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Hong Kong lawn bowlers have, over the years, achieved notable success in major championships. Their latest success was the dual victory in the Hong Kong International Classic Pairs and Singles, held in November 1984.

I congratulate both Associations on their successes and the standards they have achieved. I send my best wishes to all bowlers and all supporters of lawn bowls in Hong Kong.

Edward Yende

GOVERNOR

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Ladies Lawn Bowls Association

Secretary's Report — 1984-1985

This was the year of our 10th Anniversary and it is indeed heartening to look back and monitor the success that the Ladies' Association has enjoyed since 1974.

From financially meagre beginnings, but with a wealth of talent, we sent our first team to an international competition, i.e. 3rd World Bowls Championship, in Worthing England in 1977 where the team brought home the Gold Medal for the Pairs and were 4th overall. In 1981 we sent a team to Canada and they came back with the Gold in the Triples, Silver in the Rinks and Bronze in the Singles and were 2nd team overall. This year our team is off to Australia to represent us in the 5th World Bowls and we wish them every success and hope they will yet again "bring home of bacon".

Although it is our teams who represent us and do us proud, we must not forget those people behind the scenes who have worked so hard, not only to raise the funds to enable us to take part in International Competitions, but also tackling the sometimes mundane day to day jobs, serving on Committee and running League and National Competitions. Our thanks to you all and to all our members for their wonderful support.

Inclement weather dogged us at the beginning of the League season but, with a little disruption, all games were completed on the 23rd June. For the first year we fielded a 4th Division and our congratulations to the winners:

1st Division
2nd Division

C.C.C.
H.K.F.C. "Y"

3rd Division
4th Division

U.S.R.C.
V.L.B.C.

Congratulations too to all the winners of the National games and thanks to the sub-Committee for getting all competitions completed, not an easy task with the continual shortage of greens.

We are delighted to report that all the work done by our members to help the Blind Bowlers will come to fruition in 1985 when we will send a team of three men and one lady to Australia for the Blind Bowls Tournament to be held between August 28th and September 8th. We wish them great success and enjoyment and thank those ladies who had helped so much to make this another "first" for the Ladies Association.

The Association wishes to thank the H.K.L.B.A. for their support and co-operation and to the Presidents, Committees and Members of all Clubs who have so generously allowed us the use of their facilities. Thanks also to the members of the General Committee for their hard work during the year and to all members for their continued support.

May I wish you all a very successful 1985 season with good bowling and good sportsmanship.



Jo Hollis
Hon. Secretary

Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association Annual Report 1984

International bowls were to the fore during 1984. The Hong Kong team participated at the World Bowls Championships in Aberdeen, unfortunately without success medal wise apart from oxidised bronze medals for fourth places in the triples and fours. However all acquitted themselves well both as sportsmen and ambassadors of Hong Kong.

Then in November our own International Classic Tournament was held. This was an immense success with additional representation from the United States of America and Canada along with those invited previously. It is pleasing to note a double triumph for Hong Kong in both the singles and pairs competitions. George Souza Jr. defeated England's John Bell and again George with Philip Chok successfully defended their title in the pairs against the probable favourites, Denis Dalton and Dennis Katunarich from Australia. Our thanks are expressed to the Tournament sponsors — Hongkong Bank, Urban Council, and Hong Kong Government Sports Promotion. Also to those hard working members of the organising committee and various sub-committees without whom the event could not be held. We are now preparing for the 1985 Classic and hopefully may be able to increase participation by the inclusion of additional countries.

A Pacific Games will be introduced during 1985 to be held initially in Australia. Hong Kong will be represented and the National Selectors will soon be considering team members. This tournament includes all the major bowling countries in the Pacific Region and is expected to be held biannually during the intervening years between World Bowls and Commonwealth Games championships.

On the domestic scene the National League continued in a split season format and this appears to suit most clubs. Congratulations are due to the respective winners of each division, First — Craigengower Cricket Club, Second — Hong Kong Football Club, Third — Victoria Lawn Bowls Club, and Fourth — Kowloon Cricket Club. Our appreciation is extended to the League sub-committee for the efficient organisation of the League season.

The National Competitions programme has been successfully completed and thanks are due to the sub-committee in this respect. Congratulations are due also to all winners and finalists.

Beginners training courses in conjunction with the Urban Council continue at Victoria Park under the guidance of our national coaches and these still prove most popular. The fruits of their labours can be seen in the strengthening of the Victoria Lawn Bowls Club as well as other clubs that trainees are joining. The second green was re-opened at Victoria Park and it is hoped that additional facilities, especially floodlighting may be provided soon.

This year will see the first artificial greens in Hong Kong when the two Police club greens are brought into service. We will await with interest to see the standard of surface that will be provided. These additional greens should ease considerably the problems encountered with green availability for both League and National competitions.

I thank the Ladies Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong for assistance in 1984, their tenth anniversary and wish them every success at the Ladies World Bowls Championships this year.

In conclusion I offer my sincere gratitude to the Recreation and Culture Sports promotion units, the Urban Council, the Festival of Sport, East Asiatic Co. Ltd., Tobacco Exporters International, and Berlitz Shipping Co. Ltd. for their continued support and also the officers and general committee of the Association for their assistance and efforts in promoting Lawn Bowls in Hong Kong.



Roger D. Hayes
Honorary Secretary

Report on the 5th World Championships — Aberdeen, Scotland, 1984

The team left Hong Kong on Friday 29th June 1984 for London and then a week's acclimatisation and practice in Maidenhead, Berkshire.

During this week the weather was outstanding, with the often scorching heat increasing green speeds to a point which did not produce ideal practice for Aberdeen.

Matches were played at Maidenhead Town Bowling Club, Desborough Bowling Club and Slough Sports Club, and, as is almost always the case in these situations, the hospitality was marvellous.

During the week it was decided to change the Pairs and Triples combinations and this saw Edwin Chok line up as lead to O.K. Dallah in the Pairs, whilst M.B. Hassan Jr. filled the middle spot in the Triples with Philip Chok and George Souza.

Arriving in Aberdeen on Friday 6th July 1984, the team was accommodated in the Tree Tops Hotel which was situated approximately ten minutes drive from the Westburn Park venue. All the teams and the main elements of the Organisation were housed under the one roof, which made everything convenient and convivial.

Transportation was provided in the form of double-decker buses at common times, whilst courtesy cars were on hand at other times when players wished to go to and from the hotel or venue.

Breakfasts were all taken at the Tree Tops, whilst the two remaining meals were arranged for everyone at the venue in a huge marquee. The standard of the food was good but the timings of the evening meal gave difficulties to any team playing in the afternoon and evening sessions or simply in the evening session. In these circumstances, the evening meal had to be taken around 4.30pm, which left a considerable hole in a player's stomach on completion of their games around 9.30pm!

Westburn Park is situated in the north-west suburbs of Aberdeen, and consists of three excellent greens, with a spanking new clubhouse complex. It is not a neat self-contained bowling club as we know, and this complex may be turned into a restaurant in the future.

Whilst the rest of the U.K. was experiencing a heat-wave Aberdeen contrived to be different and was generally cool, windy and damp throughout the three weeks. The end of the first week saw flooded greens and a number of curtailed and postponed matches as conditions became impossible. This unfortunately was not before Hong Kong had seen at least two games literally slide away from them in the wet.

After customary preliminaries, including a Church Parade, cocktail party and scheduled practices, the Championships got underway on Wednesday 11th July with the Pairs and Triples.

The Pairs — E. Chok & O.K. Dallah

The Pairs got off to a poor start against Guernsey, and although they comfortably accounted for Argentina the following day a run of four consecutive defeats, including a rain-affected game against Canada which they might have won and an unfortunate defeat by Fiji, by one shot after losing a 4 on the last end, effectively ended any hope of a medal. Their best game was undoubtedly the one against Section winners, D. Bryant and T. Allcock of England, which they lost on the final end 18-17 in an excellent game.



*Back Row: M.B. Hassan Jr, K.G. Wallis (Manager), O.K. Dallah and Philip Chok.
Front row: G.A. Souza Jr and Edwin Chok.*

Their final results were:-

P-10; W-3; L-7; +-200; - -195; Diff.+5; Pts-6; Position-6th

In the play-offs, they accounted for Western Samoa 16-12, to take 17th position overall, out of 22.

The Triples — P. Chok, M.B. Hassan, Jr. & G. Souza, Jr.

Like the Pairs, the Triples got off to a poor start by losing badly to Jersey 9-12 in the opening game, but they recovered to win their next three. An unexpected defeat by Swaziland entirely due to the flooded conditions, brought them to a match against unbeaten Scotland. This match was, undoubtedly, the finest of the tournament to that point and in Scottish Skip Jim Boyle's own words the finest he had ever played in. Hong Kong bowled extremely well and led all the way, only to lose it on the final end when Boyle converted a Hong Kong lie of 4-5 shots into a winning three by driving the jack into the ditch. This defeat had an immediate effect when Hong Kong also lost to the USA, but they pulled themselves back into contention by winning their last three, the final one by a mammoth 31-3 over Kenya, to clinch a play-off with New Zealand for Bronze. Their final results were:

P-10; W-6; L-4; +-199; - -166; Diff.+33; Pts-12; Position-2nd

The play-off game was a great disappointment, with Hong Kong being continuously out-manoevered by very aggressive opponents using short mat tactics. New Zealand won by 26-8 and Hong Kong had to settle for the Oxidized Bronze Medals for 4th place overall, which in itself, was a tremendous achievement.

The Singles — G. Souza, Jr.

The first game George had to play was a difficult one against K. Williams of Australia, and after leading 9-6, he failed to score again to lose 9-21. Apart from an excellent game against eventual Champion, P. Belliss of New Zealand, George, by his own standards, had a disappointing time of things. His final results were as follows:-

P-10; W-5; L-5; +-176; - -160; Diff.+10; Pts-10; Position-6th

He lost his play-off 15-21 against N. McInnes of USA to finish 12th. overall.

The Fours — P. Chok, E. Chok, M.B. Hassan, Jr. & O.K. Dallah

Three good wins gave the team a healthy start, but they then came up against New Zealand and again submitted to the aggressive tactics of the Kiwis, to lose heavily 7-32, although the scoreline did not truly reflect the nature of the game which was, in fact, a much closer, well fought event. A reaction to the loss was a further defeat by Zimbabwe and a draw with Papua by losing a 3 on the final end. It was then that they came back to their best with a confident despatch of the strong Irish combination. With New Zealand having dropped points in the meantime, the final games saw Hong Kong in with a good chance of a Gold, but after the Israeli No.2 had unfortunately given away the shot on their final end, New Zealand were able to salvage a draw and tie Hong Kong on points. Better shot difference put the Kiwis into the Gold play-off with England. Final results were as follows:-

P-10; W-7; D-1; L-2; +-202; - -167; Diff.+35; Pts-15; Position-2nd

The play-off match was again a disappointment and after a bright start, Scotland dominated to win 30-15. Hong Kong thus gained another very creditable 4th. position overall and the Oxidized Bronze Medals.

Leonard Trophy

In the overall Championship, won by host country. Scotland, Hong Kong finished a disappointing 9th. position out of 22 competing nations.

Conclusions

The organisation and arrangements for the 5th World Championships, on the whole, were very good, and, in such form, well within the capabilities of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association. It is therefore that much more regrettable that the chance to host World Bowls 1992 has slipped.

Many may consider that the performances and results produced by the Hong Kong team were disappointing, and I am sure, that the players involved shared that disappointment. In the final analysis, however, one must remember where we stand as a bowling community in terms of numbers, when compared with the majority of countries that finished above us in the overall championship. Taken in that context, the securing of 7 medals was quite an accomplishment and it is interesting to note that only Scotland, New Zealand and England took home more.

