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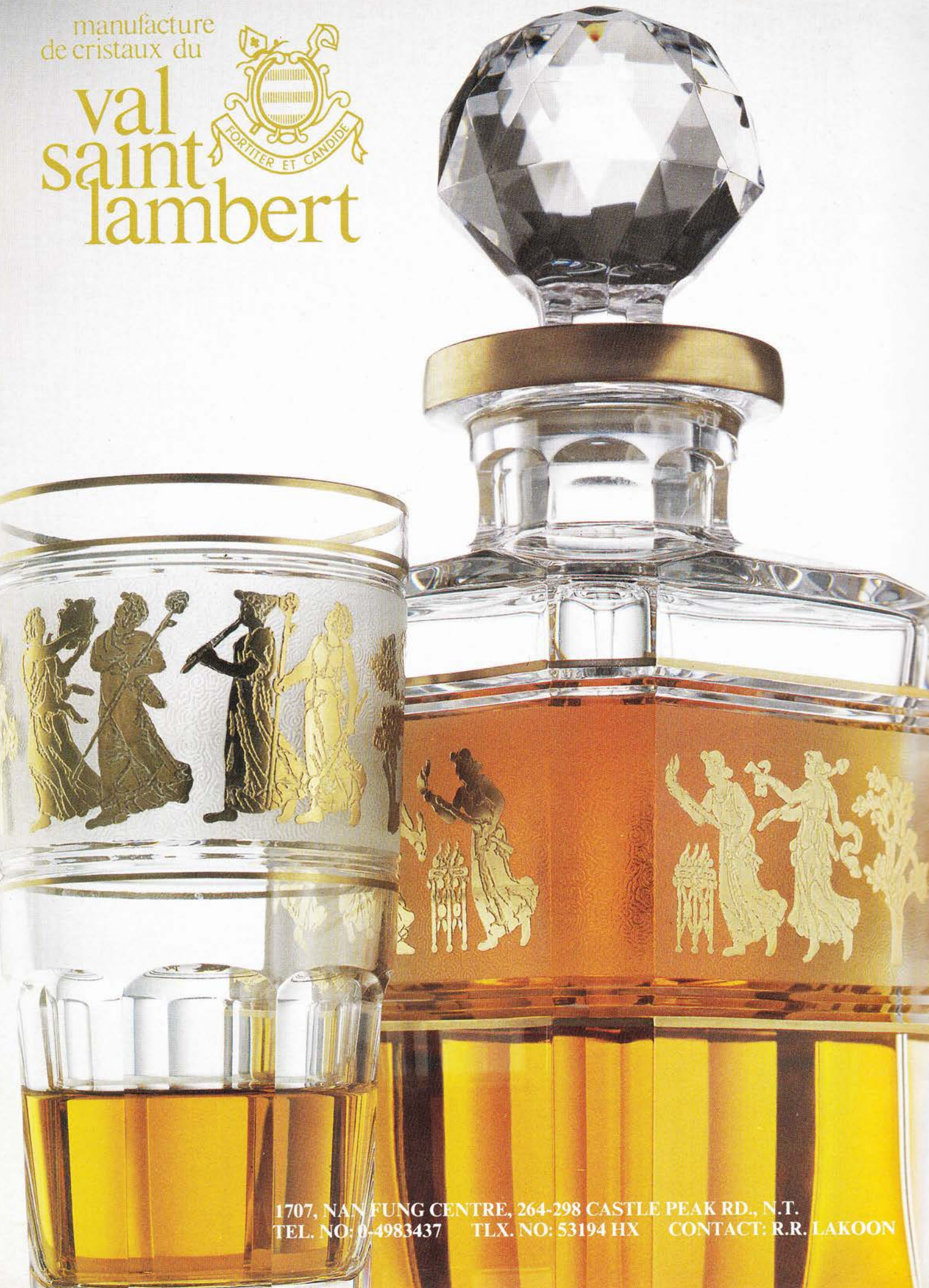


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The Annual Ball and Prize-giving of the Ladies Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong provides an excellent opportunity to look back on the achievements of the past year. My congratulations go to all of you who have taken part in competitions at whatever level, and to the teams who have represented Hong Kong so successfully during the year.

I look forward with you this evening to the Association's continuing success.

Famula Youde .

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Ladies Lawn Bowls Association: Secretary's Report 1985-86

The year has been a very busy one for the L.L.B.A., being involved in two overseas' championships, both of which were held in Australia. In August-September, a team of three men and one lady blind bowlers left to compete in the first World Blind Bowls Championships. Although returning only with compliments and not medals, the L.L.B.A. was extremely proud of the determination, enthusiasm and sportsmanship shown during the Games.

The L.L.B.A. participated, for the first time, in the Pacific Games during September, returning with a Bronze in the Triples. Well done to all of you! It's no easy task, with every day being a new "ball game".

Trials have also taken place, and a team has been selected, for the 1986 Commonwealth Games, in Edinburgh. May every good wish go with you all.

Money was clearly needed to be able to participate in the above games. Once again, it was not just the teams but the "little people" behind the scenes who combined to produce a tremendous effort that raised the financial support. Thank you all.

