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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Government, apparently decided that too much light in the evenings during the summer was not good for people, so we returned to early darkness. This meant it was not possible to play Colony competitions on weekday evenings. The Chairman and members of the Colony Competition Sub-Committee and the Chairman and members of the League Sub-Committee are to be congratulated for their efforts which ensured the smooth running of the various competitions and the league programmes.

The First Division was won by Recreio "A" with I.R.C. "A" as Runners-up. The winners of the Second Division were K.C.C. "B" and F.C. "A" were the Runners-up. In the Third Division, K.B.G.C. "C" were the winners while I.R.C. "C" took the Runners-up spot.

The appreciation of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association is extended to the Presidents and General Committees of our Member Clubs for graciously making their facilities available to us for official competitions and for meetings of the General Committee. In particular, we are indebted to the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club for the extensive use of their greens.

It gives me great pleasure to record that the Hong Kong Team won the Gold Medals and the Cook Trophy in the Rinks Competition at the 4th World Bowls Competition, held in January, 1980 at Frankston, Victoria, Philip Chok played excellent bowls to come Sixth in the Singles Competition. It should also be noted that Philip was Runner-up at the Indoor World Bowls Championship held at Coatbridge, Scotland in March, 1980.

Through the sponsorship of Cathay Pacific Airways, it was possible for the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association to host a visit from the English Bowling Association's World Bowls Team immediately following the 4th World Bowls Championships in Australia. The E.B.A. World Bowls Team was in Hong Kong for nearly one week and played three games against selected players. It was a most successful and enjoyable occasion and I wish to express our appreciation and thanks to Cathay Pacific Airways who made the visit possible. Our thanks also must go to Keith Bosley, our Second Vice President, for his efforts and contributions in arranging the visit.

To complete this report I gratefully acknowledge and thank the Executive Officers and Members of the General Committee for their support, generous services and dedication to the Association throughout the year.

D.O. Conway
HONORARY SECRETARY

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L.L.B.A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of the L.L.B.A. I would like to extend to the H.K.L.B.A. our congratulations on their recent achievement at the World Championships held in Melbourne, Australia in 1980. Those of us who were lucky enough to be there for the Championships will tell of the immense pride we felt in the team.

To the members of the Ladies team for the IVth Women's World Championships which will be held in Canada in July/August 1981, we extend our best wishes for a successful and happy Championships.

To all Colony. and League winners for 1980, my congratulations.

To my Executive Committee and General Committee my sincere thanks for the support you have shown me during the past year.

To all Clubs throughout the Colony, my thanks for making available to our Association their facilities and greens for our competitions and meetings.

Happy bowling.

Jan Bosley.
President.

L.B.A. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we come to the end of another season I would like to congratulate all the winners of our Championships and League. The General Committee and the various Sub-Committees have had a great deal of work to do to ensure their success and I wish to express to all the members involved my very sincere thanks. I have been fortunate to have had a very dedicated team of Officers throughout the year and wish to express my personal thanks to them.

The year started well with our team winning the Gold Medal in the Fours at the Fourth World Championships at Frankston, Victoria, and was followed by a very successful visit of the English Team to Hong Kong. Our bowlers are in great demand and we have received an unprecedented number of invitations to take part in various international events during this year and in the year ahead. It is very gratifying to know that both on and off the green our bowlers are upholding the honour of Hong Kong.

Our best wishes go to the Ladies Team which will represent Hong Kong at Toronto. May you have great success.

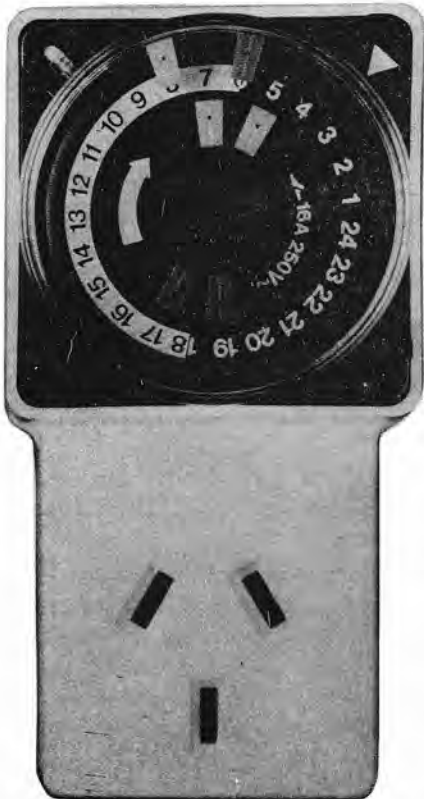
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L.L.B.A. SECRETARY'S REPORT

YEAR - 1980

Despite occasional bad weather and the restriction of light due to GMT+8, our League and Colony Games were all completed successfully. Thanks must go to Rosemary McMahon and her sub-committee of Maureen George and Eve Duncan for ably running the League and keeping us all up to date which is so important when the 'going is close'.

This was the case in both First and Second Divisions. In the First Division, H.K.P.S.R.C. and C.C.C., with one match to play, were tied with 20 points each. After two very exciting final matches, H.K.P.S.R.C. emerged the victors by 3 shots and to them we offer our congratulations.

In the Second Division it was neck and neck between K.C.C. and P.R.C. and, after a three year struggle, K.C.C. became well deserved 2nd Division Champions.

In the Third Division H.K.P.S.R.C., having only lost the lead during the season on two occasions, were true Champions heading their Division by six points.

The Colony Competitions were run smoothly and efficiently by Mary McCaffrey and her sub-committee of Rae O'Donnell and Lena Sadick; no small feat to keep everyone happy when time and light are at a premium.

Congratulations to all the Winners and it is especially rewarding to see new names appear on the list of Champions-Marie Cawley and Merle Walker in the Pairs (Merle now adding this to her Triples) and to the K.C.C. players, Hari Corley, Edith Giles, Bev Howell and Rae O'Donnell for winning the Fours. It is also good to see how often the name of our perennial Helen Wong appears in the list of Winners and Runners-Up.

At the time of going to print there are still four Championships to be won so although their names cannot appear on this page; congratulations to you all.

1980 has seen the selection of the team to represent Hong Kong in the 4th Women's World Bowls Championships in Toronto, Canada in July/August 1981. Congratulations to the Team of:

Helen Wong (captain)
Lena Sadick
Rae O'Donnell
Joan Humphreys
Linda King
Maisie Azevedo (Reserve/Delegate)
Jo Hollis (Manageress)

We hope they will be successful and continue what now would appear to be a Hong Kong tradition of 'getting in the medals'. If hard work, compatibility, enthusiasm and dedication are the required ingredients, I am sure the team chosen will provide an excellent confection.

A special word of thanks to the H.K.L.B.A. Executive Committee members who put themselves out to co-operate with our respective League and Colony Chairwomen, without which our year would not have proceeded so smoothly.

Wishing all bowlers a very successful and happy year of bowling in 1981 and plenty of GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.

J. M. Hollis,
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The Men's League Season

This year we have enjoyed a successful League Bowls Season, and honours in all three divisions have been keenly contested. Later in the season, the absence of players due to homeleave caused some problems in the third division and the desirability and feasibility of running the League programme at a different time of the year is now being considered by a special sub-committee. Other minor incidents indicated that the Bye-Laws are not sufficiently definitive in certain cases, especially concerning the return of score-cards, and another sub-committee is currently preparing revisions for submission to the LBA general committee.

In the first few weeks of the season it seemed that the weather was against us and a small backlog of fixtures built-up. At this time the Sub-committee were considering postponement of the programme for a week, but fortunately the weather improved and the programme was completed on schedule.

The first division got off to a brisk start with KCC-"A" reducing the Bells whisky stocks by five bottles in the opening game against HKFC-B. After five games had been played KCC-A were top with both of the steady IRC teams in second and third places. The unpredictable USRC-A team was in joint third, but the writing was already on the wall for the two newly promoted clubs KBGC-B and HKFC-B. Halfway mark of the season showed IRC-A on top, KCC-A second and HKFC-A and REC-A now moving steadily upwards. Defending champions CCC-A remained in limbo in the middle of the table and KBGC-A in the relegation zone. With two games to go three teams were vying for the title but a disastrous game by KCC-A against IRC-A eliminated the former but REC-A made no mistake by blanking doomed KBGC-B in the final game to lift the coveted first division title.

The second division started with a very strong challenge from newly promoted FC-A with KCC-B, CCC-B and previous first division side REC-B in close contention. At the halfway mark KCC-B were in the lead and CLBC were making their presence felt. With two games to go FC-A and KCC-A were level on points and CLBC handily placed third only 12 points adrift. However KCC-B made no mistakes and gathered the title with FC-A runners-up and the latter therefore able to return again to the first division. HKCC-A and REC-C were relegated.