The World Championships are, as I'm sure you all suspect the greatest show on earth as far as bowls is concerned. It was a marvellous experience never to be missed, and I would urge anyone the least bit interested in the sport, to make it an objective, to take in such event if ever the opportunity presents itself.

“Happy To Meet, Happy To Part,
Happy Meet Again. Bon Accord.”
Aberdeen, 1984

K.G. Wallis
Manager

Message From The President of the Ladies Lawn Bowls Association

1984 saw the celebration of ten years as an Association in our own right and the end of one era. 1985 is the beginning of a new period in our history as we move towards a further period of development and expansion. The Association continues to grow and to build on the success of those early pioneers, most of whom still play and support the Association.

Following a successful celebration of our first ten years with many outstanding successes in World Bowls, our many dedicated members look forward to the future with confidence. By the time this message is read, our selected Ladies will have represented Hong Kong in the 5th Womens World Bowls Championships in Melbourne and I am confident they will have performed with honour and good sportsmanship. The results are always important but most importantly they will have represented Hong Kong in a manner which brings credit to us all.

At home, I must give my thanks to my Executive and General Committee and all the various Sub-Committees who have as always worked hard and in particular, to the ever willing and competent Jo Hollis, who stood in as Secretary when the elected Secretary, Wendy Ferrer had to withdraw for family reasons.

The main strength of our Association will always lie with the members who bowl for the sheer joy of bowling. Most of them will never win anything but friendships, but they enjoy bowling. We have sadly had to say goodbye to many members this year, but happily, have welcomed many new members.

My best wishes go to all members for the ten years that have gone by so quickly and to the many more wonderful bowling years to come.



E.G. Duncan
President
L.L.B.A.

President's Message

As we come to the end of a very busy bowling season, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all those people who have worked so hard throughout the year, in order to achieve success. This includes the officers and Members of the General Committee, members of the Organising Committee for the Classic, the H.K.L.L.B.A. and all other helpers connected with that event, and those coaches who have devoted so much time to the training of new bowlers at Victoria Park.

This year has seen both Mens' and Ladies' World Championships, with the Men bringing seven medals from Aberdeen, whilst the Ladies are, at the very moment I pen this, carrying our colours on the greens of Reservoir, Melbourne.

Invitations to compete in overseas competitions continue to come our way, and, of course, the year was highlighted at home by the increasingly popular and successful International Bowls Classic, ending in that magnificent double for Hong Kong. Funds willing, it is my hope that this year will see a further Classic and an even bigger and better field of overseas competitors.

On the domestic front, congratulations to C.C.C. once again for lifting their fourth consecutive 1st. Division title, and to VLBC for making it two in a row since their formation, a sure justification for the Victoria Park Training Courses.

Congratulations also to all the competition winners, particularly young Noel Kennedy and veteran C.S. Dang who between them dominated the Singles stage this past year and figured prominently in other competitions as well.

Overseas commitments for individuals and the Hong Kong team at the inaugural Pacific Bowls Championships and, possibly, a Test Series against New Zealand, together with League, National Competitions and the Classic, make towards a very busy year ahead. On top of these, and interesting development will be the opening of two artificial surface greens at the Police clubs at Boundary Street and Causeway Bay, the first in May and the second in September.

Whatever your part in our great sport, may I wish you all good luck, good health and, above all, good bowling in 1985.



K.G. Wallis
President,
H.K.L.L.B.A.

The 5th Women's World Bowls Championships 1985

**Melbourne Victoria Australia
13th February to 2nd March 1985**

Following arduous trials and months of extensive and punishing practices, our selected team of Lena Sadick, Rae O'Donnell, Sandi Zakoske, Joan Humphreys and Helen Wong set off to do their utmost in the most difficult of all championships; the world championships.

The team was managed by Meg Pace and reserve and delegate was Rosemary McMahon. The team began with a week of practice matches at nearby Bacchus Marsh, then on to the championships proper at Reservoir Club in Melbourne. The Reservoir Club was founded in 1958 and boasts a membership of 660 including 180 ladies. It has four greens and the Club is situated in a picturesque setting in Edwardes Park which surrounds the Edwardes Lake. The championships were organised by the World Bowls Committee under the chairmanship of Eunice P. Gill M.B.E. and 19 countries sent teams to do battle.

Our girls had worked hard and now had to look forward to 16 days of bowling sometimes as often as three games in a day on greens which were being timed on occasions at 20 secs. and to combat gusting winds against which they could lean. Temperatures were as high as 33°C and as low as 16°C on successive days.

The teams for the pairs and triples were respectively Joan Humphreys and Lena Sadick (skip) and Sandi Zakoske, Rae O'Donnell and Helen Wong (skip). In the pairs Joan and Lena had a mixed start with losses against Papua New Guinea and New Zealand but tremendous wins against U.S.A. and Swaziland and a narrow win against Wales. The remaining games saw the same mixture with good wins against Kenya, England, Israel and Zimbabwe but losses to Scotland and Australia.

The triples team fared better after a disastrous opening match lost to Papua New Guinea. Wins were recorded against U.S.A., New Zealand, Swaziland, Wales, Ireland, Western Samoa, Jersey, Scotland, Zimbabwe, Canada, Israel, England, Argentina and Kenya. The only other losses were to Botswana, Australia and Fiji. Some of the games were easy for Hong Kong if any world championship game can be described as easy such as the 43-7 demolition of Argentina and some were very close. 17-16 over England was a nail biter as was 16-14 over Scotland and 18-14 over Wales. At the end of the day the girls stayed the course to win second place and the silver medal with Australia taking the gold with 34 points.

So two competitions down and two to go. Lena Sadick stepped up for the singles tournament and Joan Humphreys joined the "silver" triples for the fours.

Lena tried hard but did not have much luck and finished the tournament in 14th place.

In the fours, the girls had a terrific run and three days from the end went into the lead from Scotland, England, Australia and Wales. In the closing days despite the fact that they had a magnificent win over England, they slipped up to one or two less fancied teams and had to settle for a very creditable 5th place.

Congratulations are in order to the Hong Kong ladies team for the way they battled against the rest of the world.



*Helen Wong
Captain*



Lena Sadick



Joan Humphreys



Rae O'Donnell

The final standings were:—

<u>Pairs</u>	<u>Points</u>
Australia	28
Fiji	28
England	26
Ireland	25
New Zealand	25
Scotland	24
Israel	22
Canada	22
P.N.G.	22
Zimbabwe	21
U.S.A.	20
Wales	19
Hong Kong	18
Kenya	18
Jersey	17
Swaziland	14
Botswana	14
West Samoa	9
Argentina	9

<u>Singles</u>	<u>Points</u>
Australia	18
Fiji	16
New Zealand	15
England	15
Zimbabwe	14
Ireland	13
Wales	11
Scotland	10
Israel	10
Canada	10
P.N.G.	9
Botswana	9
West Samoa	8
Hong Kong	7
Kenya	6
Jersey	5
U.S.A.	5
Argentina	4
Swaziland	4

<u>Triples</u>	<u>Points</u>
Australia	34
Hong Kong	30
Wales	29
England	28
New Zealand	26
Scotland	26
Fiji	25
Canada	23
Zimbabwe	23
Botswana	22
Ireland	20
U.S.A.	18
Swaziland	16
P.N.G.	15
Israel	13
Jersey	13
Kenya	11
Argentina	4
West Samoa	4

<u>Fours</u>	<u>Points</u>
Scotland	31
Australia	30
England	29
New Zealand	27
Hong Kong	26
Zimbabwe	26
Israel	25
Wales	24
Ireland	22
Botswana	21
Swaziland	18
U.S.A.	16
West Samoa	16
Fiji	16
Canada	15
P.N.G.	14
Kenya	10
Jersey	8
Argentina	4



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First Division League Winners

Craigengower Cricket Club



From Left to Right: Miss Rita Chan, Mrs. Helen Wong, Mrs. Irene Silva and Mrs. Nora Wu.

Team	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
C.C.C.	12	2	0	297	205.5	+91.5	24
K.C.C. "A"	9	4	1	289	229	+60	19
K.B.G.C.	8	6	0	297	274	+23	16
U.S.R.C.	6	8	0	246	278	-32	12
I.R.C.	6	8	0	237	294	-57	12
P.O.C.	5	8	1	275	302	-27	11
H.K.P.S.R.C.	5	9	0	253.5	274	-20.5	10
C. de R.	4	10	0	244	282	-38	8

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IN THE SEASON AHEAD**

Second Division League Winners

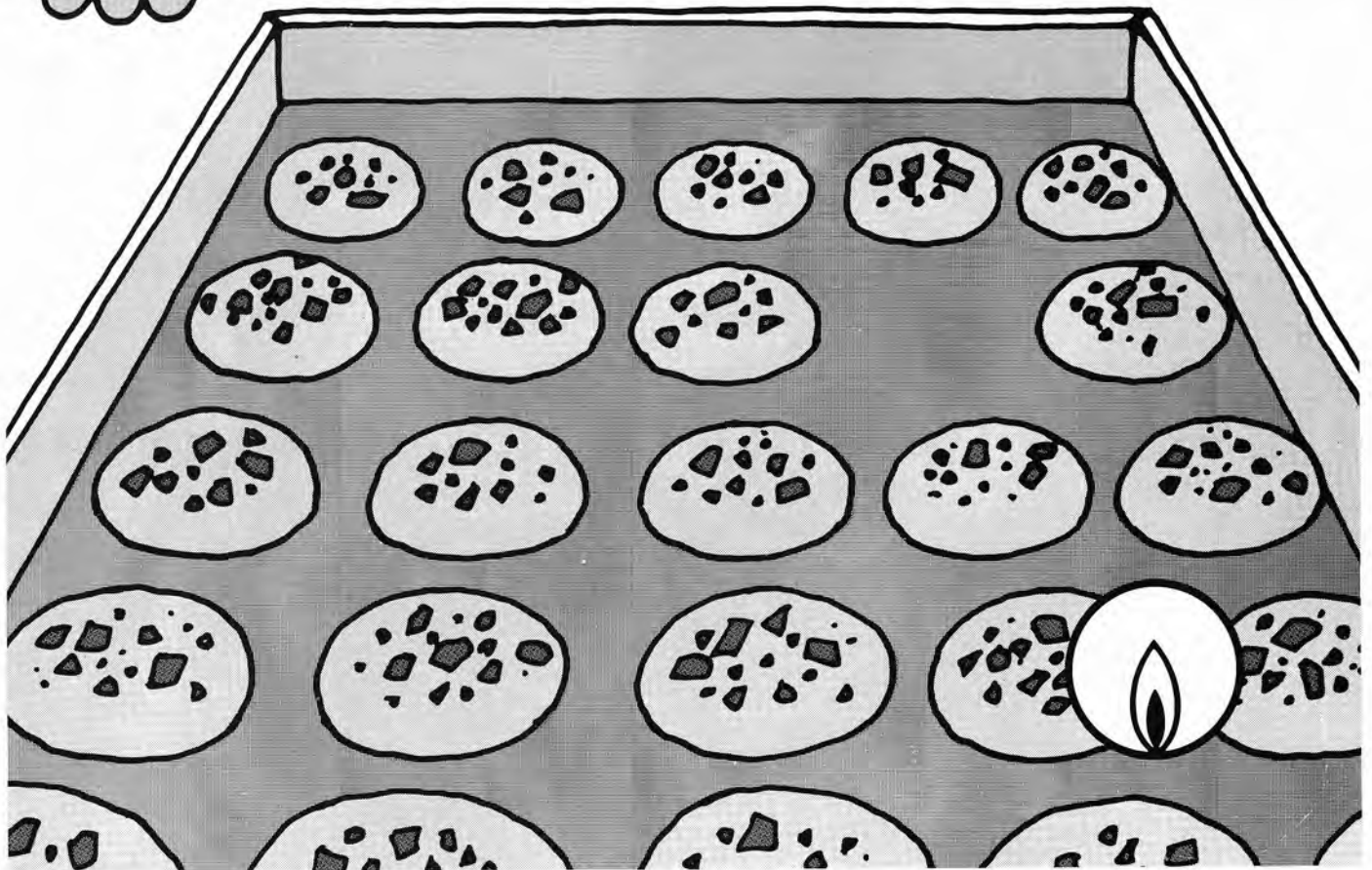
Hong Kong Football Club "Y"



Linda Chapman, Lynne Golder, Shirley Turner and Gill Sperring.

