



Start of the Season Section Mix In

Saturday, 2 April at the Sun Lawn

We paid for the band, but were lucky to get a free stunning dance performance from Lily (Cliff's better half).

When most of the agile men failed to keep up with her dance steps, Lily grabbed a member of the South American band to accompany her with the beautifully demonstrated 'Samba' dance.

Jim took to the floor with some fast moving trembling dance steps which could be misunderstood that he was shivering from the cold looks of his dance partner.

On the other hand, Roger swept Anna to the floor with a rather slow motion dance routine which could be mistaken as a sign that the world was coming to an end.

A pleasant evening under the moonlight with lots of Lucky Draw prizes! Thanks to Perrier, Carlsberg and Robert.

Bob Mehta



With free Perrier Vitte Wine and F&B revenue down, Robert forcing a smile to hide his disappointment



Filling up on food and drink



Polly grabbing Mike's wallet



Anna with prize for MC Yau



Burji getting too close for comfort



Vinita, Anna and Bob... Lucky 16



Champagne for Michael the non-drinker



Prize winner Celina



Annie..dressed Mexican or Indian



Lily, how about a dance



Mexican Bob with band



Faride giving prize to Fred



Two love birds



Jack, better donate the hair dryer to Janet



Kenwood set for GC Meetings



Jim and Roger, a contrast in style



Roger, another key set for your lady



Andy happy to win three hours of free cocktails

A Team

We are currently two games into the Summer League and we have two 8-0 wins under our belt.

We played our B Team in the first game of the season which is always a potential 'banana skin'. Everything went to plan, however, and we won reasonably comfortably. Our celebrations were muted as winning 8-0 makes life tough for our B Team. We wish them good luck for the rest of the season (other than when we play them again in August) and hope that they can take points off all the other teams in the 1st Division.

Our second game was an excellent result

away to China Light & Power who were promoted from the 2nd Division last year. They will, I am sure, beat quite a few teams at Tap Sek Kok. Our special thanks to Noel who got off a long flight only a couple of hours before the game but still made it – and played well. He did so much talking on the bus journey back, however, that he had time for only 2 beers from the 'eskie'. Team spirit is excellent and my thanks to everyone.

Let's keep it up.

Mike Dowie, A Team Captain

B Team

The curtain raiser for the season is the anticipated club derby between the A and

B. For the past two seasons we were able to squeeze home the much-needed ego booster of 2 points. However, this was not the case this time round.

The twist of the draw saw the father and son facing each other. The game was close till the 14th end, but a shift of gear saw Chad cruising away for a convincing win.

Andrew managed to hold Noel to a 13-13 on the 14th end, but again like CC lost the last 4 ends to finished 13-20 down.

The captain drew Jimmy again, but this time Jimmy's rink was having an edge throughout and ended up winning by 5 shots.

Verdict: a good game, lost to a better team on the day.

The Junk

KCC's annual match with the Angeles Sports and Country Club for 'The Junk' took place in Angeles City, Philippines on 11 April, 2009 in extremely difficult conditions for the tourists. The programme of events was hectic and the weather was hot, hot, very hot! In spite of the team manager's advice about keeping hydrated, this was interpreted by the players as drink more beer with the obvious results. That one of the opposition was seen actively encouraging our players to drink copious amounts of beer the night before the match, was not true sportsmanship. Nonetheless, team spirit and esprit-de-corps were top class.

It was great to see a total of 21 players represent KCC on the day of the match. Special mention must go to Mike (Yorkie)

Jackman, Graeme (Glitter) Littler and Bill (Stealth) Thomas who joined us from the UK, Thailand and Macau respectively. Unfortunately, the effects of the night before severely hampered our tourists staying power and the result was a resounding walloping with only 2 of the 7 triples managing a win. To be fair to our hosts, however, they continue to progress in leaps and bounds with more and more of their Filipino players (both men and women) playing to a very high standard indeed. I believe that this may only be the 2nd time we have lost 'The Junk'. Training will have to start early for next year's event.