"Lady Luck" was with the year regarding the weather and the Leagues suffered no undue hardship. Congratulations to League winners:

- 1st Division U.S.R.C.
- 2nd Division Club de Recreio
- 3rd Division H.K.F.C. "W"
- 4th Division Club de Recreio

Congratulations also to all winners of National competitions and thanks to the Sub-Committee for their juggling feats in finding the greens!

The Association also wishes to thank the H.K.L.B.A for their continued support and co-operation, and our gratitude goes to the Presidents, Committees and members of all clubs for allowing us the use of their facilities. A big "Thank You" should not be amiss to Mr. Ian Powell, Manager of K.C.C., who has ensured that our requests have been carried out to the full! Thanks must also go to the General Committee for its hard work during the year, and especially to all members for their continual — and I hope — continued support.

May I wish you all a very successful 1986 season — Good Luck and Good Bowling.



Meg Pace
(Hon. Sec. L.L.B.A.)

Annual Report — 1985

Lawn Bowls in Hong Kong has flourished in 1985, a full programme of national competitions and league, summer and winter has been successfully completed as well as our annual International Classic Tournament.

Hong Kong was represented in the Pacific Games held at Tweed Heads in Brisbane. Both men and ladies teams competed and Hong Kong earned a share of the medals, winning Gold in men's triples, silver in the men's fours and bronze in the ladies' triples and men's singles. Overall the team was placed third, only three points behind the tied leaders, Australia and New Zealand. Thanks are due to Cathay Pacific and the Council for Recreation and Sport for assisting with sponsoring the team's travel and other expenses. The Hong Kong team was:-

George Souza, David Tso, M.B. Hassan Jr., Noel Kennedy, Danny Ho, Rosemary McMahon, Lilian Walton, Laila Hassan, Rae O' Donnell, Helen Wong

and team manager Ken Wallis. The next Pacific Games is scheduled to be held in Papua New Guinea and subject to availability of funds Hong Kong should be represented again. Hong Kong has also made a bid to host the Pacific Games in 1991 but without commitment at this time and of course subject to adequate fund raising and sponsorship.

The International Classic was held again in November and this year we were able to increase overseas participation by including Israel and Fiji along with those invited previously, namely Australia, England, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland, United States of America, Wales and the Newcastle District Bowls Association. As Canada were unable to make available their requested players we substituted Papua New Guinea. Due to increased overseas participation it was necessary to reduce local teams. The H.K.L.B.A. select teams were dropped and apart from the Hong Kong national pair C.C.C., C.de R., F.C., H.K.F.C., I.R.C., K.B.G.C., K.C.C. and U.S.R.C. were represented in the pairs. Local representation in the singles was changed to a pre tournament qualifying competition instead of automatic representation from clubs involved with the pairs.

Local players did not figure prominently this year amongst what must be considered the best selection of world class bowlers seen in Hong Kong or probably anywhere outside of World Bowls Championships. Again one player dominated both singles and pairs, similar to our own George Souza in 1984. This year it was George Adrain of Scotland who won the singles and then partnered Willie Wood to win the pairs for Scotland. Some magnificent bowls were seen throughout the week. Even though for the first time since the Classic began, torrential rain fell on two days we were able to complete all games on schedule. We are indebted to our sponsors — Hongkong Bank, Hong Kong Government Recreation and Culture Department, Urban Council, Qantas, Waco Formscraft (Asia) and David Bayliss, without whom the tournament would not be held. We are now preparing for the 1986 Classic and look forward to another success. We have also heard that the Ladies Lawn Bowls Association are investigating the possibility of holding a ladies International Classic in 1986 and our best wishes are extended to them in their endeavours.

The National League was organised well by the sub committee headed by Clive Brindle. Results of matches and standings were quickly and efficiently distributed with the help of Clive's computer and to a lesser extent the automatic telephone answering machine installed at the Association's office. There was an element of rescheduling of the start of the second half games to accommodate players in the Pacific Games teams. Congratulations to this years winners:-

1st Division — K.C.C. "A"	Best rink — Ken Wallis Skip (K.C.C. "A")
2nd Division — I.R.C. "B"	Best rink — Andrew Maslovicz Skip (K.C.C. "C")
3rd Division — P.O.C.	Best rink — Stuart Kavanagh Skip (P.O.C.)
4th Division — C.L.B.C.	Best rink — Sandy Chalmers Skip (R.H.K.P.S.R.C. "B")

Thanks are due to Alex McLelland for donating the Fife Trophy for the Fourth Division.

Under Bill McMahon's guiding hand the National competitions programme was brought to a satisfactory close. Congratulations to all prize winners and runners-up, especially to sixteen year old Mark McMahon, the bowler of the year having won both National and Knock-out Singles championships, a remarkable achievement. As part of International Youth Year the Junior Singles was included as an event in the IYY sports calendar.

Coaching courses sponsored by the Urban Council were continued at Victoria Park organised by S.C. Lo and his dedicated team of official coaches:-

Pat Chan, T.H. Choy, Tiny Conway, A.R. Kitchell, A.K. Razack, Noori Razack, George Tipe, and Jack Walton.

There remains a waiting list for places on coaching courses and it is hoped this will be relieved by additional coaching at the Jubilee Sports Centre later in 1986 when the artificial green becomes available. Interest has been shown by other prospective coaches.