The third division saw KBGC-C in the lead virtually throughout the season, the question as to who would join them in the second division next season was a close run race between IRC-C and PRC with the former having the greater staying power over the last two games.

The League Sub-Committee would like to thank all the many bowlers who took part in the League Competition to make it such a success and to congratulate the convenors for their efforts and co-operation with us.

J.S. ARMITAGE
League Sub-Committee Chairman

HKLBA FIRST DIVISION

League Champions

Club De Recrelo 'A'



<u>CLUB</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
RECREIO 'A'	18	14	4	—	134
IRC 'A'	18	14	3	1	131
KCC 'A'	18	13	4	1	124
CCC 'A'	18	10	7	1	108
HKFC 'A'	18	11	7	—	103
USRC 'A'	18	8	10	—	83
IRC 'B'	18	7	11	—	75
KBGC 'A'	18	5	12	1	62
KBGC 'B'	18	4	14	—	51
HKFC 'B'	18	2	16	—	29

HKLBA SECOND DIVISION

League Champions

Kowloon Cricket Club 'B'



Loy D'Souza



C.C. Leung



G.E. Roylance



M. Randall

Standing

R. Hedges, K.K. Lam, J. Taylor, S. Ramchand,
R. Carpenter, J. Lee

Kneeling

L. Hill, J. Ford, P. Corley, A. Maslowicz

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
KCC 'B'	18	14	4	—	138
FC 'A'	15	14	4	—	130
CLBC	18	12	6	—	124
CCC 'B'	18	12	6	—	107
RECREIO 'B'	18	9	9	—	96
CCC 'C'	18	8	10	—	77
PDSA	18	7	11	—	76
HKPSRC	18	7	11	—	76
HKCC 'A'	18	6	12	—	61
RECREIO 'C'	18	1	17	—	15

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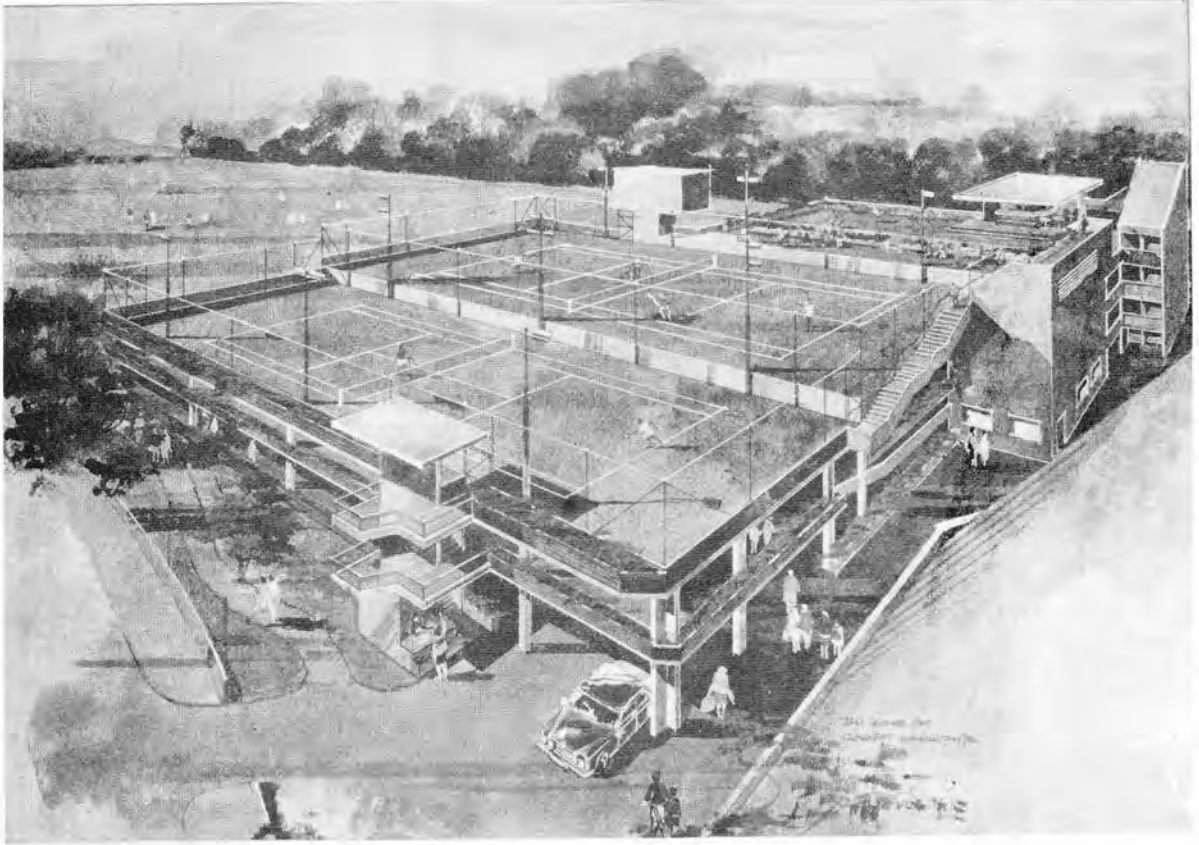


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 Front Row: C. Davey, N. Burley, W. Ho., D. Goldby, J. Irvine

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
KBGC 'C'	20	17	3	—	153
IRC 'C'	20	15	4	1	138
PRC	20	12	8	—	125
HKFC 'C'	20	11	9	—	105
USRC 'B'	20	10	10	—	100
KCC 'C'	20	11	9	—	97
HUD	20	8	12	—	88
HKPSRC	20	7	13	—	79
FC 'B'	20	6	14	—	77
HERC	20	6	13	1	77
HKCC 'B'	20	5	15	—	54

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FOURTH WOMEN'S WORLD BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1981 - CANADA

The 1981 Championships will be held from 1st-15th August in Toronto in Canada. The hosts will be the Willowdale Lawn Bowling Club which is situated in the centre of North York which is a suburb of the vast city of Toronto. Although the 335-member club has been in existence since 1962, its present location was given to them by the local council as recently as 1976. The three greens are surrounded by an open area of trees on one side and on the other by modern buildings and attractive private homes.

Bowlers and spectators to the Championships will be only eight to ten minutes away by subway from downtown Toronto and its busy waterfront. Just a few minutes' walk from the Club is the Mammoth Sheppard Street Shopping Plaza which abounds with restaurants and shops.

In August, the weather in Canada can be extremely warm, but it is subject to sudden chilly spells so both light clothing and woollens are needed. Snow is extremely unlikely so Hong Kong bowlers can wear their usual shoes and rest assured that they will not have to ski up and down the greens! Many of the bowlers will be staying at York University and spectators can also be accommodated there. Mrs. Pat Brown of # 318, 100 Coe Hill Drive, Toronto, Ontario M6S 3E1, has the details.

The 1977 team performed magnificently not only in winning a gold medal, but in their overall performance and it would be a tremendous feat if they were to equal those results in 1981.

The selection of bowlers to represent a country is a difficult task; the fact that Hong Kong has a small number to choose from compared to the English or Australian giants does not make it any easier. Selection involves week after week of watching bowlers in tense trials, making copious notes and hoping to get it right at the end.

The General Committee decided to send five bowlers plus one reserve who would also be the team delegate to the committee meetings and a non-playing team manageress. Because of their tremendous gold medal achievement in 1977, the Committee pre-selected Helen Wong and Elvie Chok and set out to fill the other four places by an exhausting series of trials.

Elvie Chok was forced to withdraw for personal reasons and the selectors eventually chose Helen Wong, Linda King, Lena Sadick, Rae O'Donnell, Joan Humphreys with Maisie Azavedo as reserve/delegate and Jo Hollis as Team Manageress. As the selection process continues, fewer players take part and inevitably there are many disappointments, but to all the many players who took part in the trials, thanks are due and their efforts were deeply appreciated.

TEAM TO REPRESENT HONG KONG AT 4TH WOMEN'S WORLD BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD IN TORONTO, CANADA – AUGUST 1ST – 15TH, 1981.



*HELEN WONG
(CAPTAIN)*

HELEN WONG was born in Canton, China. She has played bowls in Hong Kong for twenty-four years; plays for the Craigenhower Cricket Club. An all round sportswoman, Helen has won every major Colony title, many more than once, and has been Colony Women's Singles Champion eight times as well as the Women's Champion of Champions. Helen gained a Gold Medal as Skip of the Pairs in the 3rd Women's World Bowls Championships at Worthing in 1977. In 1980 she has won the Colony Singles, Triples, Mixed Pairs, Mixed Rinks and International Competitions. Helen was founder President of the Ladies Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong.

RAE O'DONNELL was born in Alexandria, a small town near Loch Lomond in Scotland and has been a Hong Kong resident since 1957. Rae started bowling five years ago and has won the Colony Triples in 1977 and the Rinks in 1980. Rae plays for the Kowloon Cricket Club and was Skip of their 2nd Division team which won the League Championship in 1980. Rae has won her Club Singles a record six times in succession.



