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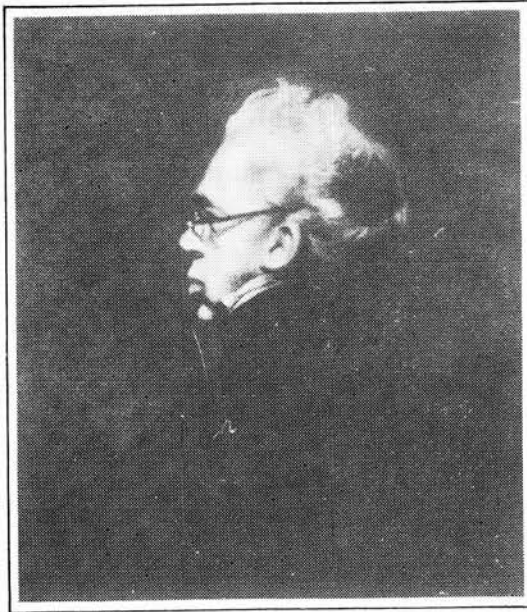
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FOREWORD

I am pleased to say 1972 has been an extremely good year, and begin with hearty congratulations to the Bowlers who represented Hong Kong in the World Bowls Championships at Worthing on winning the Gold Medal for the Pairs, the Bronze Medal for the Rinks and a special award, the Rothman's Cup for the "Personality of the Championships".

By their achievement, I feel sure that bowlers in Hong Kong have been encouraged to make every effort to keep up the high standard of bowls in Hong Kong.

To the Colony Champions of 1972 my congratulations. To all other competitors better luck next time. It is your interest and your participation that is the incentive to better bowling. Thank you.

H. A. Scott Esq.

President

World Bowls Champions 1972

at

Worthing, England

Once again the Hong Kong representatives in world class lawn bowls have shown that they are indeed, a force to be reckoned with, our team at Worthing this year put up a wonderful performance. When one considers that we are now reduced to only thirteen active lawn bowls clubs in the Colony, with a total playing complement of probably less than five hundred, the achievements of our Lawn Bowls Team become even more "Cinderella" like.

How do we account for the amazing success of our Lawn Bowlers, in international competition? Firstly our players have the skill, temperament and team spirit to make such an impact on world bowls, our team manager Col. H. A. De B. Botelho has done an excellent job, not only as manager, but also as Ambassador-At-Large for the Hong Kong Lawn Bowling Community. Behind the scenes we have a group of selectors and administrators, who give up much of their free time, in organisation. Last, and by no means least, we have the rank and file lawn bowlers, who give

morale boosting encouragement. Here then we have the ingredients for success in any sporting venture, let us hope that the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association go forward to further honours in International Competition.

Our immediate objectives, are an international invitation competition in South Africa where we will be ably represented by our World Champions; E. J. Liddell and C. C. Delgado and, of course, making preparations for our representative team, for the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch, New Zealand in early 1974, where Hong Kong will now be the target to beat, for every competing country!

Sending teams to international competitions also incurs a great financial burden on your Association, this we have to offset, in the past, with our Annual Fund Raising Raffle. This year it will not be drawn at the "Ball", but will be drawn on the 5th of December at Beaconsfield House, this will give us more time to squeeze you, the Association hope that everyone connected with lawn bowls will help in our efforts to keep Hong Kong Lawn Bowlers among the finest in the world.

W.D.

COME TO SUNNY WORTHING!

Dear bowlers,

Eric, "Saco", Oscar, "Huckchai", Roberto and I went; and it rained, and it rained, and it rained! The warmth of our welcome, however, made up for the lack of sunshine. We were hospitably received, and during the Championships opponents and spectators alike complimented us on our discipline, sportsmanship and deportment on and off the green.

The matches were keenly contested and to give an example: The Fours would have won the Silver if Scotland had lost the final game to Australia and Northern Ireland to South Africa. (Only Northern Ireland obliged, and we had to be content with the Bronze).

Back in Hong Kong "Saco" claimed that he had walked approximately 83 miles up and down the greens during the Championships! I have no reason to doubt that the other member of the team tramped the same number of miles, if not more. There were no rickshaws!