There has been considerable discussion held with the Jubilee Sports Centre concerning the provision of an artificial green at Shatin and it is hoped this can be available during 1986. Similar to Victoria Park there should be the means for formation of clubs playing there and participating in league and competitions as well as providing a training venue for the Hong Kong teams.

The condition of greens is still cause for concern and unfortunately it has not proved possible to arrange for green keeping coaching courses as originally intended. This appears to be a dying art and overseas experience does not necessarily appear to be the answer. Some of the major clubs have invested in modern rollers and other equipment and this appears to have increased the pace of the greens. We acquired a scarifier and some clubs have loaned it for use on their greens. Through the auspices of K.C.C. some of the Urban Services Victoria Park groundstaff underwent a short period of training which we hope should improve the standard of green keeping at Victoria Park. A survey of the Victoria Park greens, carried out by Bill Rogers, was also submitted to the Urban Services to assist them with identifying problems. The Royal Hong Kong Police Sports Federation & Recreation Club opened their artificial green at Boundary Street but unfortunately the all weather surface has not lived up to expectations. It is hoped that the remedial work recently carried out will improve the situation. The artificial green at the Police Offices Club should also benefit from this experience. The Hongkong Electric Group Sports Club expect to open their new green on Lamma later in 1986 and they will be arranging to provide ferries to the island for National League games.

Umpires examinations were held and the following successful candidates were added to the officials umpires register:-

Dave Overman, Andy Furze, Bill McMahon, Mel Stewart and Mike Wheatley.

The video loan club was finally established at K.C.C. and tapes are now available for loan to clubs.

We received a number of invitations for players to participate in overseas tournaments. The amount of prize money offered in the major tournaments has given us cause to reconsider whether our present rules to recognise amateurs only should be amended. We have therefore appointed a sub committee chaired by Pat O'Dea and including members — Bill McMahon, Pat George and George Souza to investigate professionalism in the Hong Kong lawn bowls context.

George Souza participated in the Gateway Masters held at Worthing, U.K. in August. Unfortunately he did not qualify for the final play-offs having lost to the eventual finalists, David Bryant and Cecil Bransky in earlier sectional play. Bryant went on to retain his title. George has accepted the invitation to compete again in this tournament in 1986.

George also played in the world Indoor Bowls Championships in February 1985 and again just recently in February 1986. In 1985 he lost in the first round but this year had a very good first round win and then a disastrous 21-1 loss to the reigning champion Terry Sullivan. The eventual winner was Tony Allcock who represented England with Jimmy Hobday in the first Hong Kong Classic held in 1981.

Danny Ho and M.B. Hassan Jnr. went to the Golden West Coast Classic in Perth, WA. The format of this tournament is a singles competition and a pairs with individual overseas players partnering Australian State players. In an early round of the singles Danny Ho defeated the eventual winner, Kenny Williams who represented Australia with Denis Dalton in the 1985 Hong Kong Classic. M.B. Hassan with his partner Milton Brady were runners up in their section. Invitations were received for the 1986 Golden West Coast Classic and David Tso and M.B. Hassan have been selected to represent Hong Kong.

As the Newcastle District BA Classic Pairs coincided with the Hong Kong team's stay in Australia for the Pacific Games we were able to have three pairs participating in the tournament. Philip Chok joined the team to partner George Souza and the other pairings were M.B. Hassan Jnr. with David Tso and Danny Ho with Noel Kennedy. M.B. and David played very well throughout only to be beaten in the final by I. Stewart and G. Dawe. A very creditable performance.

Keith Bosley was invited and participated in a private capacity in the Kotara Bowls Club, Aust. Triples Tournament.

Kowloon Cricket Club visited the Bangkok Sports Club and have started an annual interport competition between their respective clubs. They have also undertaken a tour to Brisbane over the Lunar New Year 1986. There was insufficient interest in an official Association overseas tour and the idea has been shelved. Our policy of dissuading commercially organised touring parties to Hong Kong has reduced considerably the number of requests received, such that only two were actually entertained. This policy may require review to perhaps allow a more flexible attitude to entertaining overseas bowlers and thus extending the hand of friendship and conviviality, so important in Lawn Bowls.

During the year committee ties were presented to Alfred Fong, convener of C.L.B.C. and to George Young, convener of USRC. Qualifiers for committee ties, hopefully to be presented at the Annual Ball are Boniface Lau (V.L.B.C.), Pat George (C. de R.), Alan Fong (C.S.D.S.A.), and Peter Leybourn (H.E.G.S.C.). These ties are presented to officers and also convenors who attend 75% of General Committee meetings in any year.

The Commonwealth Games will be held in Edinburgh during July 1986. The Hong Kong men's team recently selected includes a combination of youth and experience and could be considered to be a new look Hong Kong team. The team includes:-

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| Singles | — | Keith Bosley (K.B.G.C.) |
| Pairs | — | David Tso (C.C.C.)
M.B. Hassan (H.K.F.C.), Skip |
| Fours | — | Noel Kennedy (K.B.G.C.)
Mark McMahon (U.S.R.C.)
Danny Ho (K.B.G.C.)
George Souza (C.C.C.), Skip & Team Captain. |
| Team manager | — | Pat O'Dea. |

It was with deep regret that Ken Wallis' resignation as President was received. Ken's enthusiasm and drive during the past three years as President and the year earlier as Honorary Secretary has played a great part in establishing Hong Kong Lawn Bowls both at home and overseas, particularly considering his untiring efforts as organising chairman of the last three International Classic Tournaments. Indeed without his inspiration it is doubtful whether the Classic would have been reinstated at all. Reluctantly his resignation has been accepted and Clive Brindle has taken over the reins as acting President.