RAE O'DONNELL



LENA SADICK

LENA SADICK YEUNG CHING was born in Burma. She has played bowls in Hong Kong for twenty-six years and plays for the Indian Recreation Club. Lena has won the Colony Open Pairs in 1973, Singles in 1976, Knock-Out Singles, Pairs and Triples in 1977, Triples, Mixed Triples in 1978, Rinks in 1979 and Triples and International Rinks in 1980.

JOAN HUMPHREYS was born in Hampshire, England and has lived in Hong Kong for twenty years. Joan has been playing bowls for the Police Recreation Club since 1968 and has won many of her Club Championships. Joan was the runner-up in the Colony Singles in 1976 and the Mixed Pairs in 1980.



JOAN HUMPHREYS



LINDA KING

LINDA KING was born in Italy and has been a Hong Kong resident for ten years. Linda has bowled for six years and plays for the United Services Recreation Club. She has won the Colony Mixed Pairs Championship, was twice a member of the Colony League Championship team and has been her Club Singles Champion on two occasions.

MAISIE A. AZEVEDO, M.B.E. (Delegate) was born in Hong Kong and is a British Subject. Interested in all sports, she took up lawn bowls in 1967 and plays for the Hong Kong Police Sports & Recreation Club. A Past Vice-President of the Ladies Lawn Bowls Association she has won the Ladies Knock-Out Singles Championship in 1971, the Colony Pairs in 1976 and the Colony Singles in 1979. She was also a member of the team which won the Ladies Colony International Competition in 1972, 1977, 1978 and 1979.



Maisie Azevedo
(Reserve/Delegate)



Jo Hollis
Team Manager

JO HOLLIS (Manageress) was born in the Isle of Man, U.K. Jo has resided in Hong Kong since 1961 and has played bowls for the Police Recreation Club for fourteen years. Colony Women's Singles Champion in 1969, winner Colony Women's Pairs in 1975. Founder Secretary of the Ladies Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong, Secretary 1975, President 1978 and Secretary 1980. Manageress of the Hong Kong team at the 3rd Women's World Bowls Championships at Worthing in 1977.

Every bowler in Hong Kong wishes the whole team well in its endeavours. The world championships are the pinnacle and selection in itself is a high honour. The team will go to Canada in the sure knowledge that every one wishes it success and will share in its triumphs and disappointments.

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H.K.P.S.R.C.	10	1	1	273	179	21
H.K.C.C.	7	4	1	231	210	15
K.C.C. "W"	7	5	—	252	208	14
H.K.F.C.	6	5	1	235	228	13
P.R.C.	4	8	—	226	234	8
K.C.C. "R"	3	8	1	194	259	7
K.C.C. "G"	3	9	—	172	265	6

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This magazine has been compiled by Peter Smith and Jack Duncan who have in turn been assisted by the ready cooperation and written contributions of all the office bearers of the Associations. We acknowledge the important part played by the SCMP and HK Standard Sports reports and also the extracts from Peter Hall's History of KCC.

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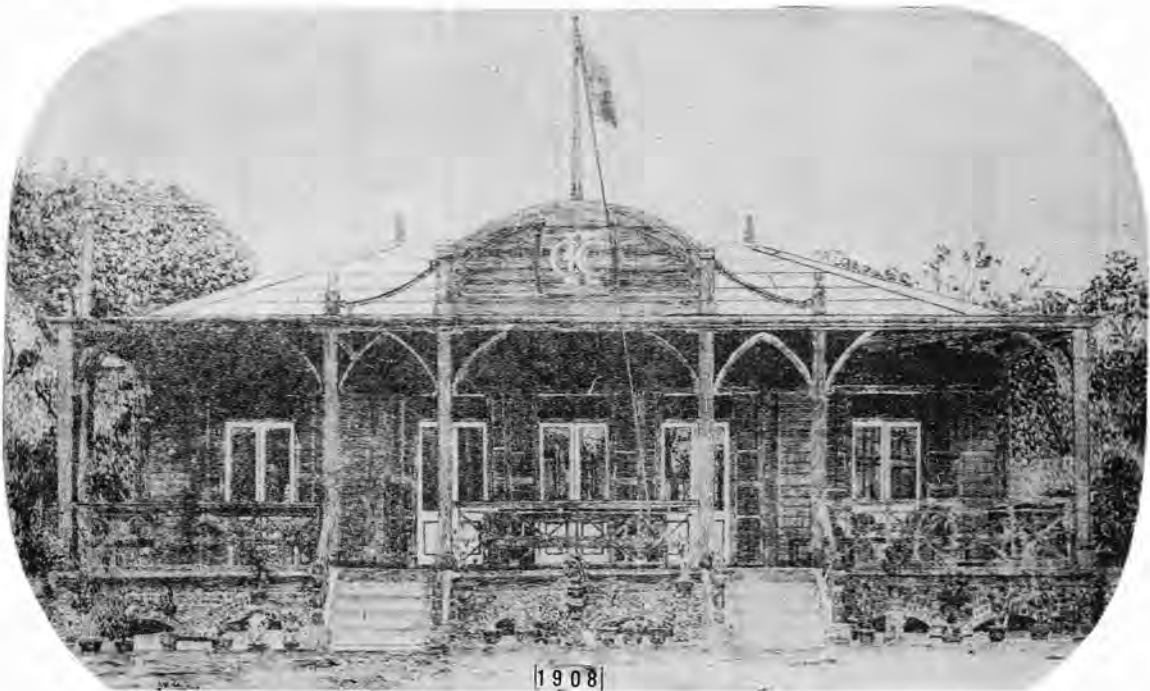


KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

75 Not Out

One of Hong Kong's oldest clubs, the Kowloon Cricket Club, celebrated its 75th birthday in 1980 and now looks forward with confidence as a flourishing club in recently renovated and extended facilities to its centenary.

The Kowloon Cricket Club (KCC) began as a cricket club and has always been a power in Colony Championships not only winning 25 league division championships and 4 knock out cup events but supplying a steady stream of fine cricketers for Hong Kong representative sides. Additionally KCC supplied the Colony Captains continuously for 21 years from 1956-1977 in the persons of Frank Findlay, David Coffee, Jalu Shroff and Carl Myatt.



From its early beginnings KCC has developed from a small group of devoted British cricketers using a strip of land in Kings Park for a weekly game, into a multi-sport, multi-national, seven day a week complex which has become an institution, located in the middle of one of the most populous areas in the world. KCC played its first cricket league match under Captain Lightfoot, in 1904 at the Parsee Cricket Club in Happy Valley against the Army Ordinance Corps. What names to evoke memories of early Hong Kong!

As the years passed the fortunes of the Club continued to prosper despite set backs during the Pacific War. The first Pavillion of 1908 was replaced in 1932 and this in turn was replaced in 1958 by an extended modernised clubhouse. By 1962 a swimming pool had been added followed in 1967 by a bowling Alley. By 1975 the Club had built its first Squash Court and this year the Club completes a highly imaginative development which provides four squash courts, two tennis courts, multi level car parks, and enhances the existing bar restaurant and social facilities.

KCC began because of cricket and this is still its major sport but its 1300 members now are much more than cricketers. KCC has two other major sports, hockey and lawn bowls. It also provides facilities for swimming and tennis and squash is beginning to develop.

Although there are records of Hockey matches at KCC between 1904 and 1909 the sport did not seem to get sufficient support and for almost fifty years until 1957/8 hockey did not figure in KCC activities. In that year, the Hong Kong Hockey Club split up and the players transferred their skills and availability to KCC and the Hong Kong Football Club. KCC has male and female teams who are consistently among the leaders and always one of the best teams to beat! For some reason, despite a couple of cup wins, KCC hockey sides seem to be the champion runners-up, but never lose any matches in the bar.

If however you are a KCC bowler you will dispute the remark about cricket being the major sport and will plump for lawn bowls.

KCC is one of Hong Kong's oldest lawn bowls clubs going back to 1908 when they had (and lost) their first friendly match with the founding club KBG. KBG won by 74 shots to 51; many KCC players were also members of KBG. In addition to KBG who founded Hong Kong Bowling in 1900, two other clubs, Police Recreation and Civil Service, were active bowling clubs by 1908. In July 1909, a KCC team skipped by Lapsley, Nexes, Alexander and Harvey surprised KBG with a 90-67 victory. The KCC lawn bowls section was born officially in 1918 and played its inaugural game against old friendly rivals KBGC, playing for spoons and war bonds. KCC took a long time to establish a reputation and it was not until 1926 that it won the second division and in 1931 won the first division championship.