The following day, most of the KCC tourists revealed their inner strength of character by fronting up at 10 a.m. for the traditional 'Bunny Bowls' mix and match pairs competition. Our congratulations should go to KK (Kim Chong) for winning the competition

with one of our hosts; to Bill (Stealth) Thomas for getting to the final; Graeme (Glitter) Littler for achieving 3rd place and Andy (Droopy) Daws for coming 4th. Stealth and Glitter did particularly well over the weekend given that, not having bowled for a while, they were members of the 2 winning triples on the Saturday as well as performing admirably in the Sunday 'Bunny Bowls'. Once again, our hosts deserve a big round of applause for looking after us so well and a great weekend was had by all in spite of Saturday's result. We have already reserved our re-appearance next Easter.

Special thanks must also go to the Finesmaster (Brian 'Octopus' Chambers), Dancemaster (Andy 'Droopy' Daws), Kittymaster (Don 'Animal' McNeil) and, particularly, James Jackman who kept us all (especially his dad) on our toes (and hands) to ensure we all complied with occupational safety and health requirements.

The tourists have organised a wash up/review/de-brief (a.k.a. nosh and drinks) in May in early preparation for winning back 'The Junk' next year. We may need to have one every month to prepare properly.

*Mike 'Bulldog' Dowie
Team Manager (Under Review)*



The next game was at home to HKPBC'A who like us lost 8-nil on their first game at VLBC.

The pattern at the beginning was similar to his first game, CC was 12 all on the 14th end, but this time his rink turned the table and took 7 shots on the last 4 ends to win comfortably by 6 shots.

Gary was leading by as much as 7 shots during the middle stages, and could only manage to take 3 out of the last 8 ends and settled for a 22-22 draw.

Andrew got off to a poor start and was struggling to play catch up, ending the game 12-21 down.

Verdict: a 3-5 loss that should have been a 6-2 win.

Not the result that we have been hoping to kick-start the season. Nonetheless, I am quite confident with the caliber of our players the points will come as the season progresses. The lineup of the team is relatively new as that of last year and will need time to gell. It's encouraging to see that we have almost the entire team turning up either for practice or taking part in the Wednesday tournament. Keep it up.

Gary

C Team

The rain did not stay in Spain but came pouring down on us and the start of the first game was delayed till 1 May. Anyway, the Boys were in fine form in notching up a 6-2 win. The second game was played on 2 May and once again the eager C Team notched up a 5-3 win.

The next game saw the boys in even better form as they claimed a hat trick of wins by scoring 6-2, and the C Team proudly went up to the no. 1 spot in the league table.

It's still early days but three C Team players are now holding the No. 1 spot on the Club Players Table.

D Team

What a remarkable start of the season! As of this moment, we have managed to capture 22 points out of 24 and rank at the top of the league table.

Roast Pig Cutting Ceremony

Saturday, 25 April at KCC Greens

Rain did not dampen the spirits of all the bowlers, who took part in this 'Good Luck' ceremony, at the start of the Summer League.

So far, our 'Good Luck' worship has paid off with the Men's 'A', 'C' & 'D' Teams currently at the top of the League.

Bob Mehta



Above: The high-powered Committee
Right: Enthusiasm for a slice of the action!



Robert and Richard singing a 'Pig' nursery rhyme



'Pai Sun' by our Convenor, Greens Keeper and AGM

CONVENOR'S COLUMN

Tai Mo Shek Cup – My apologies are due to David Leung as finalist of the Cup with Chadwick, and not Mona.

Club Competitions – A friendly reminder to play your Club competitions well in time. Richard's red pen is ready and waiting!

League Players – The start of the league season has produced good results for Men's teams. Once a team is picked, the Captains will retain winning rinks and may not be able to give a game to other available players. We maintain a list of reserves and in the past, experience has shown that most will be called upon to play as the season progresses. Please remain motivated and come for roll ups and club games.

The first game of the season was postponed due to bad weather. We started our first game at Tai Po on 2 May, and brought back 8 points. I believed that these were not happened before and it really stimulates the whole team. The re-scheduled game was done on the following Sunday and we managed a 6:2 won against SBSC-B team at home. On 9 May, we managed another

8:00 won at home, against HEGSC-B.

We should give ourselves a big clap on what we have done so far, and we should keep the momentum going as there will be 8 more games to go before the end of first half of the season on 4 July.

Fred