Team	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
H.K.F.C. "Y"	12	1	1	302	223	+ 79	25
K.C.C. "B"	9	5	0	301	225	+ 76	18
K.B.G.C. "G"	9	5	0	292	266	+ 26	18
H.K.F.C. "W"	7	6	1	266	261	+ 5	15
K.C.C. "R"	6	8	0	264	276	- 2	12
I.R.C.	5	8	1	272	282	- 10	11
K.B.G.C. "R"	5	9	0	252	270	- 18	10
K.B.G.C. "B"	1	12	1	188	334	-146	3

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Third Division League Winners

U.S.R.C.



Helen Young, Diana McGregor, Anne Shawcross, Dorothy Hughes and Linda King.

Team	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
U.S.R.C.	11	3	0	386	194	+192	22
H.K.C.C. "G"	9	5	0	274	266	+ 8	18
H.K.F.C. "G"	8	6	0	281	244	+ 37	16
H.K.F.C. "B"	7	6	1	269	279	- 10	15
H.K.C.C. "B"	7	7	0	264	280	- 16	14
C. de R.	5	8	1	230	275	- 45	11
K.C.C. "G"	5	9	0	216	287	- 71	10
K.C.C. "W"	3	11	0	226	321	- 95	6

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Fourth Division League Winners

Victoria Lawn Bowls Club "A"



Left to Right: Portia Lau, Henrietta Wong, Luzo Yip, Therese Chan, Josephine Ng.

Team	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
V.L.B.C.A "A"	7	2	1	223	177	+46	15
H.K.C.C. "R"	7	2	1	184	175	+ 9	15
K.B.G.C.Y. "Y"	4	5	1	185	185	- 2	9
F.C.G "G"	4	5	1	143	148	- 5	9
K.B.G.C.W "W"	3	6	1	173	160	-13	7
V.L.B.C.B "B"	2	7	1	141	202	-61	5



Mary Agnes Shum



Isabel Tsang

1984 International Bowls Classic

The third Classic event was again staged in Hong Kong between 17th and 25th November, 1984. Planning, however, started many months before when an organizing committee of ten began to grapple with the myriad of detail associated with such a tournament as the International Classic. Invitations were sent to the nine overseas controlling bodies to name their selected pairs and advise us of the particulars sought with black and white photographs suitable for printing in the brochure. Inevitably delays and difficulties occurred. Some photographs arrived, others did not. As the deadline for the brochure came near frantic international telephone calls were made pleading for the necessary material. That it all finally arrived is one of the minor miracles of life.

In the meantime airline flights were being juggled with to try and ensure that players from such distant parts as Dunedin in New Zealand and Clearwater, Florida all reached Hong Kong at about the same time. Motor junks were being chartered a new scoreboard was being designed and constructed, and the meetings of the committee became more frequent and much more detailed. It was with some apprehension that the first visits began to the airport to welcome to various teams as they arrived. Apprehension not only that all details had been attended to but that our great trust in Hong Kong's November sunshine would be realised.

Any doubts over the compatibility of our visitors were quickly dispelled as we met each team and experienced their very sincere friendliness and willingness to cooperate in whatever way they could. It took little time for them to settle into the Royal Garden Hotel and most players were quick to accustom themselves to the Hong Kong greens. An introductory social gathering took the form of a harbour cruise and Chinese meal at Lamma. With the lights of the city and the flavour of steamed prawns washed down with copious glasses of San Miguel the evening gave our guests an insight into some of the most enjoyable attractions of Hong Kong.

So to the Singles which had this year been up-graded to full international status. Hong Kong Football Club provided their usual high standard green surface and the opening round saw few surprises although a number of local bowlers did beat their overseas opponents. Frank Golder, Ray Dewhurst, David Tso and George Souza all came through as did the pre-tournament favourites Peter Bellis of New Zealand, John Bell from England and Denis Dalton representing Australia. In the second round local clash Frank Golder outplayed Ray Dewhurst 21-8 to go through to the quarter finals and achieve his ambition of playing against his countryman and current World Champion, Peter Bellis. George Souza had the measure of the highly rated Perth player Dennis Katunarich 21-12 but David Tso could not match the accurate draw shots of the placid pipe-smoking American, Bert MacWilliams, losing 21-10.

Sunday's play had some interesting quarter-final games because apart from the all Kiwi affair George Souza had to overcome an in-form Darby Ross from Newcastle, John Bell met Denis Dalton and Bert MacWilliams was against the other New Zealander Stewart McConnell. Frank Golder might have thought he had done it all just to play against Peter Bellis but it is now history that he went out and beat him convincingly by 21-16 thus emulating his fellow Club member, Tom Blair, who in 1983 also reached the semi-finals. The Dalton-Bell game was won reasonably comfortably by the Englishman while Bert MacWilliams and George Souza also progressed on with scores of 21-15 and 21-17 respectively.

The two semi finals were watched by a large crowd who saw George end Frank's dream run while John Bell proved too good for the man from Florida winning 21-13. A Souza-Bell final was a great climax to a fascinating two days of Singles play and the crowd was eagerly awaiting a close tussle. But it was not to be as George, using his full arsenal of shots out-gunned the personable English player by 21 shots to 12. The local champ had the game locked up throughout and it was best summed up by John Bell's comment near the end in asking his English playing partner Alan Windsor to get him six pints of beer quickly.

The Social functions continued unabated and Barry Salter normally a sober and shy bloke from Newcastle was heard to mutter that they might as well do the job properly and put him on an alcohol drip-feed while he was asleep.

In the pairs England, Australia and New Zealand were favoured although locals could not forget George and Philip's win at the previous year's event and Newcastle were by no means the underdogs. Play commenced on Monday afternoon and the official opening was held prior to the evening game to fit in with His Excellency, The Governor's busy schedule. After the initial rounds had been played several pairs were making their presence felt. In Section A the L.B.A. selection Phoenix were unbeaten after three games while England and Newcastle had only lost one each. Australia were dominating Section B winning their first three games by convincing margins. I.R.C. narrowly lost to Wales but then stopped Australia's unbeaten run with a good 26-11 scoreline. The other L.B.A. selection Dragons were also getting their share of wins.

As the qualifying rounds proceeded it was becoming clearer that the New Zealand pair were not going to match and efforts of their previous representatives in the Classic and the two players from Canada were unable to register their first win. Another side who could not emulate their performance of the previous year was U.S.R.C. who could only manage one win and a draw. Phoenix skipped by Danny Ho with Larry Parker at lead continued their winning ways and the Hong Kong pair consolidated their position. In the other section Australia shrugged off their loss to I.R.C. and went on a winning spree losing only to Canada in the final game. I.R.C. was also making sure of qualifying with narrow wins over Dragons and Scotland. K.C.C. left themselves with a chance of qualifying if they could beat C.C.C. in the last round and Wales and K.B.G.C. both lost. Wales obliged but K.B.G.C. defeated I.R.C. by 22-18 to ensure their qualification.

The line-up for the quarter finals was determined by the placings of the qualifying teams in their respective sections and it looked like this:-

1st in Sec. A — Hong Kong	v	4th in Sec. B	—	Dragons
2nd in Sec. A — Phoenix	v	3rd in Sec. B	—	K.B.G.C.
1st in Sec. B — Australia	v	4th in Sec. A	—	Newcastle
2nd in Sec. B — I.R.C.	v	3rd in Sec. A	—	England

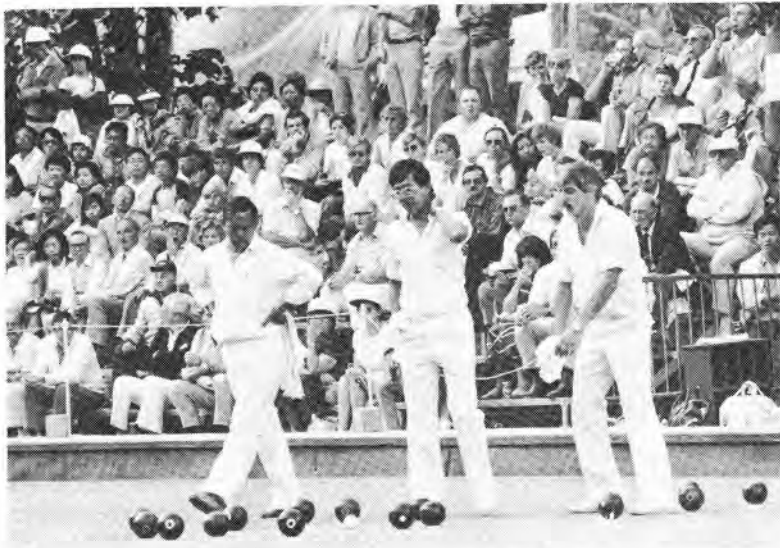
Hong Kong were tested all the way by the Dragons pair of George Yam and Jacky Wong before inching home by 23-21. England, rated by most as a likely finalist, had no answer to the two Hassans representing I.R.C. and they were completely outbowled losing by 26 shots to 9. In the all Australian game Barry Shalter and Darby Ross could not match the overall consistency of the two players representing Australia and went down by 21-15. Phoenix, perhaps inspired by the way in which I.R.C. devastated England, posted a similar score of 26-9 in overwhelming K.B.G.C.

The climax to the Classic had finally arrived. The two semi-final games looked to be closely contested affairs and a big crowd was seated in the stands early on Sunday morning as the four pairs began their preliminary roll-ups. The weather was as fine as it had been throughout, the greens were a tribute to Clive Brindle, Ian Ross and the hard working team from K.B.G.C. Spectators stopped to scan the detailed results posted on the scoreboard which had been updated throughout the week by the busy trio of Geoff Murphy, Tony Slessor and John Lane. All the work that had gone into making the Classic a truly first class international was finally realised and Hong Kong bowlers and supporters had been given the opportunity to witness bowls at its best.