1980

A look at the first division table must bring back memories:

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
KCC	14	11	0	3	22
Taikoo RC	13	9	0	4	18
CCC	13	9	0	4	18
Club de Recreio	14	7	0	7	14
Kowloon Dock RC	13	6	0	7	12
Kowloon BGC	14	6	0	8	12
Civil Service	13	6	0	7	12
Police RC	14	0	0	14	0



K.C.C. Committee 1980

When the Japanese imperial forces occupied Hong Kong for almost four years, KCC pavillion and ground suffered very badly. The damage done by the occupation forces (which included horses) and the misuse of the green either through growing vegetables or simply by neglect meant that renovation was a daunting task. It took all of ten years to repair the damage and to modernise the Club.

With so many years of practice, it is not surprising to find that KCC has produced outstanding bowlers with probably one of their greatest being Bill Hong Sling who was Colony singles champion three times and champion of champions two years running. KCC "bowed the knee" in 1950 and permitted the ladies to play and has since always had a good ladies team which has won the league title twice.

KCC male and female bowlers have always done better in knock out competitions than in the league – perhaps the influence of their cricketing colleagues who are always trying to get some out!

Rae O'Donnell, a six-time club singles champion, has had the signal honour of being selected for the forthcoming world LLBA championships in Canada and deserves her selection by her consistent performance over the past few years. KCC has won the Colony triples four times, the rinks twice, the mens singles seven times, the pairs once, the champion of champions twice, the K.O. singles once and the ladies rinks once. A formidable record indeed. But this year KCC produced a first for Hong Kong and it is unlikely that it will be equalled or bettered for many a year. Gary Dang, at the tender age of 16, won the Colony singles championship, beating another 16 year old Tommy Rozario in the final. And Gary knocked out holder and hot favourite George Souza in the semi-final. With a young man like Gary around, KCC bowls will continue to be a power in Hong Kong lawn bowls.

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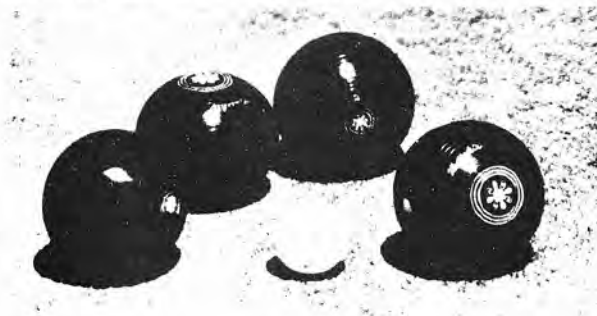
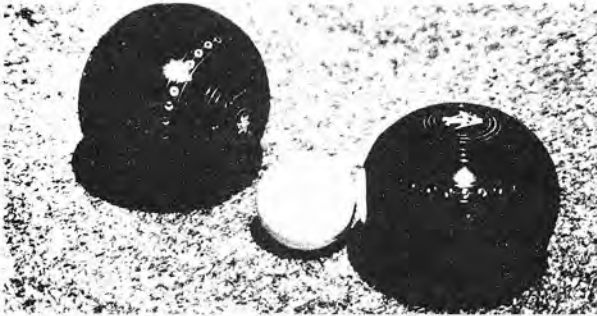
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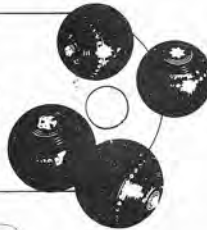
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Competition Results - 1980

SINGLES – BRADBURY CUP

Winner G. Dang
Runner-up T. Rozario

PAIRS – R.B. MARSHALL TROPHY

Winners J. Armitage & P. O'Dea +
Runners-up H. Hussien & F. Santos

TRIPLES – LIDDELL TROPHY

Winners G. Souza Jr., K.A. Yuen & D. Tso
Runners-up C. Santos, A. Silva & R. Silva

RINKS – OMAR MEMORIAL TROPHY

Winners L. Elves *, D. Howe, B. Edwards & J. McCaffrey
Runners-up U.T. Yu, S. Bucks, M.B. Hassan & E. Remedios

MIXED PAIRS

Winners T. Rozario & H. Wong
Runners-up J. Humphey's & Y.Y. Chung

AUSTRALIAN PAIRS – ROTHMANS CUP

Winners G. Souza Jr. & P. Chok
Runners-up P. Wood & J. Thomas

MIXED RINKS – SCOTT TROPHY

Winners T.W. Cheung, V. Cheung
H. Wong & G. Souza
Runners-up P.F. Smith, J. Wallis †
B. Howell & K. Wallis

INTER-HONG KONG PAIRS – "ATI" CUP

Winners K. Wallis & S. Ogley
Runners-up D. Tso & J. Tso

JUNIOR SINGLES

Winner T. Rozario
Runner-up N. Kennedy
Plate Winner L. Fernandes
Runners-up L. Parker

KNOCK-OUT SINGLES WILLIE RUSSELL MEMORIAL TROPHY

Winner G. Souza Jr.
Runner-up B.K. Koh

FAH WONG SINGLES

Winner Yu Shing (H.K.F.C.)
Runner-up Leung Sek (K.C.C.)

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TROPHY

Winner D. Tso (P.D.S.A.)

INTERNATIONAL – GUTIERREZ SHIELD

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Winners Kowloon

+ LOY D'SOUZA SUBSTITUTED IN FINAL

* KEITH BOSLEY SUBSTITUTED IN FINAL

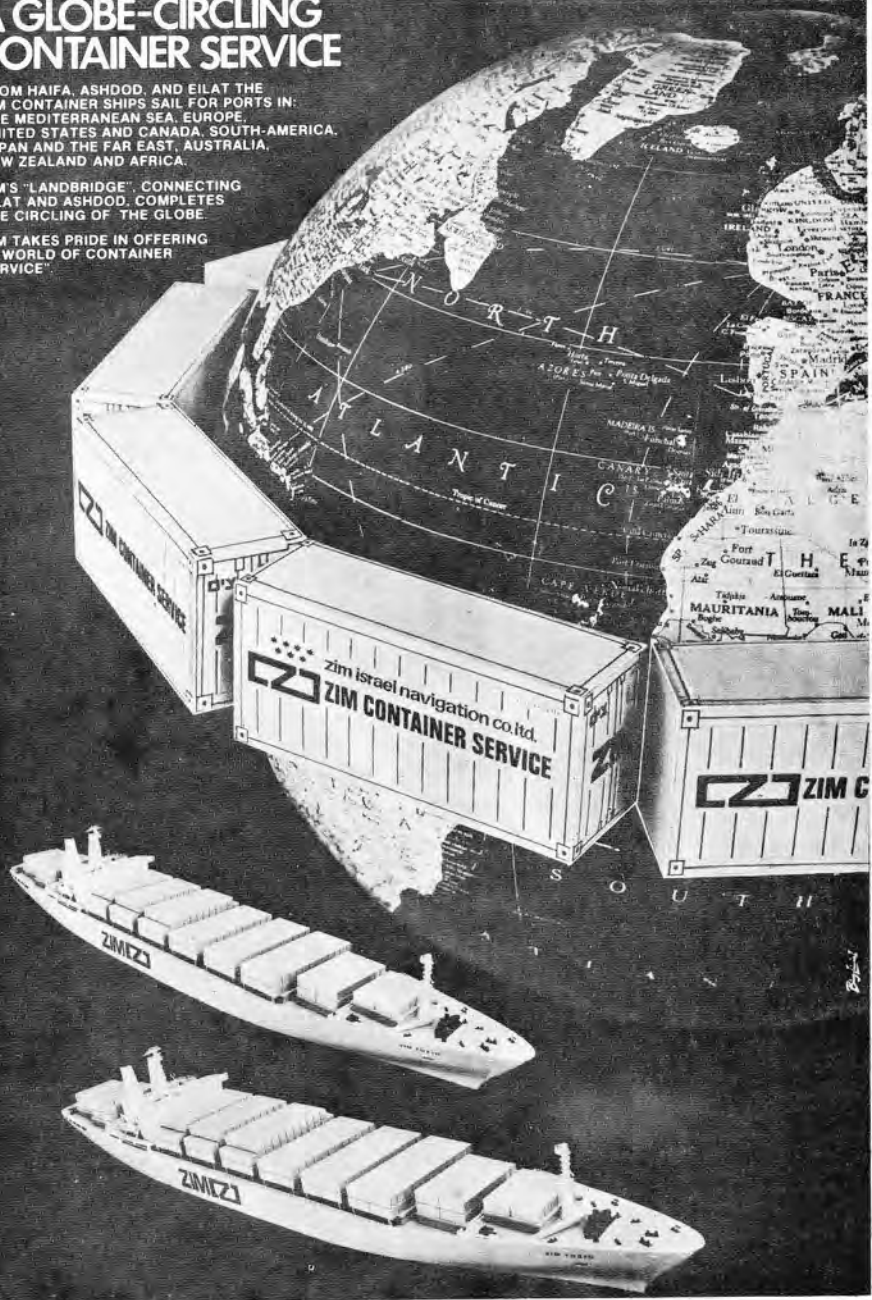
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MEN'S COMPETITIONS – A REVIEW OF 1980

The 1980 competition programme commenced in March with the ROTHMANS PAIRS being won (inevitably!) by Craigenower's George Souza Jr. and Philip Chok who were given an extremely hard fight in the final by Peter Wood and Jim Thomas from K.B.G.C. The Aitkinhead Shield which followed was won by Kowloon which was not surprising really as 75% of the bowlers were from Kowloon Clubs.