In conclusion I thank the Ladies Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong for their support and assistance. Also I offer my sincere gratitude to the Recreation and Culture Sports Promotion Units, the Amateur Sports Federation & Olympic Committee, 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 to 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
February 1986.

The First Pacific Bowls Championship 1985

A totally new venture was offered to our National Representatives in late summer when the First Pacific Bowls Championships were held at Tweedheads, Australia.

An interesting opportunity for acclimatisation was presented to the Men's team in the shape of the Matarra Pairs Competition at Watarah B.C. Our three pairs in this Classic Pairs were:-

Philip Chok and George Souza
Noel Kennedy and Danny Ho
David Tso and M.B. Hassan Jr.

All three teams acquitted themselves well and Tso and Hassan were only denied a fine victory when their opponent's bowl, the last in an excellent final, sprung the jack into the ditch for the winning shot.

With the arrival of the Ladies' team our representatives proceeded to Tweedheads for the Major Championships. Two games were played each day and in the final analysis our results were as good as, or even better, than we expected.

Men's Singles: David Tso played well throughout and the highlight of his performance was his 21-10 defeat of Canada in his final match to win the Bronze Medal by a single shot on aggregate.

Men's Pairs: Noel Kennedy and Danny Ho had 2 wins and 4 defeats, found the greens difficult at times, but can be expected to have benefited from the experience.

Men's Triples: Tso, Hassan Jr. and George Souza had a most impressive tournament winning all six matches to win the Gold Medal.

Men's Fours: the team of Kennedy, Ho, Hassan Jr. and Souza lost only one game and that to hosts Australia by 26-16 and returned with a well-deserved Silver Medal.

Ladies' Singles: Helen Wong missed out on the Bronze Medal by a single shot and maintained a high standard throughout.

Ladies' Pairs: Laila Hassan and Helen Wong had few breaks but played well. They were never in a challenging position but neither should feel disappointed with her display.

Ladies' Triples: Lilian Walton, Rosemary McMahan and Rae O'Donnell challenged for a medal from the start. They had a fine tournament and finished in Bronze Medal position.

Ladies' Fours: Lilian, Laila, Rosemary and Rae missed out narrowly on the medals when a surprise defeat by Fiji left them needing a win over Canada in the final game to secure third position. In the event they had to settle for a draw 18-18.

Overall positions were:-

1.	Australia	22 pts	(1st on shot difference)
2.	New Zealand	22 pts	
3.	Hong Kong	19 pts	

The team was fortunate to receive the support of O.K. Dallah in Newcastle and Alex and Betty McLelland, Eric and Joyce Liddell, Jack Sheedy, Peter Coxall and Keith Bosley in Tweedheads.

This report was compiled from press cuttings and from the report of the Team Manager, K.G. Wallis.

Message From The President Of The Ladies Lawn Bowls Association

On behalf of the Ladies' Lawn Bowls Association may I welcome you to our Annual Ball which brings to a conclusion another successful year of bowls.

My congratulations to those players who have been selected to represent Hong Kong at the forthcoming Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. May you continue what has now become almost a Hong Kong tradition and enjoy great success.

Congratulations also to all the winners of the League and Colony Competitions during 1985.

This year we were able to send our Blind Bowlers to their first International Competition in Australia and I'm sure you will join me with pride in congratulating them on an excellent performance. My thanks to all those ladies and gentlemen who have helped, and continue to help, these particular bowlers — it has provided them with a wonderful new interest which they all thoroughly enjoy.

This year saw the introduction of the Pacific Games to which Hong Kong was invited and gave an excellent account of themselves by bringing home Gold and Bronze medals. Well done!

Our compliments to the President and Committee of the H.K.L.B.A. on once again holding an excellent Classic Tournament. This has become a real highlight of the year and we wish you continued success. The L.L.B.A. hope to hold their own Classic Pairs Tournament later this year and although ours will be on a smaller scale we hope we will have your full support, help and advice, so that we may be able to emulate the high standards you have achieved.

Thank you to all the Clubs for the use of their greens and a special thanks to those Clubs who very generously loaned their greens to other Clubs who had unfortunately lost their greens temporarily, to enable them to keep participating in the League Championships. It is good to know that the two Police Clubs will be back on their own greens this coming year and I'm sure we will all enjoy the new experience of playing on the artificial surfaces.

Finally, my sincere thanks to my Executive and General Committees for their support and hard work during 1985.

I wish you all a very happy evening and good bowling during 1986.



Lena Sadick
President

Message From The Officers Of The Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association

As we come to the end of another year of bowls we can look back with pride and encouragement at the past year's successes and achievements. These cannot always be measured in terms of winning championships and trophies but rather in the fostering of comradeship and the introduction of our sport to others so they may obtain the same pleasure and satisfaction that the game gives us. We have, of course, had our successes, particularly in the Pacific Games but it is equally important to consider how we would want Hong Kong Lawn Bowls to be viewed both at home and overseas. We have strived to maintain an attitude of fairness and sportsmanship and it is hoped this can be carried forward in the future.