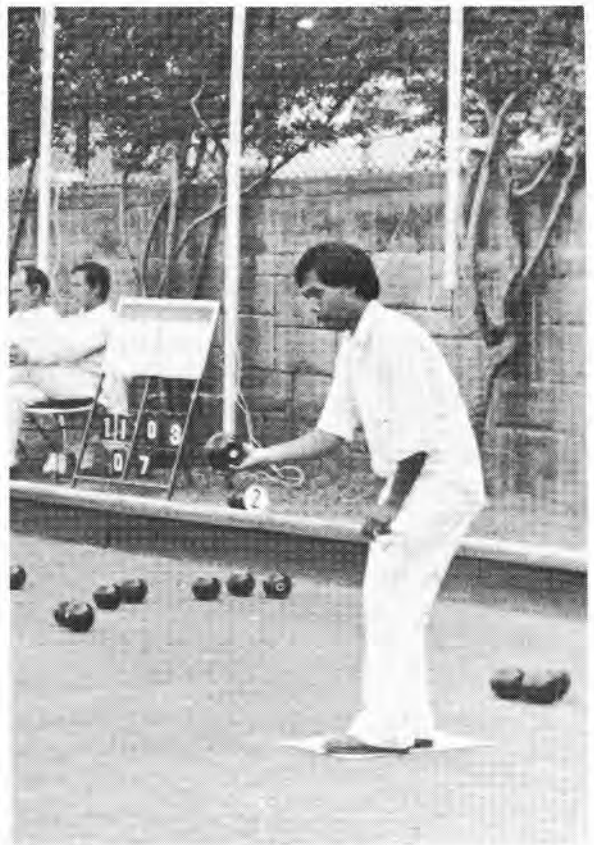
The Hong Kong and I.R.C. clash was a tight game throughout with neither pair allowing the other to take charge. It was Hong Kong, however, who managed to take the edge over the last few heads and sneak home by 16 to 14. In the other semi-final Australia had taken the edge as the game neared completion. An interesting technical question arose when one of the Australians bowled out of turn but this was soon settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. With the Australians holding a four shot lead the game went into the second last end with Phoenix having a lot to do to salvage the match. The crowd were stunned to silence as they watched the local pair build up the head to hold six shots with skip Denis Dalton having one bowl to play. With all the coolness in the world the Australian drew a toucher to lie shot and went on to win the game 23-15.

The final, watch by a large crowd, was an entertaining contest in which we saw the accurate drawing of all four players demonstrated. With two ends to play the game was still open and Hong Kong held a narrow lead. The 20th end was a disaster for the Australians when some accurate draw shots from George Souza remained undisturbed by two Dalton drives. The last end, however, proved that the Australian pair were still in with a chance as the jack was trailed to give the visitors a count and it was left to Denis Dalton with his last bowl to add to the count to force an extra end. The last wood delivered in the 1984 Classic was perfectly greened but ran through by no more than six inches to miss being in the count. Hong Kong had done it again by the margin of 20 to 19. Undeniably, the 1948 Classic belonged to George Souza who had taken the Singles title the previous Sunday and had dominated the pairs final with his running shots which consistently changed the head in his favour.

As all participants and supporters gathered at K.C.C. for the closing dinner there was a sense of sadness that it all had to end. L.B.A. President Ken Wallis, payed tribute to all players and officials and the dancing went on into the small hours. It had been a memorable tournament for all concerned and one which it is hoped can be repeated in the future.



One of the thrilling moments in the Pairs Final



Bashir Hassan (I.R.C.)



Denis Katunarich (Australia)



Some well known faces at the final dinner including O.K. Dallah, Darby Ross, M.B. Hassan, Barry Salter



Alan Windsor (England)



George Souza and Phillip Chok at the Presentation



George Souza receiving the Souza trophy from his mother Irene Souza. Mr. A. deo Sales centre

Section "A"					Pts
	Shots				
	For	Against	+/-		
HK	178	146	32		14
PH "X"	180	156	24		13
Eng	188	158	30		12
N.C.D.	185	160	25		10
C. de R.	171	156	15		10
H.K.F.C.	161	181	-20		8
N.Z.	160	178	-18		7
F.C.	141	185	-44		7
U.S.A.	169	174	-5		6
U.S.R.C.	154	193	-39		3

Section "A"																				
	Eng		H.K.		N.C.D.		N.Z.		U.S.A.		F.C.		H.K.F.C.		L.B.A.P.		C. de R.		U.S.R.C.	
	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A
Eng			14	21	26	12	20	13	24	17	24	15	19	24	26	14	12	23	23	19
H.K.	21	14			19	14	21	21	26	17	13	14	22	21	14	14	22	18	20	13
N.C.D.	12	26	14	19			27	16	12	29	28	11	21	14	18	20	21	11	32	14
N.Z.	13	20	21	21	16	27			19	17	23	11	20	22	12	25	16	18	20	17
U.S.A.	17	24	17	26	29	12	17	19			20	16	16	20	17	21	17	20	19	16
F.C.	15	24	14	13	11	28	11	23	16	20			26	17	19	17	10	24	19	19
H.K.F.C.	24	19	21	22	14	21	22	20	20	16	17	26			9	22	23	12	11	23
L.B.A.P.	14	26	14	14	20	18	25	12	21	17	17	19	22	9			24	19	23	22
C. de R.	23	12	18	22	11	21	18	16	20	17	24	10	12	23	19	24			26	11
U.S.R.C.	19	23	13	20	14	32	17	20	16	19	19	19	23	11	22	23	11	26		

Section "B"																				
	Aus		Can		I.R.E.		Scot		Wal		C.C.C.		L.B.A.D.		I.R.C.		K.C.C.		K.B.G.C.	
	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A
Aus			17	25	26	17	24	22	32	10	27	12	28	12	11	26	29	10	21	16
Can	25	17			9	23	16	17	21	26	20	21	10	26	19	25	10	31	11	19
I.R.E.	17	26	23	9			23	23	27	20	20	18	15	24	16	20	12	17	23	13
Scot	22	24	17	16	23	23			24	18	15	13	26	11	17	19	12	24	22	29
Wal	10	32	26	21	20	27	18	24			18	19	14	26	18	17	19	16	19	16
C.C.C.	12	27	21	20	18	20	13	15	19	18			16	24	18	17	14	19	16	31
L.B.A.D.	12	28	26	10	24	15	11	26	26	14	24	16			19	20	22	11	16	18
I.R.C.	26	11	25	19	20	16	19	17	17	18	17	18	20	19			21	19	18	22
K.C.C.	10	29	31	10	17	12	24	12	16	19	19	14	11	22	19	21			19	19
K.B.G.C.	16	21	19	11	13	23	29	22	16	19	31	16	18	16	22	18	19	19		

Section "B"					Pts
	Shots				
	For	Against	+/-		
Aus	215	150	65		14
I.R.C.	183	159	24		12
K.B.G.C.	183	165	18		11
D.G. "S"	180	158	22		10
K.C.C.	166	158	8		9
I.R.E.	176	170	6		9
Scot	178	177	1		9
Wal	162	198	-36		8
C.C.C.	147	191	-44		6
Can	141	205	-64		2

Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association 1984 National League

The 1984 National League had 36 team entries, the same number as 1983, and similarly the League was divided into four divisions. The first half of the season was plagued with very wet weather which caused havoc to fixtures with, at one stage, some clubs being four games behind. All caught up in the end and apart from the opening game the second half of the season saw much better weather.

Half way through the season the respective leaders of the four divisions were I.R.C. "A", H.K.F.C. "A", P.O.C. and C.C.C. "C" but of these only H.K.F.C. "A" succeeded in keeping the top position at the seasons end.

Division I was won easily by C.C.C. "A" with 19 points margin and they are to be congratulated in making it the fourth consecutive year that they have been Division I Champions. U.S.R.C. "A" achieved runners up narrowly pipping I.R.C. "A" at the post. The other end of the table saw K.B.G.C. "B" and "C" unable to retain their places in Division I, both being relegated.



H.K.F.C. "A" ran away with Division II being 27 points and nearly 200 shots up on the runners up. There was however a battle royal for second place. With one game to go I.R.C. "B" were in second place with a four point margin over third place, they played C.C.C. "B" but were defeated 8-2. K.C.C. "C" put up a tremendous fight winning their last game 9-1 to achieve equally second place on points but missing promotion to Division 1 on shots. Relegated from Division II are H.U.D. and H.K.F.C. "C".

Newcomers to the League V.L.B.C. "A" followed up their 1983 Division IV win by winning Division III in 1984 and in 1985 will play in Division II, this is a remarkable performance and all concerned with the development and progress of V.L.B.C. are to be congratulated. Also going up to Division II are runners up H.K.C.C. "A" but their "B" team are relegated together with U.S.R.C. "B".

In Division IV K.C.C. "D" stole the top place from C.C.C. "C". With three games to go C.C.C. "C" were 12 points up on second place but three consecutive 10-0 wins gave K.C.C. "D" honours over C.C.C. "C" on shots both having scored 106 points.

In addition to the free bottles for "seven's" and "eight's", BELL'S WHISKY again generously sponsored the Most Successful Rink Award. This competition again created much interest amongst the players and final winner's were the rink's of:

Division I	W. McMahon	(U.S.R.C. "A")
Division II	J. Viney	(H.K.F.C. "A")
Division III	D. Cheng	(V.L.B.C. "A")
Division IV	J. Pau	(C.C.C. "C")

Whilst this best rink competition is popular amongst the bowler's it makes a tremendous amount of work for the League sub-committee, keeping track of 108 regular skips each week not to mention other skips who appear making up to 150 different skips throughout the season. Unfortunately volunteers to help run this competition are hard to come by but unless a willing team is prepared to put in the work in future then it will be very difficult to run this competition.

We are again grateful to the Bertz Shipping Company for sponsoring the 1984-1985 Winter League. The different format of this league makes for interesting play and this year saw a most exciting finish in all sections except the Triples. The final game saw the top two playing each other with U.S.R.C. beating F.C. 8-2 to win overall and K.C.C. achieving second.

In the section play, the four's, pair's and single's were all decided on shots and throughout the league one win or loss could make several positions difference in the respective standings.

In closing I wish to thank Phillip Chok and especially Don Jennings for the support and hard work that they put in throughout the 1984 season in administering the league, and also to John Taylor who filled in for me whilst I was on holiday.

Clive Brindle

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First Division League Winners

Craigengower Cricket Club "A"



*Back Row: J. Law, J. Lam, S. Lau, E. Chok, P. S. Ng, L. Tsung, T. Chok, M. Wu, K. C. Tso.
Front Row: J. Wong, M. H. Kan, G. A. Souza, Z. Tsok, P. Chok, D. Tso, B. K. Koh.*

Team	P	W	D	L	Shots	Pts
C.C.C. "A"	18	15	0	3	298	138
U.S.R.C. "A"	18	13	0	5	190	119
I.R.C. "A"	18	13	0	5	120	118
K.C.C. "A"	18	10	0	8	50	101
K.B.G.C. "A"	18	10	0	8	76	98
C. de R. "A"	18	7	0	11	- 49	86
F.C. "A"	18	8	0	10	- 72	82
K.C.C. "B"	18	6	0	12	- 29	77
K.B.G.C. "B"	18	5	0	13	-230	53
K.B.G.C. "C"	18	2	0	16	-354	28

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Second Division League Winners

Hong Kong Football Club "A"



*Back Row: Roger Hayes, Barry Porteous, Harry Turner, Cyril Jarvis, John Heal and Frank Golder.
Front Row: Lyn Mitchell, Bill Chapman, Jim Viney, Jack Duncan, Roger Pickford and Rashid Gafoor.*

Team	P	W	D	L	Shots	Pts
H.K.F.C. "A"	18	16	0	2	340	138
C.C.C. "B"	18	12	0	6	144.75	111
K.C.C. "C"	18	11	0	7	126	111
I.R.C. "B"	18	11	0	7	94.25	109
H.K.F.C. "B"	18	10	0	8	53.5	98
F.C. "B"	18	9	0	9	- 65.5	89
P.S.R.C. "A"	18	9	0	9	- 63.75	83
C. de R. "B"	18	7	0	11	-108.25	73
H.U.D.	18	3	0	15	-247.00	44
H.K.F.C. "C"	18	2	0	16	-274	44

Third Division League Winners

Victoria Lawn Bowls Club "A"

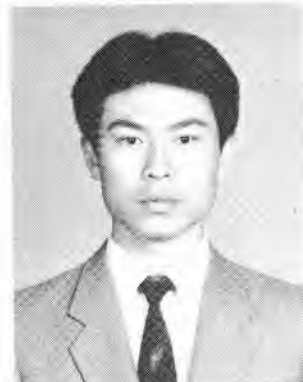


*Back Row: Tony Yiu, S. H. Fong, W. K. Man, Ricky Tze, Aldous Ku, H. Y. Yeung and Derek Yu.
Front Row: Joe Lau, Kevin Yu, Charlie Chan, David Cheung and C. S. Mak.*