During May, the first of the major competitions, the TRIPLES, was played and once again George Junior found himself receiving a trophy from Geoff Murphy, having with David Tso and K.A. Yuen overcome Carlos Santos, 'Apple' and Robert Silva in a tremendous final. The Kowloon Bowling Green Club four consisting of Len Elves, for whom Keith Bosley substituted in the final, Denis Howe, Brian Edwards and the late Jim McCaffrey won the RINKS whilst K.C.C.s Pat O'dea and John Armitage took the PAIRS title, again a substitution being made in the final, Loy D'Souza replacing the vacationing Pat O'dea. The SINGLES culminated in a unique final which pitted two sixteen year olds against each other – Gary Dang emerging the winner over Tommy Rozario who in the previous two months had captured the JUNIOR SINGLES and with Helen Wong, the MIXED PAIRS. Helen's name also went on to the SCOTT TROPHY (MIXED RINKS) which she won along with T.W. Cheung, Virginia Cheung and Gerry Souza. This competition was played in October as was the KNOCK-OUT SINGLES which this year was officially venued at K.C.C. to commemorate the club's 75th anniversary and attracted an entry of 86 bowlers. To everyone's credit not one bowler arrived late and an excellent day's bowls ensued marred only by torrential rain which flooded the green just prior to the final which had to be postponed until the following week when George Souza, Junior beat his C.C.C. club mate B.K. Koh to capture his third K.O. Singles title in four years. Also postponed for one week was the "FAH WONG" SINGLES, won this year by Yu Shing from H.K.F.C. and sponsored by EAST ASIATIC COMPANY – thanks Walter! I'm sure all will agree that our Fah Wong's who work so hard all year really deserve this day. The INTER HONG PAIRS was played in dry cool weather and ended in victory for Ken Wallis and Sonny Ogle from RHK & AUX police force. The penultimate competition, the CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS is considered by many to produce the true singles champion? If that is the case then that champion is David Tso who emerged top bowler from a field of fourteen participants. Thus we were left with only the "INTERNATIONAL RINKS" which unfortunately was scheduled too late to gain mention in this report.

And so we came to the end of another year of competitive tournaments which I hope have proved most enjoyable to all who have participated and to those who have just watched. Certainly it is most rewarding to organise competitions which attract large entries and ultimately large galleries as has been the case this year.

In conclusion and on behalf of the competitions Sub-Committee, Brian Edwards, Pat O'dea and George Young, I would like to congratulate all winners of the various competitions and to place on record our appreciation for the excellent cooperation we have received from all bowlers without which our work would have been that much harder. And lastly to all clubs who provided greens for our use – thank you.

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MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Bradbury Challenge Cup



Sixteen-year-old Gary Dang of Kowloon Cricket Club became the youngest Colony Men's Singles lawn bowls champion in the 71-year history of the event when he defeated another 16-year-old, Tommy Rozario, 21-11 at the KBGC green in an historic first ever final with two teenagers.

After brilliant semi-final victories, the two youngsters looked set to treat the big crowd at hand to a tremendous final, but unfortunately for both of them – and the crowd – the tricky rink chosen for the final prevented them from producing their best and what could have been a match of a much higher standard. But enough was shown by the two youngsters to warm the hearts of lawn bowls officials in that the Colony will not be lacking in new talents in their future hunt for international honours.

Dang took an early 3-0 lead, outdrawing his opponent for three singles, but on the fourth end, Rozario found his touch, putting in a toucher and then adding two more close ones to take a three.

Dang hit back with a three on the next end to lead 6-3, only to see his opponent gradually draw level at 8-8 after 10 ends and forge ahead to 10-9 after another two ends. The 13th end proved unlucky for Rozario. Lying a probable single, he was slightly narrow on the dipping backhand and promoted an opposing wood for the shot.

Dang then took another single to lead 11-10 and then came a costly lapse by Rozario which virtually cost him the match. He failed to draw within a yard to concede a three.

A belated switch to a tricky forehand by Rozario failed to stem the tide as the fore-hand green proved too tricky for him and Dang chalked up a brace to lead 16-10.

A last wood draw gave Rozario a single on the 17th end, but that was the best he could do, as Dang stormed through with a single and a four to take the match after 19 ends.

Junior Singles Championship Winner Tommy Rozario



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Seventeen bowlers from both sexes and in their teens took part in the tournament.

Tommy the son of Naty and Gussy Rozario was in deadly bowling form throughout the tournament. On his way to the title Tommy defeated Priscilla Hussain 21-7, in the semi-finals and then in the crunch match beat Noel Kennedy of KBGC 21-12 in the final.

Congratulations to him for having taken the title three times.



*Plate Winner
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MEN'S PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

LOY D'Souza and John Armitage of Kowloon Cricket Club won the Hongkong Open Pairs Lawn Bowls title by edging out Henry Tiger Hussain and Fernando Santos of the Filipino Club by the wafer thin margin of 19-18, At the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

It was a superb final played before an appreciative crowd and the close and high standard of bowls had the spectators biting their nails in excitement throughout the 21 thrilling heads.

D'Souza and Armitage having found their line and weight set the ball rolling by notching a 'seven' on the second head to take an early lead of 7-2 but their opponents, Hussain and Santos, fought back tooth and nail with some dazzling bowls during the middle of the game and managed to catch up by the 15th head which was deadlocked at 15-15 and again tied on the 20th end 18-18.

Playing on the deciding head the KCC pair was 'lying' three shots and Filipino Club skipper Santos with a prayer on his lips and his last wood managed to flick the jack away. Unfortunately one of his opponent's woods also followed and the wood belonging to D'Souza made the final count for the winning shot. It was the end of a glorious game of top flight bowls.



MEN'S TRIPLES

The Liddell Cup



*The Winner with LBA
President Geoff Murphy*

*Loy D'souza substituted for
O'Dea in the final*

Craigengower Cricket Club's K.A. Yuen, David Tso and George Souza Jnr won the Colony Men's Triples title by edging Recreio's Carlos Santos, "Apple" Silva and Roberto Silva 19-18 in a superb final at the KBGC green.

Both sides produced some magnificent bowls in the very closely contested match that was deadlocked on no fewer than three occasions - 9-9 after the ninth end, 14-14 after the 13th and 16-16 after the 16th.

The Recs, after losing a brace on the first end, got into their stride with a three, a single and a three to lead 7-2. But the CCC trio hit back with two braces and a three to snatch the lead at 9-7.

In was the Recs' turn on the next three ends.

On the 15th end, Silva came through with a great shot, chipping his wood in for the first shot against a count of four and then drawing a second to put his side 16-15 ahead.

On the 16th, Souza Jnr delivered his second "killing" shot - a magnificent draw to the jack.

The 17th end decided the game when a bold gamble by Silva boomeranged. With opponents lying a measure for two, he took a heavy drive with his last wood in an effort to hit his front wood and spring the jack to one side for a possible two or three. He was a shade narrow into the bunch, hitting the wrong wood which in turn hit away his nearest wood, leaving the CCC trio with a count of three and a winning lead of 19-16 going into the final end.

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MEN'S FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP

'Omar Memorial Trophy'



Dennis Howe, Jim McCaffrey,

L. Elves

*Brian Edwards, Keith Bosley, G. Murphy
LBA President*

Keith Bosley, substituting for Len Elves who had Gone away on leave Dennis Howe, Brian Edwards and Jim McCaffrey of Kowloon Bowling Green Club won the Colony Men's Fours title for the first time when they edged out the CCC, IRC, CLBC, combination of U.T. Yu, Sherry Bucks, M.B. Hassan Eddie Remedios 16-12 in the final at the KCC Green.

It was a closely fought match all the way with the Winners keeping slightly ahead most of the way and the Losers trying without success to get past them.

In the main the match turned into a struggle of getting first on or near the jack and in this the KBGC four had the Edge over their opponents, with one of them invariably putting one there for the final count. Particularly prominent were number three Edwards and skip McCaffrey with their steady and accurate drawing sots.

McCaffrey started the ball rolling for his side by drawing the shot on the first end for a count of one and the KBGC four then steadily pulled away to a 5-1 lead after the first five ends.