Our team representing us at this year's Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh includes both youth and experience. We are hopeful they will play well and return with medals and above all that they will be worthy ambassadors of Hong Kong. Our best wishes will accompany them.

Even though no local team was successful in the 1985 International Classic the success of the tournament can be measured in the calibre of overseas players accepting invitations and also the extremely high standard of play displayed by both the overseas and our own local players. Preparations are in hand for the 1986 Classic and we are anticipating continued success.

We would like to extend congratulations to the winners of the Championships and Leagues as well as appreciation to the members of the Sub-Committees who work so hard to organise these competitions for you.

The future of Lawn Bowls looks secure and we should be encouraged by the many trainees who have attended the beginners courses at Victoria Park. We express our gratitude to the Urban Council for financial assistance in running these courses and also to those bowlers coaching the trainees. The provision of a lawn bowls facility at the Jubilee Sports Centre will increase our capacity for training.

Our best wishes to you all for the 1986 season and, whether you win or lose, may you continue to enjoy the friendship of bowls.

Clive Brindle, Pat O'Dea, Roger Hayes, Roger Pickford, Bill McMahon, Geoff Murphy.

Ladies First Division

Winners: United Services Recreation Club



Jo Rogers, Betty McLelland, Wendy Overman, Rosemary McMahon.

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
U.S.R.C.	14	13	1	0	336	244	92	26
K.C.C.	14	11	3	0	307	224	83	22
I.R.C.	14	10	4	0	299	232	67	20
C.C.C.	14	6	8	0	257	262	-5	12
P.O.C.	14	5	9	0	262	294	-32	10
K.B.G.C.	14	5	9	0	252	285	-33	10
H.K.F.C.	14	4	10	0	246	307	-61	8
P.S.R.C.	14	2	12	0	224	335	-111	4

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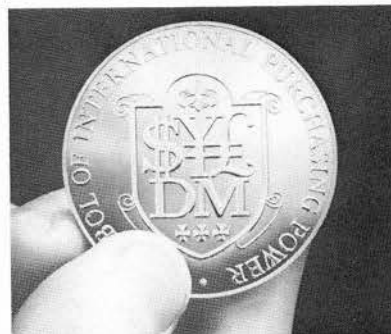
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Ladies Second Division

Winners: Club de Recreio



Left to right: Naty Rozario, Helen Xavier, Linda Serodia, Julie Wong.

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
R.E.C.	14	11	3	0	349	208	141	22
H.K.F.C.	14	8	5	1	252	236	16	17
K.C.C. "S"	14	7	5	2	287	262	25	16
I.R.C.	14	7	6	1	265	270	-5	15
U.S.R.C.	14	5	7	2	229	307	-78	12
K.B.G.C. "R"	14	5	8	1	272	252	20	11
K.C.C. "G"	14	5	8	1	258	275	-17	11
K.B.G.C. "B"	14	4	10	0	223	325	-102	8

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of

Jacky Wong

Ladies Third Division

Winners: Hong Kong Football Club "White"



*Left to right: Ellen Hornsby, Brenda Dick, Jackie Hayes,
Helen Hutcheson, Joan Cheng, June Hendry.*

Division 3

	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
H.K.F.C. "W"	14	13	1	0	380	215	165	26
K.B.G.C.	14	9	5	0	327	245	82	18
R.E.C.	14	7	7	0	278	271	7	14
H.K.F.C. "B"	14	7	7	0	272	272	0	14
K.C.C.	14	7	7	0	238	331	-93	14
H.K.C.C. "G"	14	5	8	1	263	276	-13	11
H.K.C.C. "B"	14	5	8	1	247	319	-72	11
V.I.B.C.	14	2	12	0	239	315	-76	4

With the Compliments

of

Lena Sadick

Best Wishes to the

LLBA, HKLBA and

the Commonwealth Games Team.

M.B. Hassan, Snr

Ladies Fourth Division

Winners: Club de Recreio



*Back Row: Maureen Siquiera, Barbara Azevedo, Linda da Luz.
Front Row: Henrietta Wong, Fanny Fernandes, Martha Vasvani.*

Division 4

	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pts
R.E.C.	14	12	2	0	332	189	143	24
F.C.	14	10	3	1	277	249	28	21
K.B.G.C. "G"	14	8	4	2	266	253	13	18
K.B.G.C. "P"	14	7	7	0	264	270	-6	14
C.C.C.	14	7	7	0	250	264	-14	14
V.L.B.C.	14	5	8	1	262	221.75	40.25	11
C.L.B.C.	14	4	10	0	229.75	284	54.25	8
H.K.C.C.	14	1	13	0	192	342	-150	2

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We are returning to the U.K. shortly and wish both Lawn Bowls Associations every success in the future, particularly at the forthcoming Commonwealth Games. We will be there to support the Team.Lilian and Jack Walton.

The Hong Kong International Classic 1985

The 1985 classic brought together such a veritable galaxy of stars from around the globe that to mention only a few would be out of place. Everything one could wish for was on view; top class bowling, sportsmanship, humour, the agony of defeat — John Bell's final bowl in his singles semi-final against Cecil Bransky — to the joy of victory — Chi Chi Fernandes' war dance on the final end against England. To sum up this great annual event we have a player's point of view in an article by Bert MacWilliams originally written for the American bowling magazine.