It will, I think, be of interest if I quote hereunder a part of what a South African bowls writer had to say in the Daily News of the 15th June 1972, and in other papers of the largest daily paper group including the Johannesburg Star, South Africa's biggest daily —

"It might encourage smaller districts in South Africa to hear how Hong Kong have mocked the "bigger the better" dictum. Their good performance in the pairs as well as the triples, together with their Commonwealth Games medal, dispels any thought of it being a flash in the pan.

Hong Kong boasts only 600 players (there are 8,000 men players in Natal and about 45,000 in the whole of South Africa.)"

Hong Kong is now a "giant" in the bowls world. We must maintain that stature!

Yours aye,

Bots

THE HISTORY OF BOWLING

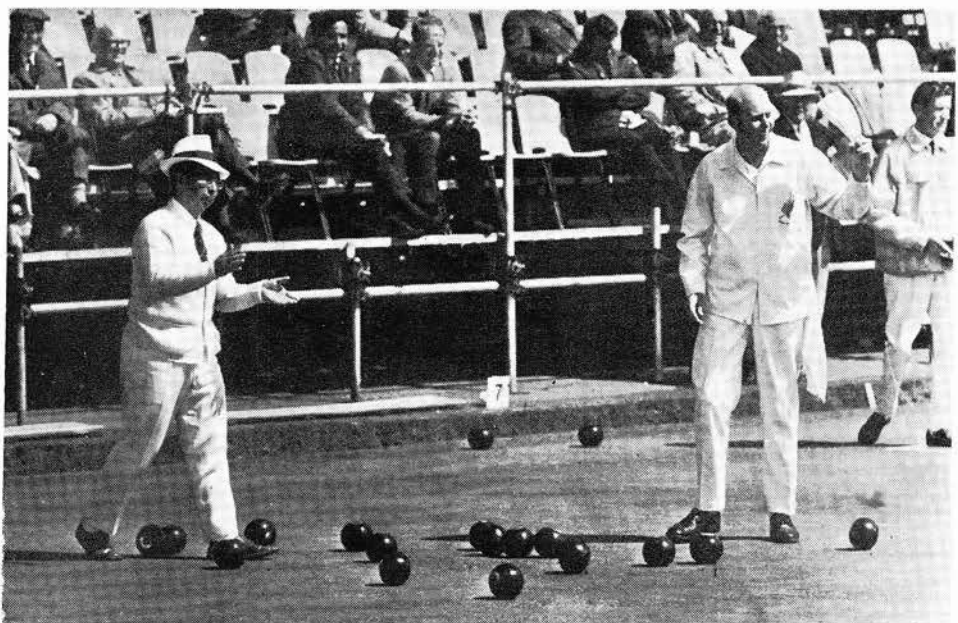
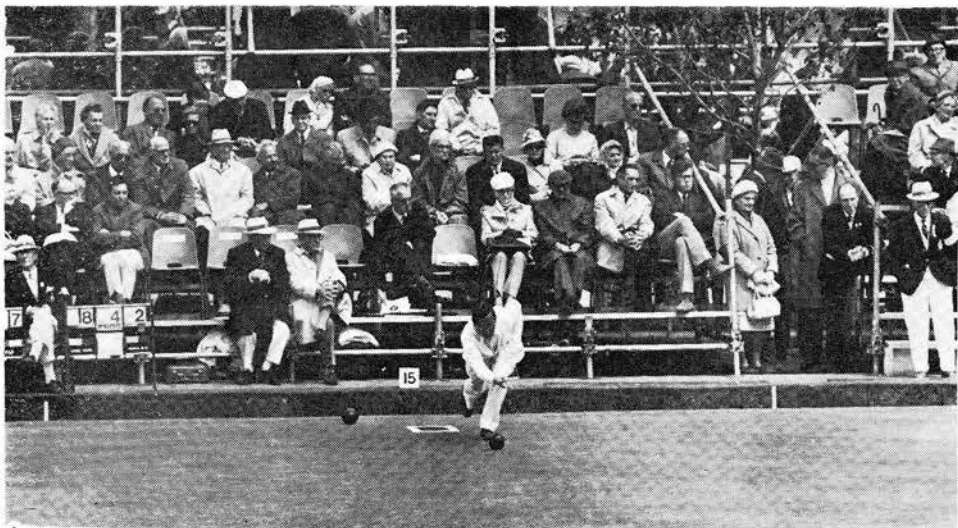
The history of "bowling" may be traced back 7000 years because famed English Egyptologist, Sir Flinders Petrie, found in the grave of an Egyptian child, buried in 5200 B.C., implements for playing a game similar to modern tenpins.