Team	P	W	D	L	Shots	Pts
V.L.B.C. "A"	14	11	0	3	147.25	98
H.K.C.C. "A"	14	9	0	5	169	96
P.O.C.	14	10	0	4	156	89
K.B.G.O. "D"	14	10	0	4	147	86
H.K.F.C. "D"	14	5	0	9	- 4.25	62
C.S.D.S.A.	14	5	0	9	-167	55
H.K.C.C. "B"	14	4	0	10	-148.75	44
U.S.R.C. "B"	14	2	0	12	-299.25	30



C. H. Lee



Ken Li

Fourth Division League Winners

K.C.C. "D"



*Back row: left to right, D. Cameron, W. Arrandale, L. Cooper (captain), B. Noble, W. McCormack, R. Hearder, G. Holdaway, D. Rodrigues
Front row: left to right, E. Attwater, K. Lalchandani, R. Venning, K. Melbourne, C.F. Ebrahim, P. Cronk, S. Ramsay.*

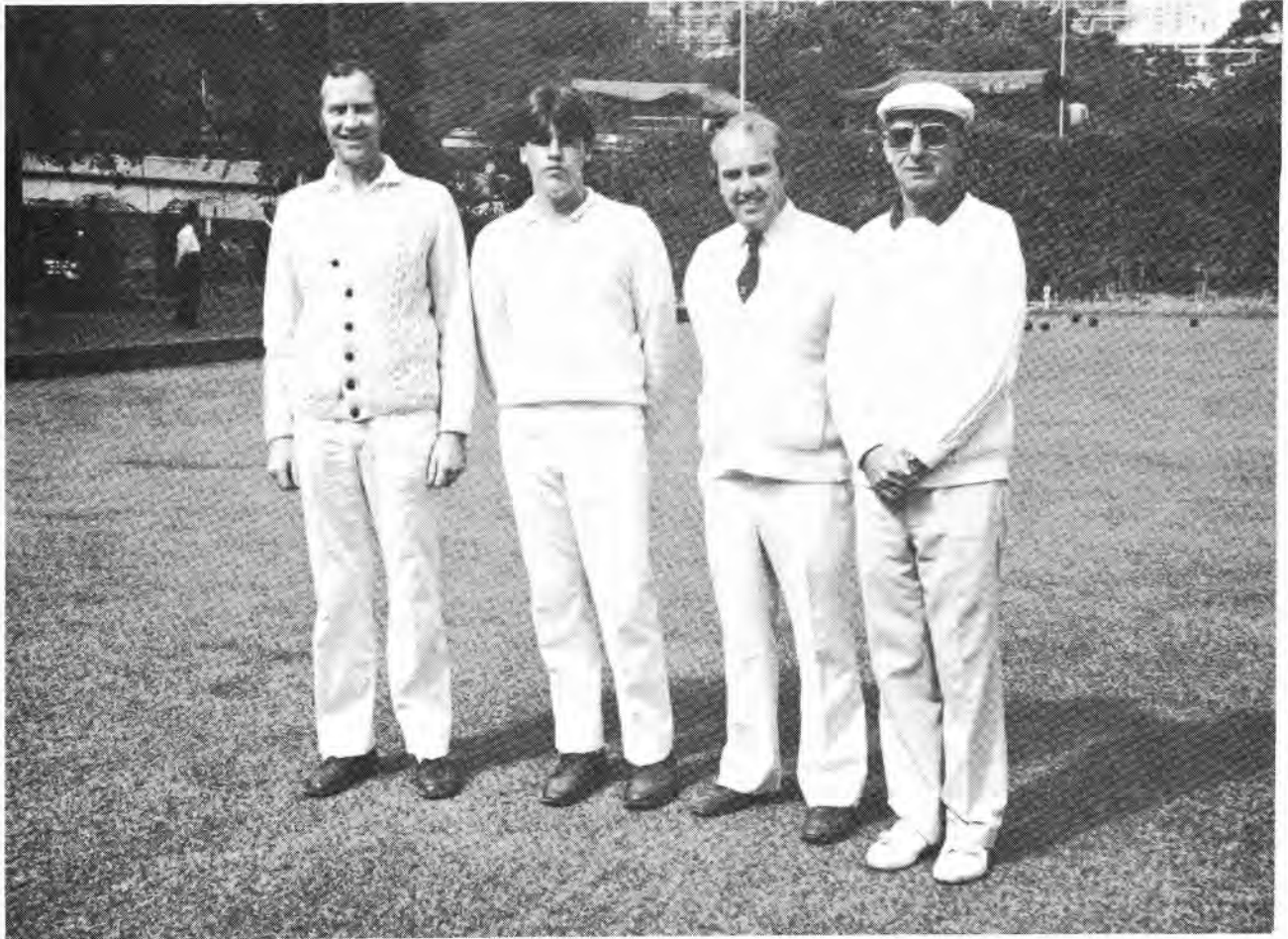
Division IV

Team	P	W	D	L	Shots	Pts
K.C.C. "D"	14	12	0	2	266.5	106
C.C.C. "C"	14	11	0	3	225.75	106
C.L.B.C.	14	10	0	4	161.25	90
K.B.G.C. "E"	14	8	0	6	30.5	78
V.L.B.C. "B"	14	5	0	9	- 63	56
P.S.R.C. "B"	14	4	0	10	-152.25	47
F.C. "C"	14	3	0	11	- 98.5	43
H.K.E.R.C.	14	3	0	11	-370.25	34

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Division I

U.S.R.C. "A" Rink Skipped by W. McMahon



F. Conner, M. McMahon, W. McMahon and W. A. Rogers.

		<u>Division I</u>						
Skip	Club	P	W	D	L	Shots	Pts	
W. McMahon	U.S.R.C. "A"	18	13	2	3	144	28	
G. Souza Jr.	C.C.C. "A"	16	13	1	2	137	27	
P. Chok	C.C.C. "A"	17	13	0	4	112	26	
D. Overman	U.S.R.C. "A"	18	11	1	6	34	23	
D. Davenport	K.C.C. "A"	17	11	1	5	9	23	
M. B. Hassan Jr.	I.R.C. "A"	15	10	0	5	45	20	
R. Au	F.C. "A"	18	9	1	8	- 9	19	
D. Ho	K.B.G.C. "A"	13	9	0	4	104	18	
K. Wallis	K.C.C. "A"	18	9	0	9	57	18	
D. Tso	C.C.C. "A"	16	9	0	7	19	18	

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Division II

H.K.F.C. “A” Rink Skipped by J. Viney



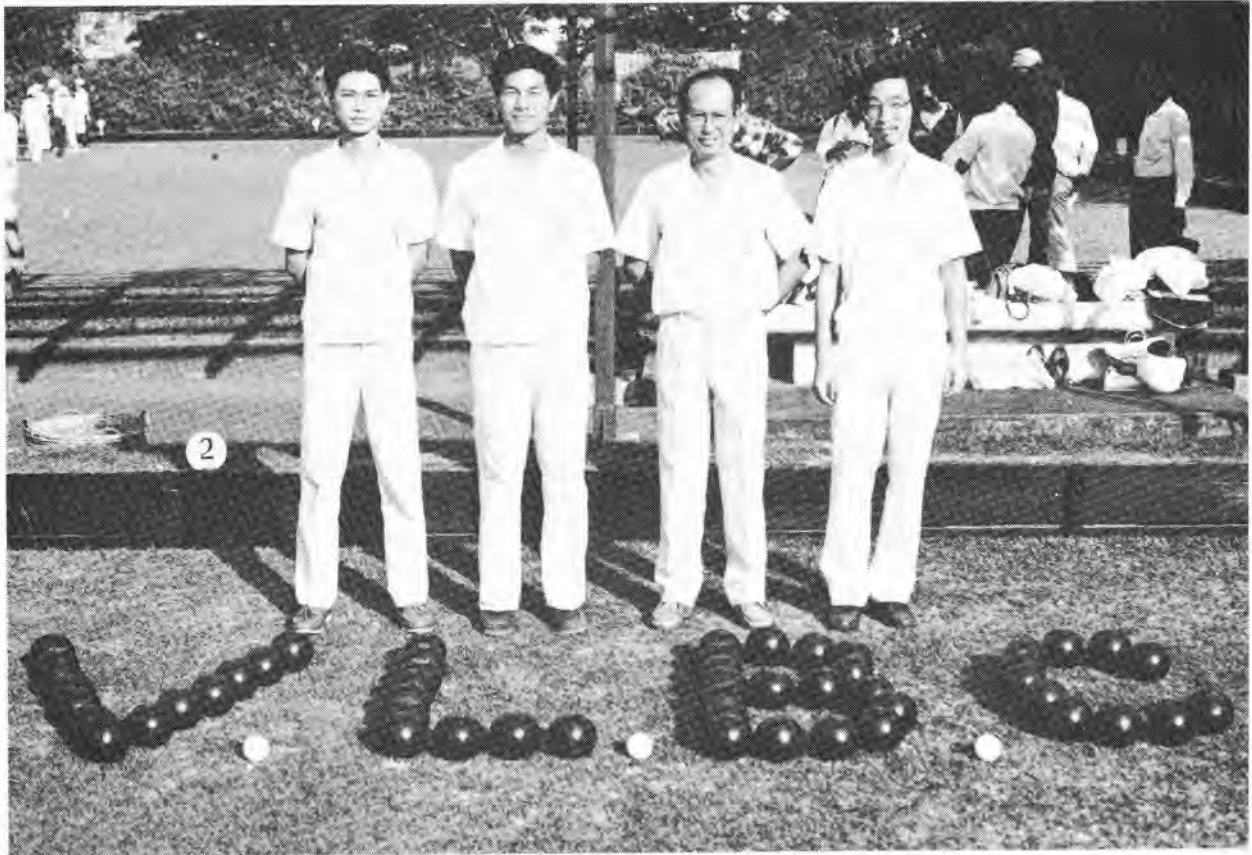
B. Porteous, H. Turner, J. Viney, W. Chapman.

<u>Division II</u>							
Team	Club	P	W	D	L	Shots	Pts
J. Viney	H.K.F.C. “A”	18	14	0	4	144	28
J. Law	C.C.C. “B”	18	12	0	6	85	24
G. Hamet	K.C.C. “C”	15	11	0	4	71	22
R. Ng	K.C.C. “C”	16	10	1	5	61	21
J. Heal	H.K.F.C. “A”	18	9	2	7	37	20
T. Hau	P.S.R.C. “A”	18	10	0	8	17	20
E. Mottram	H.K.F.C. “B”	18	9	1	8	38.5	19
R. Gafoor	H.K.F.C. “A”	11	9	0	2	114	18
A.H. Abbas	I.R.C. “B”	12	9	0	3	78	18
P. Fung	F.C. “B”	12	9	0	3	26	18

“BELLS WHISKY” Most Successful Rink Competition

Division III

Winners: V.L.B.C. “A” Rink Skipped by D. Cheung



Tony Yiu, David Cheung (Skip), C.S. Mak and Aldous Ku.