Remedios's four fought back to narrow the gap to 4-6 and on the next end a successful take-out shot by Remedios gave his side a three which pulled them ahead to 7-6.

But the lead was short lived. On the next end, Bosley trailed the jack back near the ditch and Edwards added a second shot to give his side a brace.

Although Remedios and his mates drew level again with a single on the 12th end, the KBGC four practically sealed the game on the next by outdrawing their opponents to an open jack for a count of four and a 12-8 lead.

They never looked back after that, keeping their margin of lead right up to the end.



JAMES McCaffrey

It is with sadness that we record the untimely passing of a long and respected friend, James (Jimmy) McCaffrey.

His death, coming after a brief illness, on 24th October 1980, has left yet another gap within the fellowship of bowlers. This loss, to all who knew him and treasured his friend-ship, was highlighted by the large attendance at the memorial service held at the Christ Church in Kowloon.

The Eulogy, read by Brian Douglas, reminded us all of Jimmy's early connections with lawn bowls when, some 23 years ago, he left his seafaring life, and entered the employ of the Taikoo Dockyard. There is little doubt that here he served his 'apprenticeship' on the greens under the watchful eye of the canny masters of yesteryear.

To most of us, however, he is best known by his long association with China Light & Power, but perhaps more importantly, by his association with the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. A Club to which he served well, as member, committee member and as President. It was with the K.B.G.C. where his developed prowess and dedication on the green led to the downfall of many a renowned opponent.

His friendly disposition and gentlemanly conduct both on and off the green endeared him to all, friends, associates and opponents alike. It is indeed fitting that Jimmy closed his last Chapter by steering his 'Four' to success in the 1980 Fours Open Championships, a goal so often narrowly missed but finally secured.

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HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB AUSTRALIAN TOUR 1980

Over Chinese New Year 1980 the Hong Kong Football Club embarked on its first official lawn bowls overseas tour. The selected venue was Perth, Western Australia and the Club was hosted by Cannington Bowling Club through the good auspices of Alan Ferguson. Alan is well known to Hong Kong bowlers in connection with the annual Hong Kong tour for Western Australian bowlers organized by the Perth Sunday Times.



Twenty stalwart Football Club members departed Kai Tak Airport waving good-bye to those less fortunate members either too poor, mother-in-law coming to stay, business commitments or baby-sitting! Arrival in Perth was in the early hours of the morning but several members of the Cannington Bowling Club had turned out to welcome the tour and assist with transport to the hotel. Spirits were high due to the generosity and attention of the Airline stewardesses and were not depressed by a protracted delay while one member discussed the relative merits of Gaelic and Antipodean customs with an airport official. However his clothes were returned at the end of the debate and the tour party with welcoming committee were allowed to leave the airport.

Introductions to the Cannington Bowling Club were made on the following day during which the tour members were given temporary membership. There are four greens at Cannington with speeds varying between 18 to 19 seconds. Needless to say, the tour members had no difficulty in 'being up' although retrieving a bowl buried in the bank gave some problems. The Cannington members accepted the resultant craters in the bank with good humour and provided wooden linings to avoid further loss of bowls.



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Several friendly bowling matches were arranged by Cannington Club but the highlight was the entrance of five HKFC teams in the Allan Pearce Memorial Fours Competition. This is an annual open competition organized by Cannington Bowling Club in memory of one of their founder members and past President. Several hundred entrants including some top class Western Australian bowlers are attracted to this competition. It is an all day event at the end of which each tour member was fully aware he had been playing for over nine hours almost without a break. Although the five HKFC teams did not win, creditable performances were acclaimed with special mention going to Harry Ridsdale's rink in attaining an overall fourth place.



The hospitality of the Cannington Club was almost over-whelming and the high teas contributed to several inches in girth expansion. An interesting facet of the Australian game proved to be the speed with which one could deliver one's bowls, retire to the bar, consume an ice-cold beer (five degrees Fahrenheit above freezing point) and then return in time to deliver one's bowls at the next end.

A very pleasant afternoons bowling was had when the tour party was invited to play by Cannington's Pony Club. The Pony Club comprises mainly retired ladies and gentlemen who meet once a week for mixed entertainment on the green. Although the average of the club members is around seventy their youthful spirits and humour prove once again the rejuvenating nature of Lawn Bowls. Nobody knew the derivation of the name of the club but the most likely suggestion was in connection with a glass of beer. The standard of bowling was high but the competition at the end of the game to obtain the most number of Football Club badges, tour party hats and other items of clothing was greater. In fact the title "Pony Club" could very well have connections with losing one's shirt at the races!

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Apart from bowls, social activities included a visit to the evening races as guests of the Western Australian Trotting Association which everyone enjoyed, even those who lost. Golfing members of the tour were also able to play at Melville Glades. In addition, sightseeing tours around the beautiful city of Perth and historic Fremantle were arranged by various members of Cannington Club.

A most enjoyable day was spent on a Swan river trip to the Houghton Vineries where the delights of Western Australian wines were amply tasted. Apart from the few connoisseurs present, not too many can recall events that may have occurred on the way back.

The return journey to Hong Kong required an overnight stop in Singapore and although time did not permit a game of bowls the Singapore Cricket Club entertained with their accustomed vigour.

The tour was a complete success in all respects and the Hong Kong Football Club is deeply indebted to Cannington Bowling Club for their generosity and hospitality. Hopefully Cannington might make a return trip to Hong Kong in the near future to enable the HKFC to repay their kindness.

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Winner Mrs. H. Wong
 Runner-up Mrs. R. O'Donnell

PAIRS – TIGER CUP

Winners Mrs. M. Cawley, Mrs. M. Walker
 Runners-up Mrs. M. Adair, Mrs. M. Ramchand

TRIPLES – MARY BUCHAN SHIELD

Winners Mrs. V. Cheung, Mrs. L. Sadick,
 Mrs. H. Wong
 Runners-up Mrs. M. Adair, Miss B. Silva,
 Mrs. E. Chok

RINKS – JEANBANK'S CHAMPAGNE TROPHY

Winners Mrs. H. Corley, Mrs. E. Giles,
 Mrs. B. Howell, Mrs. R. O'Donnell
 Runners-up Mrs. B. McDonald, Mrs. F. Douglass,
 Mrs. T. Watson, Mrs. L. Walton

AUSTRALIAN PAIRS – PETER DURUNERU CUP

Winners Mrs. A. Remedios, Mrs. M. Rozario
 Runners-up Mrs. O. Davey, Mrs. D. Maile

INTERNATIONAL – GUY WALKER CUP

Winners China – Mrs. J. Leung, Mrs. V. Cheung,
 Mrs. L. Sadick, Mrs. H. Wong
 Runners-up HK – Mrs. M. Ramchand, Mrs. I. Silva,
 Mrs. M. Azevedo, Mrs. E. Chok

KNOCK – OUT SINGLES – REBS TROPHY.

Winner Mrs. M. Cawley
 Runner-up Mrs. S. Zakoskie
 Plate Winner L. King
 Runner-up P. Hussien

MIXED TRIPLES – HELENSAUL TROPHY

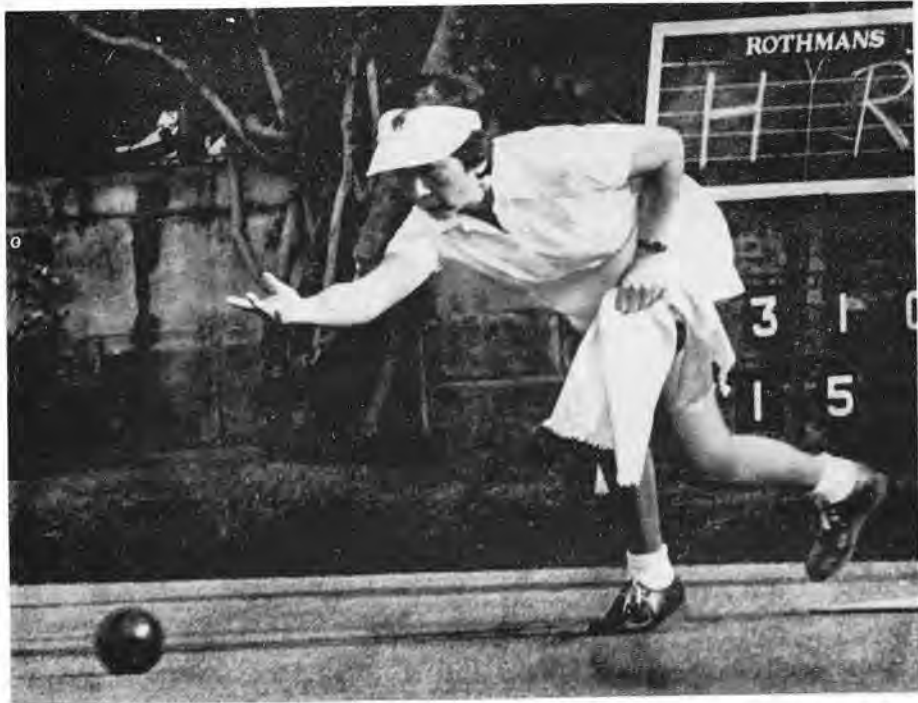
Winners P.F. Smith, C.S. Dang, R. O'Donnell
 Runners-up Y.Y. Chung, W. Bolton, L. Walton

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS – HELEN CHALLENGE TROPHY

Winner Mrs. L. Sadick
 Runner-up Mrs. R. O'Donnell

LADIES SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

'As Watson Cup'



HELEN Wong stamped herself as Hongkong's most successful lawn bowler when she clinched the Ladies Singles title for the eighth time, when she defeated Rae O'Donnell of Kowloon Cricket Club 21-14, to establish an all time record.

