner-Up (Nov 2010)
Girls U12s	Cup Final Winners (March 2011)
Girls U14s	Plate Final Winners (Nov 2010)

Special congratulations go to the 5 members of the KCC U14s girls' team who are in the national U14 squad for HKLFA and the 2 KCC girls who represented Hong Kong in the China Youth Tournament in Nanjing in May 2011 – a truly wonderful achievement!

At the presentation ceremony on 4 June, several junior players received awards (see opposite page).



**Top Scorer (Bronze), 1998 – Ollie Laxton**



**Most Sporting Player (Silver) U10s – Isabelle Marsh**



**Most Valuable Player (Gold), 1998 – Jake Smith**



**Most Improved Player (Bronze) U14s – Maddy Thomas**



**Most Improved Player (Bronze) 2002 – Max Howling**



**Top Scorer (Bronze) U12s – Rhea Rodrigues**



**Most Valuable Player (Gold) 2002 – Suvir Sujanani**



**Most Valuable Player (Gold) U14s – Lydia Pownner**



**Top Scorer (Bronze) 1999 – Sam Down**



**Most Improved Player (Bronze) U12s – Molly Smith**



**Most Sporting Player (Silver) 2002 – Hung Shing Him**



**Most Valuable Player (Gold) U10s – Jorja Townson**



**Most Sporting Player (Silver) 2000 – Vincent Creagh**



**Most Sporting Player (Silver) 2001 – Harry Laxton**

# KCC Junior Football 2010-11

Congratulations to the following junior footballers whose performances, achievements and attitude were recognised at the Junior Awards presentation on 4 June 2011.

## HKJFL Teams

Age Group	Top Scorer	Most Improved Player	Most Sporting Player	Most Valuable Player
2002	Luke Praetorius	Max Howling	Hung Shing Him	Suvir Sujanani
2001	Daniel Gough	Tom Cossart	Harry Laxton	Molly Smith
2000	Vishal Vaswani	James Plumbridge	Vincent Creagh	Daryush Irani
1999	Sam Down	Zac Cossart	Rahul Mirchandani	Ollie Laxton
1998	Ollie Laxton	Alex Fan	Andrew Whitmarsh	Jake Smith
1997	Neal Sajnani	Karan Daswani	Amrit Panjabi Nikhil Mohinani	Anthony Wilson

## Girls

Age Group	Top Scorer	Most Improved Player	Most Sporting Player	Most Valuable Player
U10s	Shivahn Garvie	Jennifer Swainston	Isabelle Marsh	Jorja Townson
U12s	Rhea Rodrigues	Molly Smith	Lella Lee	Kaela-Mei Townson
U14s	Alexandra Orr	Maddy Thomas	Noelle Lee	Lydia Powner

### James Down Trophy Junior Footballer of the Year – Mervyn Mckinley

I would just like to thank the following for all their efforts over the past season:

- Jim Down who is standing down from the position of Head of the Junior Football Section. Jim has worked tirelessly for many years building up the Junior Football Section to where it is today, and none of this could have been achieved without him. He is certainly leaving behind some big shoes to fill.
- James Gough for all of his work during the season and for making the end-of-season awards ceremony such a special occasion.
- Jon McKinley for his continuing support and encouragement as Football Convenor.
- The coaches from Brazilian Soccer Schools who have helped develop the KCC players into a force to be reckoned with in the HKJFL.
- The parent coaches, as without you the programme couldn't run – we are always looking for new recruits, so please come along and volunteer next season.
- All of the parents, players and of course the KCC staff, particularly Kings, Robert, Teresa and the grounds staff.

Cheers, and we look forward to seeing everyone back again for the new season starting in September.

**Tony Smith**



*Top Scorer (Bronze), 2001 – Daniel Gough*



*Most Valuable Player (Gold), 1999 – Ollie Laxton*



*Top Scorer (Bronze) 2002 – Luke Praetorius*



*Most Valuable Player (Gold) 2000 – Daryush Irani*



*Most Valuable Player (Gold) U12s – Kaela-Mei Townson*



*Most Sporting Player (Silver) 1999 – Rahul Mirchandani*



*Most Sporting Player (Silver) 1997 – Amrit Panjabi*