		<u>Division III</u>				Shots	Pts
Team	Club	P	W	D	L		
D. Cheung	V.L.B.C. “A”	14	11	0	3	123.25	22
C. Shaw	H.K.C.C. “A”	13	10	0	3	69	20
G.B. Hughes	K.B.G.C. “D”	14	9	0	5	83	18
W. Duncan	K.B.G.C. “D”	11	8	0	3	62	16
J. Mcnie	H.K.C.C. “A”	11	7	0	4	20	14
C. Wood	P.O.C.	13	7	0	6	18	14
A. Higginbottom	P.O.C.	10	5	2	3	21	12
A.M. Santos	C.S.D.S.A.	13	6	0	7	- 6	12
E. Hornsby	H.K.F.C. “D”	8	5	1	2	59	11
T. Handley	U.S.R.C. “B”	11	5	1	6	-36	11

"BELLS WHISKY" Most Successful Rink Competition

Division IV

Winners: C.C.C. "C" Rink Skipped by J. Pau



*Back Row: Y.S. Liu, K.W. Li, Y.C. Lam.
Front Row: John Pau, Peter Cheung.*

Division IV

Team	Club	P	W	D	L	Shots	Pts
J. Pau	C.C.C. "C"	14	12	0	2	78.75	24
J. Irvine	K.B.G.C. "E"	14	11	0	3	71.5	22
L. Cooper	K.C.C. "D"	13	10	0	3	160	20
Chan Lam	C.C.C. "C"	14	10	0	4	67.5	20
R. Leung	C.L.B.C.	12	10	0	2	36.75	20
C.S. Kwong	C.L.B.C.	13	7	0	6	55	14
J.L. Yung	F.C. "C"	12	7	0	5	20	14
S.C. Lo	C.C.C. "C"	7	6	0	1	105.5	12
James Lui	V.L.B.C. "C"	12	6	0	6	16.75	12

Winter League Overall Winners

U.S.R.C.



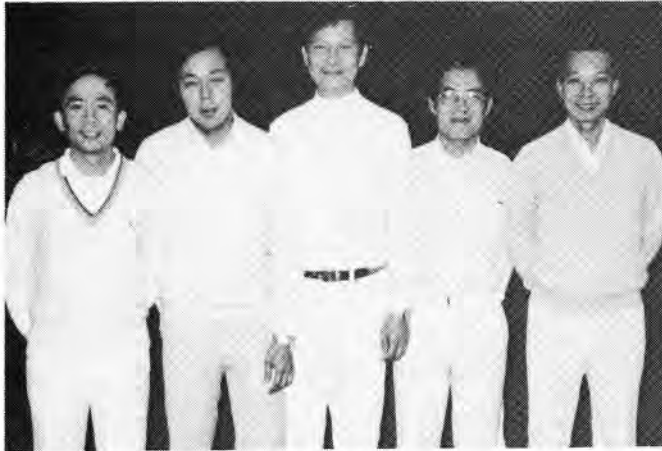
*Back Row: D. Hughes, L. Parker, A. Furze, A. Reeve, G. Young, F. Conner, M. McMahon and A. Olivier.
Front Row: W. McMahon, A. McLelland, D. Overman and R. Brown.*

Overall	P	W	D	L	Shots+	Shots —	Shots Diff	Pts
U.S.R.C.	7	5	1	1	587	417	+170	49
K.C.C.	7	5	0	2	570	493	+ 77	43
F.C.	7	5	1	1	542	522	+ 20	39
H.K.F.C.	7	2	1	4	546	577	- 31	33
K.B.G.C.	7	1	2	4	539	581	- 42	32
R.E.C.	7	3	0	4	500	558	- 58	32
I.R.C.	7	3	0	4	529	530	- 1	30
C.C.C.	7	1	1	5	463	598	-135	22

Winter League

Individual Competition Winners

Fours
Winners: F.C.



P. Fung, J. Fung, R. Chin, G. Chan and T.W. Mak.

Fours	P	W	D	L	Shots	Pts
F.C.	7	5	0	2	63	10
R.E.C.	7	5	0	2	18	10
U.S.R.C.	7	4	0	3	53	8
K.B.G.C.	7	4	0	3	13	8
I.R.C.	7	3	1	3	-2	7
K.C.C.	7	3	0	4	0	6
H.K.F.C.	7	2	0	5	-70	4
C.C.C.	7	1	1	5	-75	3

Triples
Winners: H.K.F.C.



L. Mitchell, W. Chapman and B. Porteous.

Triples	P	W	D	L	Shots	Pts
H.K.F.C.	7	6	0	1	58	12
U.S.R.C.	7	5	0	2	24	10
I.R.C.	7	4	0	3	21	9
K.B.G.C.	7	4	0	3	-13	8
F.C.	7	3	0	4	3	6
K.C.C.	7	2	1	4	-16	5
C.C.C.	7	2	0	5	-13	4
R.E.C.	7	1	0	6	-64	2

Pairs
Winners: K.C.C.



M. Stewart and K. Wallis.

Pairs	P	W	D	L	Shots	Pts
K.C.C.	7	5	0	2	55	10
K.B.G.C.	7	5	0	2	15	10
F.C.	7	4	1	2	23	9
U.S.R.C.	7	4	0	3	15	8
H.K.F.C.	7	3	1	3	-18	7
C.C.C.	7	2	0	5	-10	6
R.E.C.	7	2	0	5	-39	4
I.R.C.	7	1	0	6	-41	2

Singles
Winners: U.S.R.C.



W. McMahon.

Singles	P	W	D	L	Shots	Pts
U.S.R.C.	7	6	0	1	78	12
K.C.C.	7	6	0	1	38	12
R.E.C.	7	5	0	2	27	10
I.R.C.	7	3	0	4	21	6
H.K.F.C.	7	3	0	4	-1	6
C.C.C.	7	3	0	4	-37	6
K.B.G.C.	7	1	0	6	-57	2
F.C.	7	1	0	6	-69	2

The Ladies Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong

Results of 1984 National Competitions

Singles — The A.S. Watson Cup

Winner: H. Corley

Runner-up: B. Silva

Pairs — The Tiger Cup

Winners: L. King and E. Chok

Runners-up: S. Zakoske and M. Lambert

Triples — The Mary Buchanan Shield

Winners: P. Hussain, P. Hussain and J. Humphreys

Runners-up: W. Overman, B. McLelland and R. McMahon

Fours — The Jean Banks "Champagne" Trophy

Winners: B. Silva, J. Humphreys, R. McMahon and L. Sadick

Runners-up: F. Tuft, J. Bosley, C. McCarthy and I. Kennedy

Knockout Singles — The "REBS" Trophy

Winner: R. O'Donnell

Runner-up: H. Corley

The Plate

Winner: H. Xavier

Runner-up: L. Golder

Alternate Pairs — The Peter Kuruneru Cup

Winners: S. Thomas and M. Walker

Runners-up: M. Lambert and E. Chok

International Fours — The Guy Walker Cup

Winners: China: E. Ho, J. Leung, L. Sadick and H. Wong

Runners-up: Hong Kong: E. Scott, J. Wallis, M. Ramchand and C. Smith

Mixed Triples — The Helen Saul Trophy

Winners: D. Hughes, D. Overman and W. Overman

Runners-up: T. Blair, D. Ho and L. Sadick

Fours Wappenchaw — The K.L. Wong Trophy

Winners: Blue: E. Ho, J. Schlaepfer, B. Dick, L. Hassan and M. Ramchand

Runners-up: Yellow: T. Chan, S. Slater, M. Ware and L. Sadick

Champion of Champions — The "Helen" Challenge Trophy

S. Zakoske

Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association National Competitions 1984

Singles — The Bradbury Challenge Cup

Winner: C. S. Dang

Runner-up: E. Chok

Knock-out Singles — The W. Russell and G. Norman Trophy presented by G. Murphy

Winner: N. Kennedy

Runner-up: C. S. Dang

Pairs — The K.C.C. Trophy for the R. B. Marshall Pairs Championship

Winners: R. Au and G. Chan

Runners-up: W. McMahon and D. Overman

Triples — The R. Tay Trophy for the Liddell Triples Championship

Winners: L. Parker, G. Young and D. Overman

Runners-up: W. Rogers, M. McMahon and W. McMahon

Fours — Omar Memorial Trophy

Winners: G. Yam, I. Ho, S. Y. Mong and C. S. Dang

Runners-up: Sunny Lau, F. M. Chan, Peter Mak and Jacky Wong

Mixed Pairs — The Hetherington Trophy

Winners: R. McMahon and W. Chapman

Runners-up: N. Woo and D. Tso

Inter-Hong Pairs — The H.U.D. Trophy for the Atienza Inter-Hong Pairs Championship

Winners: The China Light and Power Company (Pat Chan and M. Randall)

Runners-up: The English Schools Foundation (M. Hughes and W. McMahon)

Rothman's Pairs — The Rothman's Gold Cup

Winners: N. Kennedy and D. Ho

Runners-up: K. Wallis and J. Shroff

International Fours — The Gutierrez Shield

Winners England: P. Smith, R. Dewhurst, J. Armitage and D. Overman

Runners-up Portugal: T. Rozario, C. Souza, J. Collaco and G. Rozario

Aitkenhead Shield and Invitational Fours

The Shield: Kowloon

The Fours Winners: J. Armitage, P. O'Donnell, P. O'Dea and K. Wallis

Runners-up: N. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, I. Ho and A. Cawley

Mixed Fours — The Scott Trophy

Winners: G. Yam, J. Humphreys, H. Wong and K. Wallis

Runners-up: L. King, R. McMahon, M. McMahon and W. McMahon

Champion of Champions — N. Kennedy

Junior Singles — The Lino Marques Trophy

Winner (Cup): M. McMahon Winner (Plate) C. Chapman

Runner-up (Cup): P. Golder Runner-up (Plate) C. Johnstone

Bowler of the Year — The Zander Tsok Trophy

C. S. Dang

Singles

Hariko Corley 21 Bea Silva 17 at K.B.G.C.

As expected the Singles Final between these two talented draw bowlers turned out to be both close and exciting. There were no loose heads as both players, settling immediately, displayed fine drawing skills. Hari had a slight edge from the start but Bea did not allow her to build up a lead of any significance. The telling factor was Hari's ability to get her first wood near to the jack and thus maintain the pressure on her opponent. An excellent game of Singles with both players proving worthy finalists.



Hariko Corley

C.S. Dang 21 Edwin Chok 7 at K.B.G.C.

Much was expected of this Final, a meeting between the newly acclaimed 1984 Bowler of the Year, C.S. Dang, and the defending Singles Champion, Edwin Chok. It was not to be. On an unfamiliar rink playing away from the Clubhouse, Chok was all at sea. From the outset Dang was prepared to play a full round of shots and his adventurous approach saw him shoot to a 13-0 lead after six ends. The momentum was maintained and with Chok clearly unsettled the match was concluded after fifteen ends, with the final score 21-7.



The immaculate style of C.S. Dang.

Pairs

Linda King and Elvie Chok 20 Sandi Zakoske and Margaret Lambert 15 at K.C.C.

A wet green and intermittent rain meant treacherous conditions and both teams found it difficult to reach any consistency at the outset. Then a five on the fourth end gave King and Chok a 7-1 lead and they proceeded to settle to a sound game, Chok at skip displaying a wide variety of shots as they extended their lead to 16-3 after nine ends. Still ahead 19-9 after the sixteenth end, a fightback saw their opponents take a four and a single to narrow the gap to 19-14 with three ends to go. Time was running out for Zakoske and Lambert however and they had to settle for a 20-15 defeat. A creditable performance from both teams with Chok's experience being, perhaps, the deciding factor.



Elvie Chok and Linda King.

George Chan and Ronson Au 24 Bill McMahon and Dave Overman 15 at K.B.G.C.

Au and Chan went into the final as underdogs but romped home with a fine display of attacking bowls. The inexperienced Chan generally held his opponent but on the ends where he faltered Au time and again had the USRC pair shaking their heads in disbelief with brilliant running shots, rests and take-outs from seemingly impossible positions to turn large counts against his team into singles, pairs and sometimes more in his favour. 11-1 up after six ends, Chan and Au played with confidence throughout, eventually winning 24-15 to give Filipino Club their first major trophy in recent years. A popular winner, Au received just reward for his service to the local game when he received the trophy from Clive Brindle.