The Craigengower veteran of many a final was in a class by herself in the final. Although Rae O'Donnell was beaten by a more experienced bowler she was not disgraced, battling bravely throughout the exciting confrontation during 23 gruelling heads on the KBGC greens before an interested crowd.

Helen found her line and weight immediately to strike terror and score a possible (four) on the first head to take a 4-0 lead. Rae a fine Scottish lassie, unshaken by the score hit back with some dazzling bowling on the short to medium head and reduced the score to 4-3, after the fourth end.

With the score at 10-9, after the 12th head it was still anybody's game with the two showing great form and producing some brilliant dead on the jack bowling. The tide turned on the "13th head" when Rae was lying with a hugger and Helen's second last wood rested out the shot to take a brace and move to 12-9. Inspired by this fortune, Helen continued her sizzling display with some uncanny bowling to and built up the lead to 18-14, after the 21st head.

With victory within her grasp Helen went onto take a brace and widen her lead to 20-14.

Playing on the decisive end, Rae O'Donnell almost snatched victory from behind when she nearly succeeded in clipping the jack to her woods for four shots to keep the game alive. Luck however did not smile on her as she missed the target by just a fraction.

LADIES INTERNATIONAL

The Guy Walker Cup



LADIES FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Team Banks Champagne Trophy



MIXED PAIRS

'The Hetherington Trophy'

Colony junior champion Tommy Rozario and world women's pairs gold medallist Helen Wong won the Colony Mixed Pairs lawn bowls title, defeating the PRC-HKFC duo of Joan Humphreys and Y.Y. Chung 22-17 in the final at the HKFC green.

Humphreys and Chung shot to a 5-1 lead but Rozario and Wong narrowed the gap to 4-6 after the sixth end and then took command of the game, scoring two braces, two singles and a five on the next five successive ends to lead 19-6 and practically seal the game. They were 22-13 up going in the final end before Chung came through with a fine shot to take a four and reduce their margin of defeat to 22-17.

China, represented by J. Leung, Virginia Cheung, Lena Sadick and Helen Wong won the Colony Women's International lawn bowls series by defeating Hongkong's Marie Ramchand, Irene Silva, Maisie Azevedo and Elvie Chok 27-14 in the final at the KBGC green.

Picture shows the victorious quartet after receiving their trophy. From left are: Helen Wong, Lena Sadick, Virginia Cheung and J. Leung.

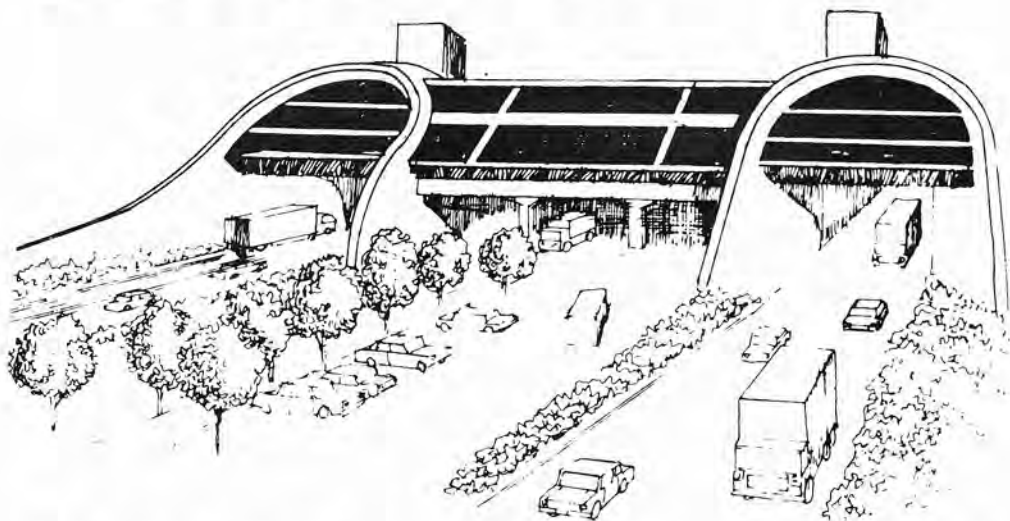
Kowloon Cricket Club's Haruko Corley Edith Giles, Bev Howell and Rae O'Donnell made lawn bowls history when they became the first all-Second Division combination to win the Colony Women's Fours lawn bowls championship.

Reproducing the brilliant form and teamwork they displayed in their semifinal victory they ran out comfortable 29-11 winners with one end to spare in yesterday's unprecedented all-Second Division final against Hongkong Football Club's Bernice McDonald, Flo Douglas, Thelma Watson and Lilian Walton.



Helen & Tommy

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Sonny Ogley and Ken Wallis, representing the Royal Hong Kong & Auxilliary Police Force won the Inter-Hong Pairs lawn bowls tournament, beating the Tso brothers, Jackie and David, in the final at Recreio by 24-18.

They trailed 14-17 after the 17th end but took a seven on the 18th to lead 21-17 and never looked back after that.

MIXED TRIPLES



Pete Smith Rae O'Donnell C.S. Dang

In the mixed triples final the Kowloon Cricket Club trio of Pete Smith, C.S. Dang and Rae O'Donnell walked away with the title by defeating Hongkong Football Club's Y.Y. Chung, Bill Bolton and Lilian Walton 16-15, in a thrilling final played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

LADIES PAIRS

'The Tiger Cup'



Marie Cawley & Merle Walker

AUSTRALIAN PAIRS

'Peter Kuruneru Cup'



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VISIT BY ENGLAND TO HONG KONG 1980



*Bobby Stenhouse Eric Liddell Mal Hughes George Souza Jr John Bell M.B. Hassan Jr Philip Chok
Tony Allcock David Bryant Jim Hobday*

1980 will always be a year to remember because following the World Championships in Australia, we had the first ever official visit by an English World Bowls Team.

Although plans to bring the team had begun months before, it was not until the plane left Melbourne with both the English and Hong Kong teams on board that sighs of relief were in order. It can't be many planes that take off after a world championship carrying two teams that between them had won all but two of the gold medals on offer.

Flying on Cathay Pacific flight CX 100 to Hong Kong were England's singles gold medallist, David Bryant and their winning triples team of Tony Allcock, Jim Hobday and Bryant. From Hong Kong, there was the winning rinks squad, Eric Liddell, M.B. Hassan, O.K. Dallah and George Souza Jr. The other English team members on board were Pairs representatives John Bell and Mal Hughes who was voted World Bowls Personality of 1980 and the very likeable former international Bobby Stenhouse, the Team Manager. Also in the English party were IBB past President, Mr. D'Arcy Drayton and his wife Toni, ex-Secretary of the IBB Jimmy Elms and EBA Vice-President, Hylton Armstrong and his wife Ann.

The trip up from Melbourne was a pleasant aftermath to tense weeks of bowling. Every one relaxed and showed what fine sportsmen they were. After the airport reception when the teams were met by Association's officials and the press and many supporters, the English team was whisked to the Plaza Hotel. The weather was very unkind and many were doubtful that the various games arranged would be played. But to quote Bobby Stenhouse: "This reminds us of home, so don't worry. We came here to play bowls and bowls we shall play." Bobby was true to his words and the English team played in weather that would have stopped some of our usual games.

The main purpose of the trip was to give all Hong Kong bowlers the chance to see and for some to play against arguably the strongest bowls team in the world. LBA members during the next few days were treated to several exhibitions of the finest of bowls and a lucky few were able to try their arm against the greatest of them all, David Bryant.

But the English team were keen also to see as much of Hong Kong as possible, to see the marvellous sights, to look for bargaining and above all, to join with Hong Kong bowlers in a social atmosphere. The trip was heavily sponsored by Cathay Pacific and many thanks are due to them.

The next six days were a hectic mixture of bowls, sightseeing, more bowls, bargain hunting, social events and more bowls.