Dual classic winner George Adrian.

Scots Hit the Jackpot in Hong Kong Classic

By Bert MacWilliams

It was my pleasure, along with Skip Arculli, to represent the United States at the 4th International Pairs Classic in Hong Kong in November 1985. Having represented the U.S. the previous year along with Orville Artist, I eagerly looked forward to this year's event. I was not disappointed. From the moment they met us at the airport until our departure, the hospitality and friendship extended to us was outstanding. A special thanks goes to our host club, The Indian Recreation Club, and to M.B. Hassan, Sr. and Oscar Odem, who met us at the airport and who were our guides and companions all the time we were there. They did everything possible for us and if we would have asked for the impossible, I'm sure they would have tried.

The Classic in five short years has become what its name implies and is truly a Classic in every way.

The Classic got off to a good start with the 24 overseas players and eight local players making up the field of 32 for a knock-out Classic singles competition. In the semi-finals, George Adrian of Scotland defeated Dennis Dalton of Australia and Cecil Bransky of Israel defeated John Bell of England. George Adrian then defeated Cecil Bransky to win the Classic Singles.

Twelve countries were represented in this year's Pairs Classic, plus eight local teams to make up the field of 20 teams. Of the twenty four overseas players, twelve of them had won medals at the Worlds Bowls Tournament in 1984, plus the British Isles singles champion of 1985 and the Silver Medalist at the Gateway Masters Singles Tournament of 1985. This was truly a classic field, probably the best ever assembled for a pairs tournament. Skip and myself managed to win 5 out of 9 games in our section but missed qualifying for the quarter finals by one point. (Points were awarded based on 2 for a win and 1 for a tie.)

The finals of this years Classic was played between Scotland, represented by George Adrian and Willie Wood, and Australia, represented by Ken Williams and Dennis Dalton, with Scotland the winner. For the second year in a row, one man won both the singles and pairs. George Adrian of Scotland duplicated George Souza's of Hong Kong heroics of 1984. It should be remembered that George Adrian teamed with Skip Arculli to win the gold in the 1984 World Bowls Championship.

A fitting climax to this Classic event was the final banquet where the visiting players took turns entertaining our hosts with song and humor.

A tip of the hat to Ken Wallis, Pat O'Dea and the rest of their hard working committee, and all the sponsors who made this year's event what it truly is, **A CLASSIC.**

Hong Kong International Bowls Classic 1985

Singles Results

Dalton	21	Dalton					
Turagebeci	20	21					
Arculli	21	Arculli	Dalton				
Wallis	15	4	21				
Ho	18	Hill		Dalton			
Hill	21	21		13			
McCabe	10	Souza	Hill				
Souza	21	15	10				
Belliss	21	Belliss				Adrain	
Madden	12	15				21	
Adrain	21	Adrain	Adrain				
Chen	18	21	21				
Hassan	21	Hassan		Adrain			
Hogg	15	14		21			
Goldberg	2	Richards	Richards				
Richards	21	21	13				
Bransky	21	Bransky					Adrain
Chok	7	21					
Moffat	21	Moffat	Bransky				
Adem	11	16	21				
Kennedy	21	Kennedy		Bransky			
Fong	11	17		21			
Fishlock	21	Fishlock	Fishlock				
Wood	18	21	9				
Bell	21	Bell				Bransky	
Rawali	20	21				13	
MacWilliams	21	McMahon	Bell				
McMahon	11	18	21				
Fernandes	9	Hamilton		Bell			
Hamilton	21	21		20			
Stanbury	21	Stanbury	Hamilton				
Williams	18	3	13				

Hong Kong International Bowls Classic 1985 Pairs Scoreboard

A		Eng	Fiji	NZ	Png	Wal	NCD	C.deR.	FC	IRC	KCC	Points	for	agt	diff	Position									
Eng			14	21	17	13	20	14	27	14	20	18	19	20	17	20	16	14	23	21	12	173	155	18	3
Fiji		21	14	15	19	31	18	19	17	30	16	26	17	27	11	23	17	17	17	17	15	209	146	63	1
NZ		13	17	19	15	29	11	16	20	18	22	28	15	22	13	21	18	25	9	9	12	191	140	51	2
Png		14	20	18	31	11	29	21	18	9	38	20	23	20	13	14	22	25	9	6	152	203	-51	8	
Wal		14	27	17	19	20	16	18	21	11	30	11	18	24	19	26	11	20	17	8	161	178	-17	6	
NCD		18	20	16	30	22	18	38	9	30	11	18	21	36	6	24	14	21	21	11	223	150	73	5	
C.deR.		20	19	17	26	15	28	23	20	18	11	21	18	22	17	7	28	23	18	12	166	185	-19	4	
F.C.		20	17	11	27	13	22	13	20	19	24	6	36	17	22	22	12	19	26	4	140	206	-66	10	
I.R.C.		14	16	17	23	18	21	22	14	11	26	14	24	28	7	12	22	21	22	4	157	175	-18	9	
K.C.C.		21	23	17	17	9	25	9	25	17	20	21	21	18	23	26	19	22	21	6	160	194	-34	7	
B		Aus	HK	Ire	Isr	Scot	USA	CCC	HKFC	KBGC	USRC	Points	for	agt	diff	Position									
Aus			23	19	24	27	33	13	21	17	19	15	25	25	29	13	32	13	19	18	15	225	160	65	1
HK		19	23	15	17	16	25	9	32	16	18	15	28	19	28	19	22	31	11	2	159	204	-45	9	
Ire		27	24	17	15	20	19	23	20	21	16	18	30	14	21	15	26	16	25	10	171	196	-25	7	
Isr		13	33	25	16	19	20	24	20	22	14	22	16	20	16	14	16	23	11	12	182	162	20	3	
Scot		17	21	32	9	20	23	20	24	38	3	21	14	20	14	26	18	25	21	12	219	147	72	2	
U.S.A.		15	19	18	16	16	21	14	22	3	38	28	16	29	7	21	20	23	21	10	167	180	-13	5	
C.C.C.		25	25	28	15	30	18	16	22	14	21	16	28	22	20	21	15	17	14	11	189	178	11	4	
H.K.F.C.		13	29	28	19	21	14	16	20	14	20	7	29	20	22	25	26	23	14	6	167	193	-26	8	
K.B.G.C.		13	32	22	19	26	15	16	14	18	26	20	15	21	26	25	19	16	10	10	175	189	-14	6	
U.S.R.C.		18	19	11	31	25	16	11	23	21	25	21	23	14	17	14	23	16	19	2	151	196	-45	10	