Ronson Au and George Chan.

Triples

**Pat and Priscilla Hussain and Joan Humphreys 20
Wendy Overman, Betty McLelland and Rosemary McMahon 15 at K.B.G.C.**

The U.S.R.C. three dominated the first few ends and Joan Humphreys had to call on all her experience to keep in touch. The turning point came on the tenth end when Humphreys, trailing 7-11, took out her opponents' closest wood for a count of four and even the scores at 11-11. Encouraged by this success the Hussain sisters lifted their game and drawing close enabled their side to take a three and two pairs to quickly go 18-11 ahead. Rallied by skip McMahon the U.S.R.C. fought back to trail 14-19 after sixteen ends and were lying a close three on the next end when Humphreys drew the shot with her final wood for a virtual winner, conceding a single on the final end. This was a first National title for the delighted Pat and Priscilla.



Priscilla Hussain, Joan Humphreys and Pat Hussain.

**Larry Parker, George Young and David Overman 20
Bill Rogers, Mark McMahon and Bill McMahon 16 at H.K.F.C**

For the first time in local bowls history two teams from U.S.R.C. fought out a national final when teams skipped by Dave Overman and Bill McMahon, better known for their exploits together, contested the Triples final. At the start McMahon's team had a definite edge and Overman had his work cut out keeping his opponents in sight with telling yard-on and running shots. On the eleventh end, however, Overman missed the head and his opponents netted a seven to lead 16-9. This seemed to spur on Parker and Young and with both coming on to a game it was clear that the finish would be close. Indeed, the final five ends all went Overman's way, the deciding factor being a five on the sixteenth, and his team ran out fairly comfortable winners in the end by four shots.



*Larry Parker, Clive Brindle (National Vice President),
George Young and Dave Overman.*

Fours

**Bea Silva, Joan Humphreys, Rosemary McMahon and Lena Sadick 24
Jan Bosley, Freda Tuft, Claire McCarthy and Ivy Kennedy 14 at K.B.G.C.**

Sadick's strong combination retained their title in emphatic fashion when, after dropping two braces on the first two ends, they shot to a 17-4 lead after ten ends. Playing confidently and with shots to spare they gave away very little and despite Kennedy's prompting their opponents were unable to make an impression on the lead. The Champions ran out 24-14 winners after 20 ends making the final end unnecessary.



Rosemary McMahon, Lena Sadick, Joan Humphreys and Bea Silva.

**George Yam, Ian Ho, S.Y. Mong and C.S. Dang 26
Sunny Lau, F.M. Chan, Peter Mak and Jacky Wong 15 at K.B.B.C.**

Wong's C.C.C. combination came to the final dubbed as giant-killers after a string of victories over reputed opponents but failed to reproduce earlier form against Dang's team of premier division stars. Ian Ho in particular had a superb game displaying a full round of shots and maintaining impressive consistency throughout. Jacky Wong's side threatened briefly on the twelfth end scoring a four to narrow the gap to 9-14 but in asking for a long head found his lead, Lau, throwing the jack into the ditch. Wong was immediately faced with a series of short to medium lengths which admirably suited his opponents and had lost his chance. Dang's four, playing with confidence, ran out winners by 26-15 with one end to spare.



George Yam, S.Y. Mong, C.S. Dang and Ian Ho.

1984 Ladies Champion Of Champions Competition

This year's competition saw the closest finish for some time with any one of five bowlers looking likely winners at different times. In the end K.B.G.C.'s Sandi Zakoske was triumphant, closely followed by three other players selected for the 5th World Bowls in Melbourne, Helen Wong, Rae O'Donnell and Joan Humphreys. The great benefit of this competition is the opportunity it affords the less experienced bowlers to perform in a sustained situation with the top bowlers around. These bowlers are our tomorrow's Champions.



From Left to Right: H. Wong (C.C.C.), N. Hill (H.K.C.C.), W. Overman (U.S.R.C.), R. O'Donnell (K.O. Singles), M. Pace (H.K.P.S.R.C.), N. Rozario (C de R.E.C.), S. Zakoske (K.B.G.C.), L. King (Past Ch. of Ch.), L. Hassan (I.R.C.), J. Humphreys (P.O.C.), H. Corley (Singles), P. Sung (V.L.B.C.), L. Walton (H.K.F.C.).

Standings After Final Round

	P	W	L	Shots		Difference	Points
				For	Against		
S. Zakoske	12	10	2	233	169	+ 64	20
H. Wong	12	9	3	232	145	+ 87	18
R. O'Donnell	12	9	3	239	168	+ 71	18
J. Humphreys	12	9	3	241	181	+ 60	18
H. Corley	12	8	4	226	151	+ 75	16
L. King	12	7	5	213	164	+ 49	14
L. Walton	12	6	6	185	212	- 27	12
L. Hassan	12	5	7	196	211	- 15	10
W. Overman	12	5	7	191	236	- 45	10
N. Rozario	12	3	9	200	223	- 23	6
N. Hill	12	3	9	140	229	- 89	6
M. Pace	12	2	10	138	224	- 86	4
P. Sung	12	2	10	126	247	-121	4

1984 Mens Champion of Champions

This year for the first time the Mens' Champion of Champions Competition was held on a sectional basis with the section leaders going into the semi-finals of a knockout competition.

In Section 1 George Yam was a comfortable winner with 6 straight victories but competition for second spot was thrown wide open in Round 5 when Frank Golder beat C.S. Dang. Celso Carrillo lost his chance when going down 21-20 to Yam in a Round 6 marathon and Golder went into the final game needing 16 shots to qualify. A bad start saw him slump to a 21-10 defeat against Yam ensuring Dang the second semi-final place.

In Section 2 Noel Kennedy went into the final section game needing to score 17 shots against Bill McMahon to qualify and did just that, going down 21-17 in a nail-biting finish, to accompany George Souza into the semi-finals.

With an early start before a large crowd on a fine day at K.B.G.C. Kennedy and Dang accounted for Yam and Souza respectively and the stage was set for an exciting final. The scorecard hides the truth. C.S. played well yet won only two ends in the first twelve to go 16-3 behind and though producing many brilliant shots had no answer to Kennedy's sustained pressure and went down 21-9. The result confirmed Noel Kennedy as one of our top exponents of the Singles game. Just 19, surely many more triumphs await him.

Section Details

Section 1

	Pl	Won	Shots	Pts
G. Yam	6	6	+56	6
C.S. Dang	6	4	+13	4
F. Golder	6	4	+ 7	4
C. Carrillo	6	3	+30	3
O. Adem	6	2	- 3	2
L. N. G.	6	2	-22	2
A. Johnstone	6	0	-81	0

Section 2

	Pl	Won	Shots	Pts
G.A. Souza	5	4	+36	4
N. Kennedy	5	3	+13	3
W. McMahon	5	3	+11	3
M. Wu	5	2	-11	2
A. Fernandes	5	2	-28	2
D. Cheung	5	1	-21	1

Semi Finals: Kennedy beat Yam
Dang beat Souza

Final: Kennedy beat Dang 21-9

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A. Johnstone (H.K.C.C.), C.S. Dang (Singles), F. Golder (H.K.F.C.).



Section 2.
G.A. Souza (Past C.H. of C.H.), W. McMahon (U.S.R.C.), M. Wu (C.C.C.),
N. Kennedy (K.O. Singles), A. Fernandes (C de R.E.C.), (Missing D. Cheung).

Ladies' K.O. Singles And Plate

This Competition calls for a high degree of concentration and consistency as well as stamina. In an all K.C.C. final at the end of gruelling day, top bowlers Rae O'Donnell and Hariko Corley exemplified these qualities and produced a memorable final with Rae edging Hari. In the Plate, Club de Recreio's Helen Xavier had some Houdini-like escapes on her way to the final in which she met and defeated Football Club's Lynne Golder.



K.O. Singles Champion: Rae O'Donnell.



Winner of the Plate: Helen Xavier.

Mens' K.O. Singles

From an original entry of Ninety-five, the day's play at K.B.G.C., K.C.C. and U.S.R.C. left us with a final between K.C.C. stalwart C.S. Dang, K.O. Singles specialist in his fourth final in five years, and K.B.G.C.'s Young Pretender, Noel Kennedy. Dang had a fairly comfortable passage to the semi-final where he met and defeated internationalist Edwin Chok. Kennedy, on the other hand, had a rough passage, meeting Bill McMahon, Tommy Rozario, Tony Tong, Ian Ho and Ken Wallis on his way to the final.

From the start Kennedy held the upper hand, producing shots of startling quality. At 17-9 Dang was faced with a count of four when a black cat ran across the green. C.S. trailed the jack for a single and, taking heart, started to turn the game around, levelling to 19 all after twenty-four ends. It was Kennedy's turn to rally and, in an exciting finish, he took a hard-earned brace to run out the winner at 21-19. Congratulations Noel! Tough Luck, C.S.!



The studied delivery of Noel Kennedy.

Bowler Of The Year

The Bowler of the Year is decided from the performances of bowlers in the four premier National Championships together with the One-day Knockout Singles. The competition was the closest since the commencement of the award two seasons ago and was in doubt up to the final qualifying tournament, the Singles. The winner was C.S. Dang who won two competitions outright and was runner-up in another. Second was Dave Overman who had been runner-up before in 1982.



One of C.S. Dang's triumphs. Here he receives the handsome Fours Trophy from Lyall Alexander-Webber, Vice President of the National Assn. of H.K. Round Tables.

**Previous winners 1982 G.A. Souza Jnr.
1983 E. Chok**

1984 leading positions

1.	C.S. Dang (K.C.C.)	51
2.	D. Overman (U.S.R.C.)	32
3.	N. Kennedy (K.B.G.C.)	27
4.	R. Au (F.C.)	26
5.	I. Ho (K.B.G.C./K.C.C.)	25
6.	W. McMahon (U.S.R.C.)	23
7.	G. Yam (K.C.C.)	21
	L. Parker (U.S.R.C.)	21
	G. Chan (F.C.)	21
10.	S.Y. Mong (C de Rec)	19
	G. Young (U.S.R.C.)	19
12.	M. McMahon (U.S.R.C.)	17
13.	E. Chok (C.C.C.)	16
14.	W. Rogers (U.S.R.C.)	14
15.	S. Lau (C.C.C.)	12
	K. Wallis (K.C.C.)	12
17.	K. Bosley (K.B.G.C.)	10

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Inter Hong Pairs

China Light and Power (Pat Chan and Malcolm Randall) 26
The English Schools Foundation (Marshall Hughes and Bill McMahon) 11 at K.B.G.C.

The two teachers never at any time in the final displayed the form they had shown earlier, finding Chan and Randall at their best on a superbly running K.B.G.C. green. Hughes, playing in his first competition, had trouble copying with the accurate Randall, and Chan added and protected where necessary. This competition was, as usual, played in a fine spirit, and encouraging interest was shown by some of the employers of competing teams.



Pat Chan and Malcolm Randall with the H.U.D. trophy.

Rothmans Pairs

Noel Kennedy and Danny Ho 20
Jalu Shroff and Ken Wallis 16 at K.B.G.C.

An interesting final watched by a large crowd on a fine day at K.B.G.C., extensive use being made of the spectator seating. The sponsors were well to the fore and smokers had a field day. The K.B.G.C. pair got off to a flying start and a run of 4, 3, 3 left them 17-5 up after eleven ends. But Wallis, slowing the game down, rallied his partner and gradually pulled back to contention, being only three shots adrift going into the last end. However Ho and Kennedy were not going to let things slip at this stage and took a single to win 20-16. How Shroff and Wallis must have regreted their slow start. This was the first hint from Ho and Kennedy of the devastating form we were to see later in the season.