Stone Age artifacts indicated that early men and boys played some sort of bowling game, rolling large pebbles and rocks at pointed stones or sheep's joints.

The ancient Polynesians, including those who migrated to New Zealand 600 years ago, had a similar game in which they bowled small elliptical balls and round flat discs of stone about four inches in diameter. In 1778, Captain Cook recorded that Hawaiian Islanders played bowls with "pieces of whetstone about three to four inches in diameter, about an inch across at the edges but thicker at the centre and rounded very exactly".

The fact that he recorded this suggests that the famed discoverer, when home from the sea, also enjoyed a game of bowls, although his name does not figure prominently in the recorded history of the game. Further evidence of his interest exists in the fact that on June 5, 1770, during his epic voyage up the eastern Australian coast, he discovered and named *Cape Bowling Green*, which projects into the Pacific some 15 miles north-east of the sugar town of Ayr, in Queensland. The Scots who settled around Ayr nearly 100 years later must have warmly approved Cook's decision. They named the anchorage south of the cape *Bowling Green Bay!*

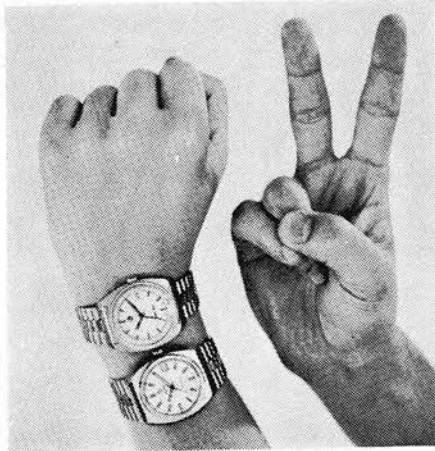
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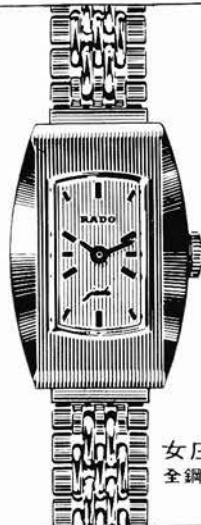
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	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
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I. R. C. "Blue"	12	6	—	117
C. C. C.	13	5	—	114
F. C.	12	6	—	112
K. B. G. C.	12	6	—	105
P. R. C.	8	10	—	89
K. C. C.	8	10	—	82
H. K. F. C.	8	10	—	73
I. R. C. "Gold"	4	14	—	49
H. K. C. C.	2	16	—	34



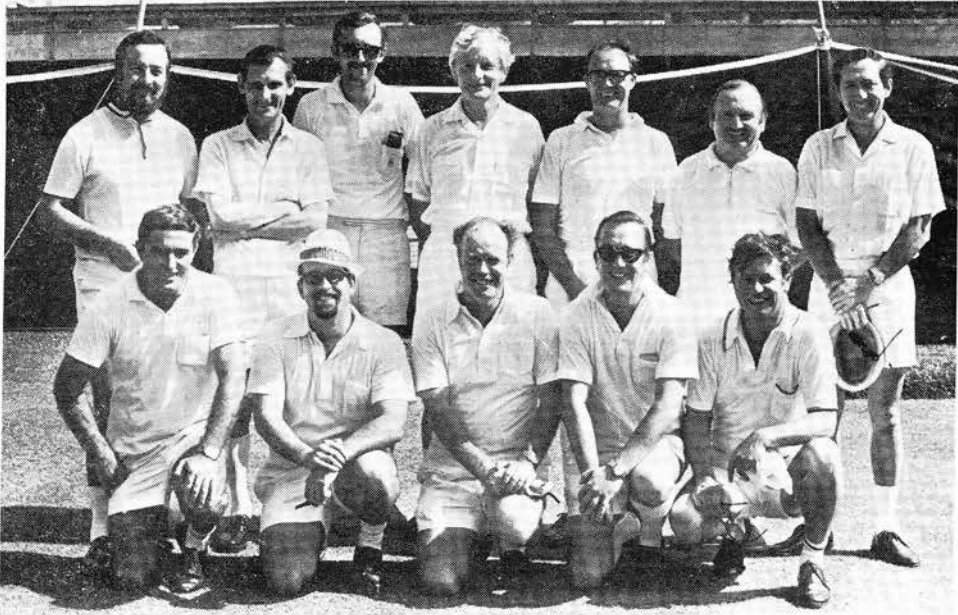
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I. R. C.	13	5	—	116
K. B. G. C.	11	7	—	113
C. C. C. "Gold"	13	5	—	111
RECREIO	9	9	—	101
C. C. C. "Green"	10	8	—	95
K. C. C. "Green"	7	11	—	80
H. K. F. C.	7	11	—	78
H. K. P. S. A.	4	14	—	59
K. C. C. "White"	0	18	—	26