Quarter	Semi	Final	Winner
Fiji C.C.C.	Fiji 17	Scot 22	Scotland
Scot Eng	Scot 18	Aus 18	
Aus C.deR.	Aus 24		
NZ Isr	Isr 23		

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Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association 1985 National League

As in the two year's previous 1985 saw 36 teams entering the National League with 4 Division's. Very much different to 1984 however was the weather. Whereas in 1984 the first half of the season saw four Saturday's washed out, in 1985 there was not one day totally washed out, and in the first half of the season, during the rainy season there was not one single game postponed due to weather reasons. This made administering the league a much easier task as did the newly introduced results phone in service. Although not all teams supported this fully many did and would I like to thank those that did so, it was a great help in producing League and Best Rink standings on time.



In Division I the half way stage saw K.C.C. "A" 22 points and 97 shots up on 2nd placed C.C.C. "A", a lead which proved insurmountable.

In Division II the I.R.C. "B" had 4 points over K.C.C. "C" but were 53 shots down on 2nd place. Division III saw H.K.F.C. "C" with a 5 point lead over P.O.C. and Division IV had R.E.C. "C" 4 points behind the leaders C.L.B.C.

At the end of the season K.C.C. "A" had won the Division I by a clear 26 points from U.S.R.C. "A", however in the 2nd half they scored 65 points compared with 76 in the first half. This is still a high average score of course but the surprise of the 2nd half in Division I came from F.C. "A" who with only 32 points and lying 2nd bottom after their first 9 games, out did K.C.C. "A" in the second 9 games by scoring 66 points, at an average of 7.33/game.

Both Divisions II & III saw exciting finishes. Division III had the top two teams playing against each other on the last game of the season. H.K.F.C. "C" had a 6 point cushion over P.O.C. The top two rinks of S. Kavanagh P.O.C. and H.K.F.C. "C" P. Finlay were both on 21 points going into their last game. As "luck" would have it they happened to draw each other and at the end of the day P.O.C. were Division III Champions by taking the game 10-0.

The final game of Division II also had the top two teams against each other with K.B.G.C. "B" playing away at I.R.C. whose I.R.C. "B" team had a 7 point advantage but K.B.G.C. 24 shots up. The game ended in an 8-2 win for K.B.G.C. "B". The losing rink lost by 1 shot and gained the aggregate by 2 shots. Going into the last end the game could have gone 10-0 either way.

The 4th Division and C.L.B.C. winning the new 4th Division "FIFE" Trophy generously presented by Alex McLelland. R.E.C. "C" were in second place 11 points behind.

Once again BELL'S WHISKY generously sponsored the Best Rink Award and the winner's are — denoted by name of Skip:-

Division I	K. G. Wallis	(K.C.C. "A")
Division II	A. Maslovicz	(K.C.C. "C")
Division III	S. Kavanagh	(P.O.C.)
Division IV	S. Chalmers	(P.S.R.C. "B")

The Winter League saw the introduction of a 2nd Division and also a change in the method of assessing the overall winners. The original concept of the Winter League was to follow the World Bowls format and in 1985/86 League the "LEONARD TROPHY" points system as followed. A very exciting finish resulted in Division I with a swing of 8 points on the last game at the top of Division I to allow H.K.F.C."A" to take the honours and a 6 point swing at the bottom where C.C.C. avoided relegation at the expense of I.R.C.

The 2nd Division was won quite easily by K.C.C. "B".

Another season is over and planning for the next is already well advanced with a total of 38 teams registering for the 1986 National League which will be a record and means that each Saturday throughout the season 456 men players will form 114 different rinks to play. Good luck and good bowling to you all.

In closing I would like to thank the members of the League Sub-committee, John Armitage, Pat George & Don Jennings throughout the year and Alex McLelland for the first half of the season and Bob Brown for the second half for all their assistance in running the league.

And finally, a big thank you to Jacky Wong for his sponsorship through the Berlitz Shipping Company of the Winter League especially now that there are two divisions. Jacky, your support is much appreciated.