Danny Ho & Noel Kennedy.

Mixed Pairs

Rosemary McMahon and Bill Chapman 24
Nora Woo and David Tso 18 at K.B.G.C.

Both teams had tremendous battles in the semi-finals, David and Nora recovering from a 12-0 deficit against K.C.C.'s Maria Header and John Armitage and going into the lead for the first time in the game with the final wood, winning 19-18, and Rosemary and Bill fighting back from 13-18 after sixteen ends to scrape home 20-19 against Recreios Naty and Tommy Rozario. In the final Rosemary and Bill held a definite edge throughout with Bill playing a number of telling drives, and stayed ahead over the final few exciting ends to win 24-18.



Bill Chapman, Helen Wong and Rosemary McMahon.

Mixed Triples

Dave Hughes, Dave Overman and Wendy Overman 22
Tom Blair, Danny Ho and Lena Sadick 17 at K.B.G.C.

This match looked all over when, with only three ends to play, the U.S.R.C. trio had a seemingly unassailable lead of 22-10 but produced one of the season's exciting finishes. On the sixteenth end Sadick played a superbly thought out running shot to take out her opponents' wood for a count of five. A single on the penultimate end left her team trailing by six shots. In gathering darkness Blair drew three close with the usually dependable Hughes dropping two short and going well through with his third. Danny Ho drew two more while Dave Overman seemed affected by the tension being well short with his first two woods and getting fifth shot with his last. Sadick put in two more to lie six. In almost total darkness Wendy Overman faced with a wall of front woods played a brilliant shot to rest second shot in a position Lena could not reach. A great finish and a reminder that no game is ever finished till the last wood is played.



Dave Hughes, Wendy Overman and Dave Overman.

Aitkenhead Shield

The traditional pipe-opener in local bowling is the Aitkenhead Shield, an annual competition between Hong Kong and Kowloon. In recent years Kowloon have held the upper hand and so it was this year with the Shield remaining on the peninsula. The innovation of holding the event as an Invitational Fours was maintained and the winners were the KCC rink skipped by Ken Wallis but owing much of its success to the verve, skill and enthusiasm of that well-known wit, raconteur, sportsman and man-about-town, Pat O'Donnell.



J. Armitage, K. Wallis, P. O'Donnell and P. O'Dea.

Mixed Fours

**George Yam, Joan Humphreys, Helen Wong and Ken Wallis 26
Linda King, Rosemary, Mark and Bill McMahon 15 at K.B.G.C.**

The close game envisaged between the U.S.R.C. four, making their fourth successive appearance in the final, and the strong combined rink of Ken Wallis did not materialise. With Yam and, particularly, Humphreys playing brilliantly, Mark and Bill were always under pressure and the result seldom in doubt from half-way. This tournament, for the Scott Trophy, is traditionally the last of the season and it was fitting that Harry Scott who, with his wife Eve, had donated the Trophy, was on hand to present it to the winning foursome.



K. Wallis, J. Humphreys, Mr. H. Scott, H. Wong and G. Yam.

The Peter Kuruneru Alternate Pairs

Sue Thomas and Merle Walker 20
Margaret Lambert and Elvie Chok 9 at K.C.C.

The first Ladies Final of the season saw both teams struggle at the start to master a rather tricky green and honours were fairly even early on with Lambert and Chok ahead 4-3 after four ends. Then Thomas and Walker slipped into top gear and won seven successive ends, including a five, to lead 15-5 after twelve ends. Lambert and Chok were being restrained to singles on the ends they were winning and try as they might they could not prevent Thomas and Walker romping home 20-9 with one end to spare.



Merle Walker and Sue Thomas

The K. L. Wong Fours Wappenschaw Trophy

This Competition was run on a league basis for the first time. Held at a busy time of year it was completed not without difficulty. Nevertheless the competitive bowling it offered helped players maintain their form and an interest at a time when in the past there were less opportunities to do so.

Winners — Blue Team



Joan Schlaepfer, Leila Hassan, Marie Ramchand and Brenda Dick

	P	W	L	Shots		Difference	Points
				For	Against		
Blue	9	7	2	196	150	+46	14
Yellow	9	7	2	212	177	+35	14
Gold	9	6	3	201	142	+59	12
Purple	9	5	4	217	158	+59	10
Silver	9	5	4	167	186	-19	10
White	9	4	5	139	179	-40	8
Red	9	4	5	152	161	-28	7
Orange	9	3	6	170	171	- 1	6
Green	9	3	6	149	187	-38	6
Pink	9	2	7	122	180	-58	3

Ladies International Fours

China: Eva Ho, Jane Leung, Lena Sadick and Helen Wong 23

Hong Kong: Eve Scott, Jenny Wallis, Marie Ramchand and Celia Smith 18 at K.B.G.C.

The China foursome ran up their second successive victory with a fairly convincing win over a clever local selection. Eve Scott and Marie Ramchand had both demonstrated their never-say-die approach on the way to the final but for all their experience could not quite cope with the combined might of Sadick and Wong in the final. A strong China team and one which will be difficult to contain in coming seasons.



Mens International Fours

England: Peter Smith, Ray Dewhurst, John Armitage and Dave Overman 25

Portugal: Tommy Rozario, Jock Collaco, Carlos Souza and Gussy Rozario 19 at K.B.G.C.

England raced to a 10-0 lead after the fourth end but were brought back to earth when the Lusitanians narrowed the score to 10-9 after eight ends. In a tense and exciting tussle the Portugese led 15-11 after thirteen but England's four fought back to tie at 15-all after fifteen. England held a slight edge over the concluding ends and finished with a three to win 25-19 in an enjoyable final watched by a large crowd. This was England's third successive victory equalling Portugal's feat in 1969, 70 and 71. The trophy was presented by the popular Australian bowler Ron Gibbons who was on a visit to Hong Kong.



John Armitage, Ray Dewhurst, Mr. Ron Gibbons, Dave Overman, Peter Smith.

Junior Singles

It is always difficult to pick the correct time of year to hold this competition so as to attract the optimum number of competitors. This year we received 12 entries and the general standard was of a more than acceptable level. Kevin Melbourne of K.C.C. was expected to do well but was surprisingly defeated in the quarter finals by Philip Wong and this left the way open for Mark McMahon to clinch a record number of victories in this tournament. Mark defeated Patrick Golder of H.K.F.C. in the final 21-7 for his fourth successive championship, a record that may stand for an appreciable number of years.

In the Plate Competition for first round losers the winner in a battle of Craigs was Craig Chapman of H.K.F.C. who defeated Craig Johnstone of H.K.C.C. in the most tense match of the day.

Mark McMahon now leaves the Junior ranks having dominated the scene for the last few years. Recent products of the Junior competition such as Gary Dang, Tommy Rozario and Noel Kennedy have gone on to demonstrate how well the younger element can do in this game. They see the shots so well, are more supple and fitter than our order bowlers have to call more and more on our powers of patience and concentration (and perhaps gamesmanship) to hold our own. It's no longer an old man's game.

There were two young ladies in the field, Nicola Heal and Louise Smith. Both acquitted themselves well and Louise was distinctly unlucky to lose 15-14 on two occasions. Our thanks are due to Tso Hung, Lena Sadick and other enthusiastic bowlers who came along to mark games and encourage the youngsters.



Mark McMahon

Fah Wongs Singles

Liu Kwong Sang (C.C.C.) 21 Lo Kwok Leung (H.K.F.C.) 9 at K.B.G.C.

The annual Competition for the Botelho 'Ho Yeh Cup' was held on a fine October Friday at KBGC. Eighteen of our Fah Wongs took part and the standard of play would have put most if not all of our bowlers to shame. The Fah Wongs play what is almost totally a drawing game, and sticking to one hand when many of us would feel compelled to change. In the latter stages of the competition most of the heads could be covered with a bowling towel. Lo Kwok Jr. having beaten his father, Football Club's redoubtable Lo Kwok, was strongly fancied for the final but met his match in CCC's K.S. Liu, the star of the tournament. A fine Chinese Dinner organised by Ronson Au followed. The overriding impression was that our Fah Wongs are rather shy, gentle men who much appreciate this annual get-together in friendly competition. The assistance of the Ladies who came along to organise the draw and mark the ties must be mentioned for they ensured the success of the day.



Liu Kwong Sang and Lo Kwok Leung pictured before the start of the final.

Reflections

“The standard of bowls in Hong Kong is not what it used to be”. I’ve heard that for years, even when I was playing myself they said it. But is it any more true now than it was then? I’ve pondered often this past season as to whether the present crop of local bowlers is as good as those gone before and comparisons are, to be honest difficult to make. I’ve tried to answer though, and my argument is set out below. I wonder how many old-timers would agree with me.

The selectors spent a long time picking the team for Aberdeen and who’s to argue with their selection. The representation was the most experienced and successful we have, each player having been abroad more than once. A properly constructed and cultivated National Team.

In a year when our top men were being prepared for the game’s most important gathering I expected a good showing from them in our home competitions but they were generally outshone. And not by flash-in-the-pan luck-of-the-draw outsiders. A number of players have worked their way through to the top in recent years and are now getting into the last eight time and again. Much of their success seems to be founded on an aggressive approach. I certainly see more driving in games at all levels than I did, and the drives are faster — a legacy of the Classic?

League performance, the ultimate test of all-round ability, confirms the standing of the Choks, Souza, Hassan and Tso and seven medals at Aberdeen are testimony to their class, but their eclipse in National Competition leads me to believe that we have real strength locally and probably about two dozen players who could hold their own in international competition. George Souza and M.B. Hassan Jr. are as good as I’ve seen, certainly up to the likes of Periera, Omar, Delgado and Liddell, and their recent inability to make their mark in local competitions lets me reply with confidence that the standard in the upper echelons of the game in Hong Kong is as good as ever.

It’s great to see old names like Cesar Coelho and Ng Po Sum still appearing in the Sunday newspaper. Cesar must have played at some time for almost every club in the 1st Division. And it’s a fine sight to see Football Club back in the top league. There must have been a lot of bodies turning in a lot of graves. We used to say that they were the only team with no home green advantage.

Good Bowling

Matt Crossan

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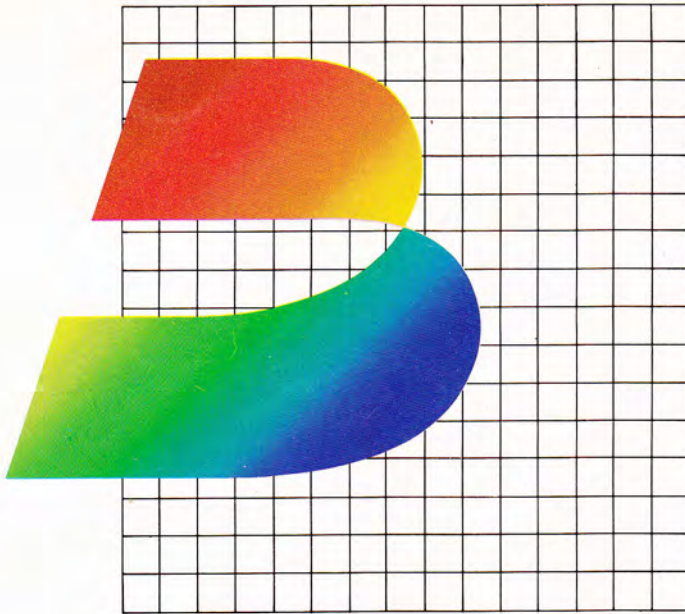


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