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Winners — C. C. Delgado, A. A. Lopes

Runners - Up — A. McGurk, J. Cottell

TRIPLES — LIDDELL TROPHY

Winners — A. H. Seemin, P. Mak, G. A. Souza Jnr.

Runners - Up — Y. Alladin, A. Fernandes, A. B. Marques

RINKS — OMAR MEMORIAL TROPHY

Winners — D. Davenport, M. E. Rozario, C. S. Dang, P. K. Yip

Runners - Up — R. Bucks, C. Carrillo, S. Bucks, E. M. Remedios

MIXED PAIRS

Winners — Mrs. E. J. Liddell, Mr. E. J. Liddell

Runners - Up — Mrs. H. A. Scott, Mr. H. A. Scott

KNOCK - OUT SINGLES — "WILLIE RUSSELL" MEMORIAL TROPHY

Winner — Tso Hung

Runner - Up — O. Adem

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Winner — E. J. Liddell

Runner - Up — O. Adem

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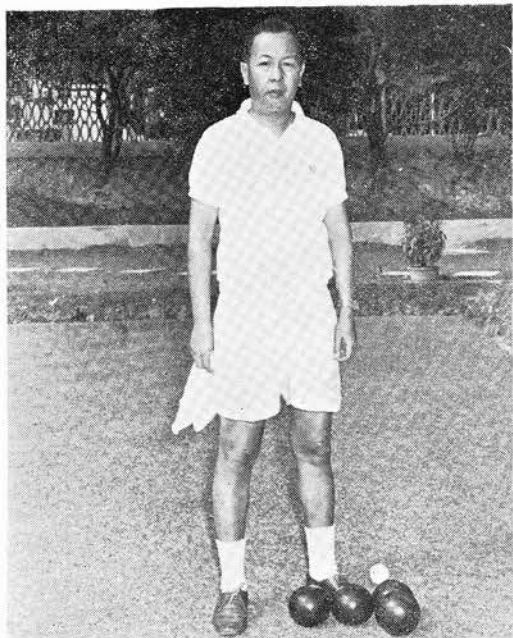
