

President's Page

Dear fellow Members,

I trust everyone had a good holiday during the Chinese New Year and found time to enjoy being with family and friends. Throughout cold and nippy holidays, the Club has been a warm and welcome beacon for all our members.



At the last AGM, the General Committee was asked to re-evaluate the cost of increasing our entrance fee and “de-linking” this from the Sporting Subscribers entrance fees. As these topics are interrelated with many criteria, a recommendation can only be made at a later date after extensive discussions.

During 2002-2003, the Club lost HK\$3.3M in F&B. Since December 2003 and under the direction of our General Manager Robert Blythe, that figure has substantially decreased. During 2008-2009, we experienced a deficit of HK\$1.0M primarily owing to less corporate functions due to the financial tsunami. The F&B sub-committee continue to work alongside our management to offer good quality and variety at reasonable prices.

In the past two years, our staff have been set targets to reduce costs and expenses and I am pleased to say that in the first six months they have achieved savings of nearly HK\$300,000. This reduction is achieved in a variety of ways and my appreciation goes to our dedicated personnel.

The KCC Football Section, with 31 players, entered three teams in the Royal Bangkok Sports Club 7s over the weekend of 30-31 January. They also played an Interport against RBSC and just came up short 5-4. Our strong support for these events is well recognised and appreciated by the RBSC and helps to maintain our friendly and longstanding relationship with the club. As an outcome, KCC members who are in Bangkok and wish to use the reciprocal arrangements with our affiliated club, are assured of a warm welcome.

The Club raised about HK\$31,000 for operation Santa Claus this year and I would like to thank everyone for their generosity for a worthwhile cause.

You may have read in the Sunday paper that the HKCA is considering to turn the International Cricket Sixes into a week-long event with associate nations playing the weekend before and the main tournament to be played the following weekend. KCC's commitment to ground usage for this event has not increased and will be the same as last year.

Whilst we are always happy for Members to bring visitors to the Club, we remind you that the same guests may only visit the Club three times in any one-month period. Please refer to the General Manger for special arrangements should you wish to bring more than the allowed number of guests to the Club.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club

Burji Shroff