The first day of the visit, Monday, was spent travelling to and from the Island on the Star Ferry buying clothes and souvenirs. In the evening, there was a cocktail party at HKCC where the President of the ASF and OC, Mr. A.D. O.Sales and John Marchant, Cathay Pacific Marketing Manager, welcomed the English team.

On Tuesday, the team rose early for a New Territories trip. After collecting some LBA members at KBGC who had volunteered to be guides, we were on our way. Eric Liddell took the mike and did a very professional job as a tour guide. The first stop was to sample the San Miguel Brewery and then out to Fanling and to the border at Lok Ma Chau. On the return trip, we came back via Tai Po, stopping at the Jockey Club for a lunch arranged by Sked Thorburn. Then back to the hotel through the Lion Rock and Harbour tunnels for a quick change before the first game of the tour at KCC.

There was a slight drizzle and the temperature was a mere 8°C. Nevertheless, all the games were played and players and spectators saw champagne bowls. After the match, there was an excellent buffet supper, a speech by KCC President, Jalu Shroff and a chance to mix with the tourists.

Wednesday was an arranged free day and we took the tourists on what is becoming a world phenomenon, a tram car ride. We rode from Causeway Bay to Central and gave the tourists a different, if slow, view of Hong Kong. On reaching Central, we took the Star Ferry to Kowloon for another bout of shopping. With the drizzle still prevailing, normal U.K. shopping habits were quickly shelved in favour of bargaining. The tourists learned very quickly!

Walking back to KBGC, there was one of those incidents one person would like to forget. Our VIP of the EBA, Hylton, in trying to dodge rain puddles and the inevitable obstructions, stood on a manhole which gave way under his weight and he found himself waist deep wearing his newly purchased Italian shoes. Luckily he was only a few yards from KBGC and he was hastily smuggled in the back door before he could be ejected. All efforts at cleaning off the unmentionable failed and I drove his wife to the hotel for a complete change of clothing. On our return, Hylton was found in the bar sipping an ale dressed in no more than John Bell's mackintosh. Well done Hylton, carried off with style!

Thursday was taken up with a coach trip of Hong Kong Island, a trip on the peak tram and a visit to Ocean Park. The team felt this was the highlight of the tour no doubt because of the arrangements by the General Manager, Wally Williamson, which included a personal tour and a Chinese meal. After a quick change, it was the turn of HKFC to host the tourists. Sadly again, the weather let us down, but again the tourists insisted on playing and afterwards enjoying a fine buffet and drinks till the early hours.

Friday was a rest day for the tourists and suddenly, Saturday was on us and time to depart. Packing was a terrible problem, but somehow it was managed. The last match was played at KBGC and at last, the weather improved by 10°, the rain stayed off and once again the bowls were entertaining.

After an exhausting but unforgettable week, the English team departed for Melbourne on Cathay Flight CX 101. We who mixed with them and got to know them well will also remember their visit for a long time.

The HKLBA would like to thank all players, supporters and clubs who helped to make the visit memorable both for Hong Kong and the English EBA. A very big THANK YOU must, of course, go to the sponsors of the trip – Cathay Pacific Airways.

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FOURTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – FRANKSTON 1980

TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT

The team left Hong Kong on New Years Day and were met at Sydney Airport by Officers of the Newcastle District Bowling Association which had invited us to Newcastle to play in a number of exhibition games. We were transported to Newcastle in an eight seater, twin engine aircraft. The Team Manager, occupying the co-pilot's seat, hung on for grim death and hardly opened his eyes.

The visit to Newcastle was a great success with large crowds watching the games. It allowed the team to settle down and to start becoming acclimatised. The hospitality of the N.D.B.A. has to be experienced to be believed and through our Year Book I would like to record our thanks to the N.D.B.A. for their warm heartedness and generosity.

We arrived in Melbourne on the 8th January and met up with our host club, the Brighton Bowling and Tennis Club. Again my thanks must go to this club and all it's members for making us feel so much at home and for their time and effort expended in looking after us.

The Championships commenced on the 16th January with George Souza Jnr. and Eric Liddell playing in the Pairs and Philip Chok, M.B. Hassan Jnr. and O.K. Dallah the Triples. The Frankston Club had four fairly new greens with a new well-appointed club house and seating around the greens for close onto 6,000 spectators. However it was about 24 miles from the motel which meant an early start and late return. With play alternating between two games one day and three the next it meant that each second day the team arrived back at the motel around 10.30 p.m. which left very little time for a meal etc.

The greens played well although naturally it took some time to get to know them. The major difficulty the players had to contend with, particularly during the first week, was the strong gusting wind which varied and swirled after the bowl left the hand thus producing some erratic results.

The Pairs won ten games and lost nine and came tenth out of twenty teams. The last two days saw much improved results, only one game being lost out of the five played, and that by a margin of one shot. The Triples won eleven games, drew one, lost seven and came eighth in the competition.

The Singles and Fours started on the 25th January with Philip Chok playing the Singles. He won 12 games, lost seven and was for a time in with a chance for a medal. He gave David Bryant a very hard game and came sixth out of twenty.

The Fours Team of G.A. Souza Jnr., M.B. Hassan Jnr., Eric Liddell and O.K. Dallah won 15 games, drew one and lost three. In seven out of their 19 games they went into the last head with only one shot difference between the teams. The final game against Scotland where a win meant the Gold, a draw the Silver and a loss the Bronze was a wonderful example of team play. Again Hong Kong went into the last head with only one shot separating the teams, 17-16 in Scotland's favour. Although every bowl counts the last shot of Eric Liddell's when he drew an exceedingly difficult second shot for Hong Kong will be long remembered. In the overall "Leonard Trophy" Hong Kong came fifth.

With Best Wishes

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There were about ten official functions to attend plus those put on by the host club. It is with regret that it has to be recorded that Stewart Kerr, President of the Australian Bowls Council, died during the course of the Championships. The organisation was excellent and our bowlers were first class ambassadors for Hong Kong.

My thanks must also go to those who gave Hong Kong such great support. Many friends came down from Newcastle and cheered on Hong Kong. Jan and Keith Bosley stayed in the motel with the team and were of great help. Others include Joyce Liddell, Elvie Chok, Marie Ramchand, Jimmy Kellock (who also stayed in our motel by designating him our unofficial "Assistant Team Manager"), Jack Sheedy (down from the Gold Coast), Tso Hung and his family and Barry Walker (on his one day flying visit). But in particular my personal thanks must go to the five players for their support, their trust and their loyalty to the team and to Hong Kong.

GEOFF MURPHY
President

FINAL RESULTS – ALL COMPETITIONS

"THE W. M. LEONARD TROPHY"

POSITION		SINGLES	PAIRS	TRIPLES	FOURS	TOTAL	FOR	AGAINST	FOR AGAINST
1	England	20	17	20	15	72	1709	1065	1.605
2	Australia	19	20	16	17	72	1716	1085	1.582
3	Scotland	18	16	19	19	72	1694	1129	1.500
4	New Zealand	17	18	18	18	71	1699	1091	1.557
5	Hong Kong	15	11	13	20	59	1551	1246	1.245
6	Canada	12	19	14	13	58	1573	1259	1.249
7	Wales	16	14	10	16	56	1539	1206	1.276
8	Ireland	14	15	12	14	55	1473	1231	1.197
9	U.S.A.	10	12	15	12	49	1493	1364	1.095
10	Jersey	11	13	7	7	38	1400	1460	0.959
11	Fiji	2	7	17	11	37	1448	1378	1.051
12	Zambia	9	8	11	9	37	1380	1427	0.967
13	Guernsey	13	9	4	6	32	1331	1466	0.908
14	Papua N.G.	5	10	6	10	31	1324	1459	0.907
15	Israel	8	5	8	8	29	1352	1472	0.918
16	Swaziland	4	4	9	2	19	1262	1576	0.801
17	W. Samoa	7	6	2	3	18	1212	1581	0.767
18	Malawi	3	3	5	5	16	1234	1577	0.782
19	Kenya	6	2	3	4	15	1136	1706	0.666
20	Japan	1	1	1	1	4	681	2429	0.280

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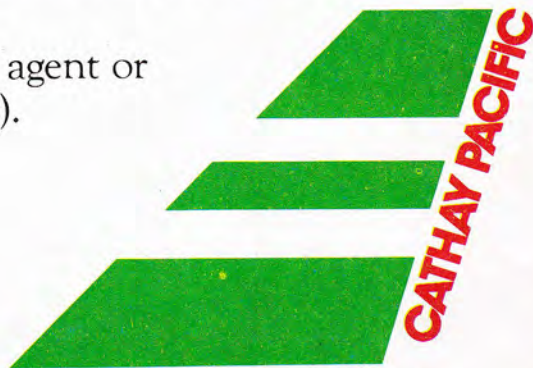
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