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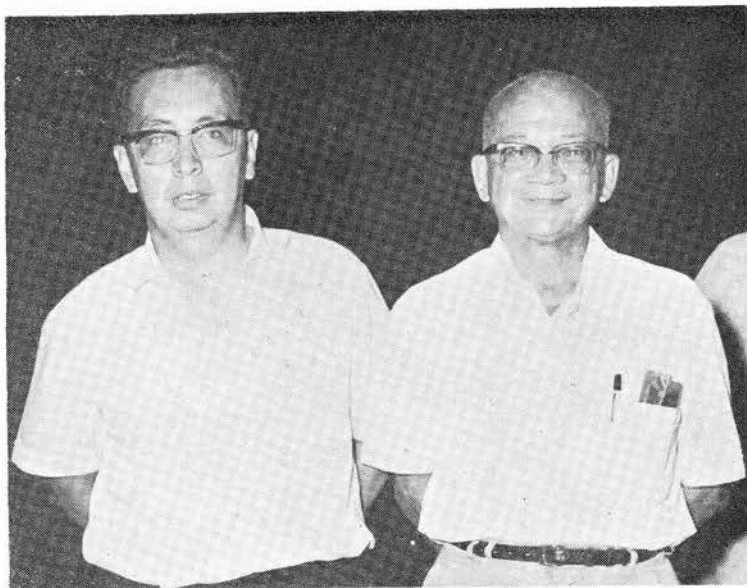
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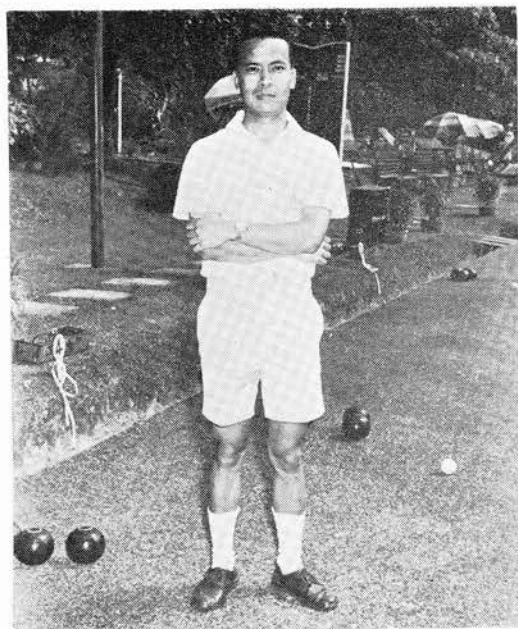
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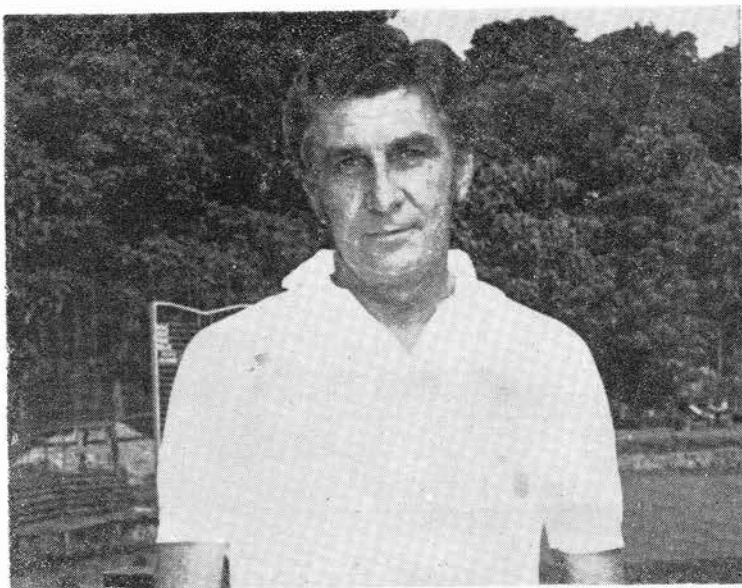
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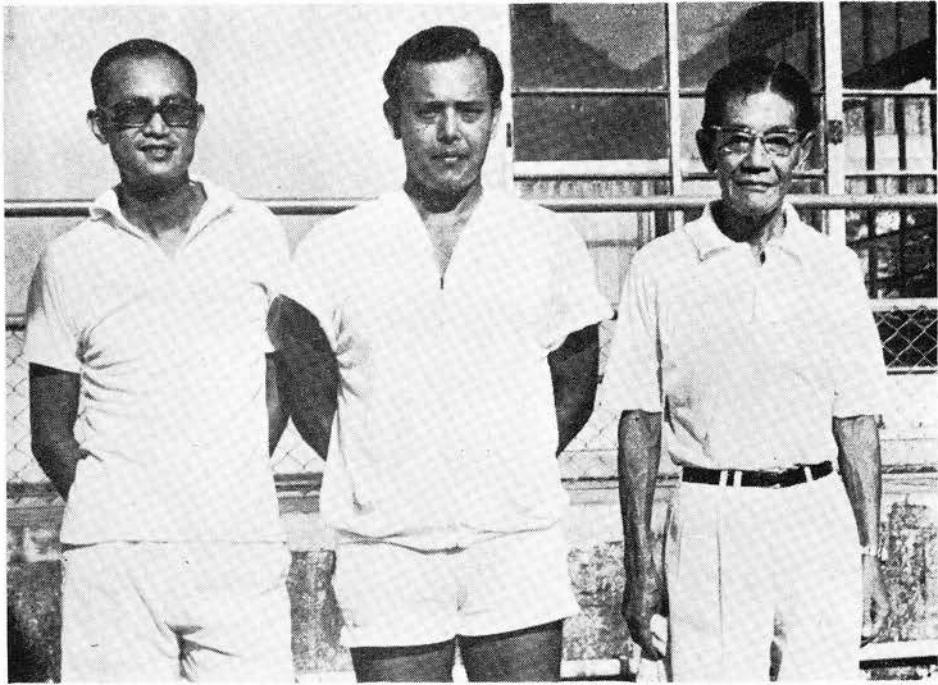
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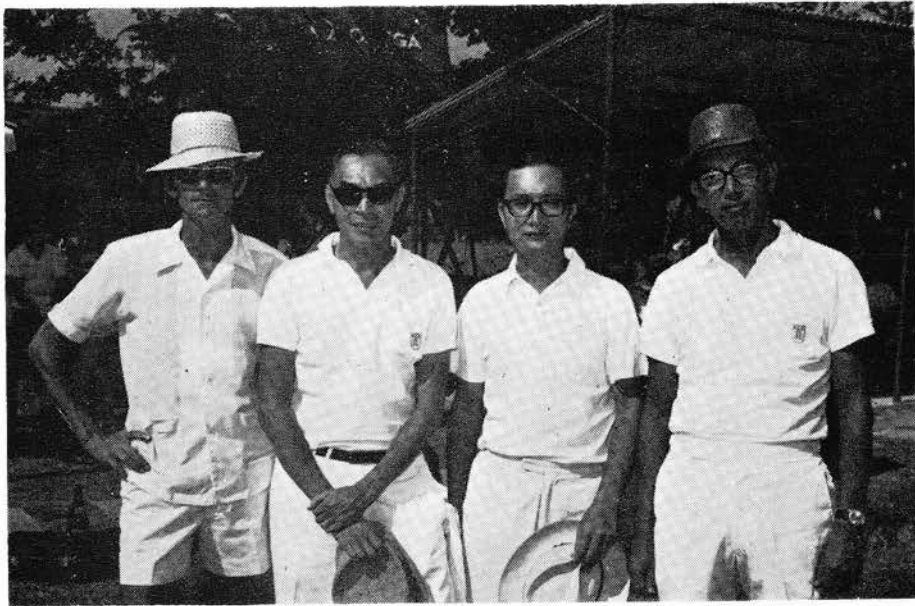


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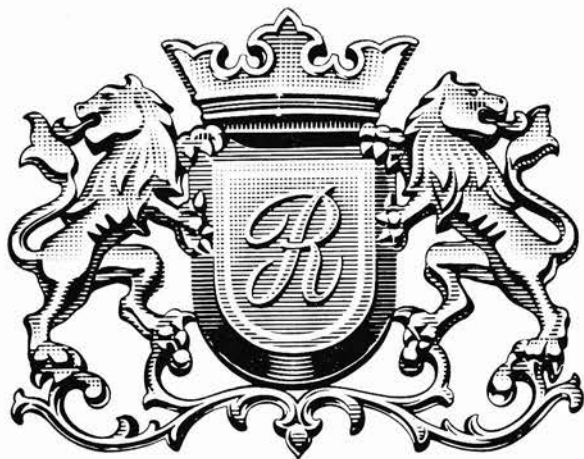


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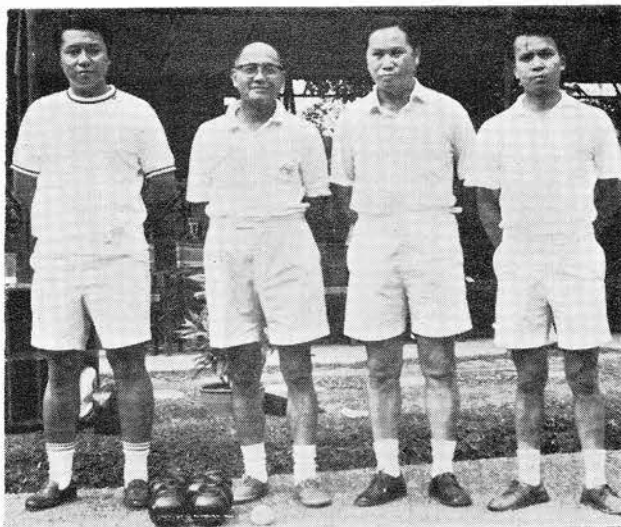




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A REVIEW OF THE 1972 SEASON

Firstly, our congratulations to the male representatives of the H. K. L. B. A. for their triumph in the World Bowls Championships at Worthing this year. The ladies were inspired to such an extent that we are now making noises about having our own Association to enable some of our excellent lady bowlers to enter International Tournaments and, we hope, emulate the men's performance.

Our season began on the 23rd April with the traditional Sadick Shield match when 52 ladies graced the greens and Hong Kong managed to pip Kowloon at the post and receive the Shield from Mr. Sadick. The standard of bowls on that most enjoyable day was only matched by the glorious weather, both of which augured well for the season ahead.

When the Ladies League began on the 13th May the standard of bowls remained as excellent but the weather turned most fickle and we often felt we would have played better in flippers and snorkles than in our white minis. Obviously the interest created by our Gold and Bronze medalists reached out to more than our usual bowlers as this year the ladies managed to field 14 teams as against 11 last year.

Both Leagues were hotly contended with both titles being decided only on the last match. Club de Recreio won the First Division and Police Recreation Club the Second Division with the Kowloon Bowling Green being runners-up in both Divisions.

In the Colony Championships it is interesting to note that the winning Pairs, Triples and Rinks were made up of members from at least two clubs — yet another indication of the friendships that are cultivated and exist in Lawn Bowls. Only one Championship was retained by last year's winners and our congratulations to Alicia Remedios, Bea Silva and Elvie Chok for retaining their title. It surely is a healthy sign for Lawn Bowls when we see that all but one of the titles have changed hands this year — so come on all you ladies — it could be you in 1973.

Many thanks are due to the Convenors of the various Clubs for their assistance and use of their greens. Also to the President, Mr. H. Scott for his support and presentation of trophies and last but not least to Mr. Lino Marques for his unfailing help, patience and, in fact, courage in attending our meetings.

Finally, my personal thanks to Irene Souza, Maizie Azevedo, Thelma Moseley and Mary Dowie for their help, friendship and good council on the Executive Committee.

Wishing you all good bowling for 1973.

Jo Hollis
Hon. Secretary
Ladies Section

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	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
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K. B. G. C. (1)	10	8	2	—	16
C. C. C.	10	7	3	—	14
H. K. F. C.	10	4	6	—	8
I. R. C.	10	1	9	—	2
K. B. G. C. (2)	10	1	9	—	2



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LEAGUE STANDINGS

SECOND DIVISION

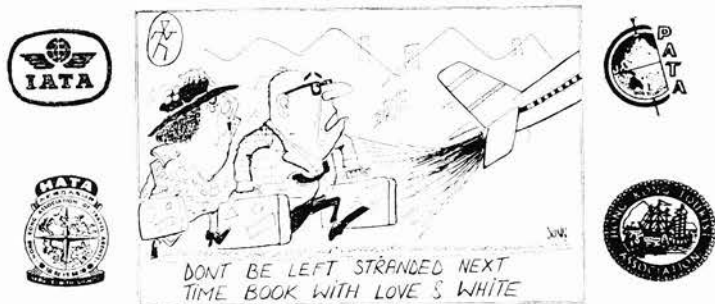
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
P. R. C. (Blue)	14	13	1	—	26
K. B. G. C.	14	11	2	1	23
H. K. P. S. A.	14	7	6	1	15
U. S. R. C.	14	7	7	—	14
H. K. F. C.	14	5	7	2	12
P. R. C. (White)	14	5	9	—	10
K. C. C. (A)	14	3	11	—	6
K. C. C. (B)	14	3	11	—	6



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