Clive Brindle
Chairman League Sub-Committee

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First Division

Winners: Kowloon Cricket Club



*Standing: A. Arthur, H. Dickson, J. Melbourne, J. Macnish, H. Ardley, P. O'Dea, L. D'Souza.
Sitting: I. Ho, C.S. Dang, J. Armitage, K. Wallis, G. Yam, M. Stewart.*

Division I Team	P	W	D	L	Total Shots		Dif	Pts
					For	Agin		
K.C.C. "A"	18	15	0	3	1243	925	318	141
U.S.R.C. "A"	18	12	0	6	1143	1032	111	115
K.B.G.C. "A"	18	11	0	7	1141	1017	124	103
F.C. "A"	18	10	0	8	1073	1054	19	98
C.C.C. "A"	18	10	0	8	1129	1000	129	95
H.K.F.C. "A"	18	9	0	9	1070	1039	31	91
I.R.C. "A"	18	7	0	11	1032	1120	-88	84
R.E.C. "A"	18	9	0	9	1025	1120	-95	84
K.C.C. "B"	18	6	0	12	1086	1109	-23	69
C.C.C. "B"	18	1	0	17	844	1370	-526	20

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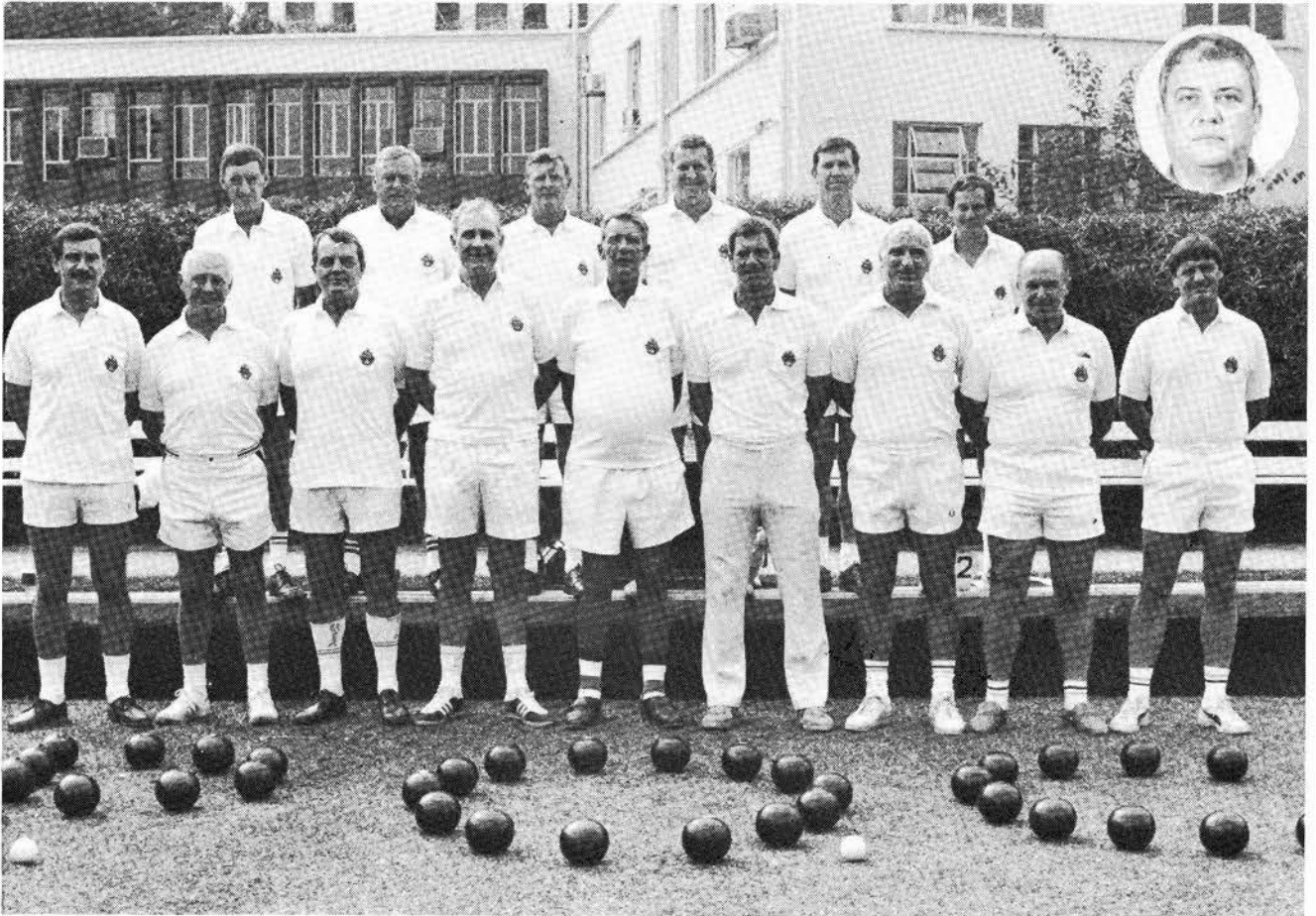


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Third Division

Winners: Police Officers Club



Back row left to right: G. Jack, K. Tidey, C. Wood, J. Black, G. Sutherland, H. Calder.

Inset: F. Barnes.

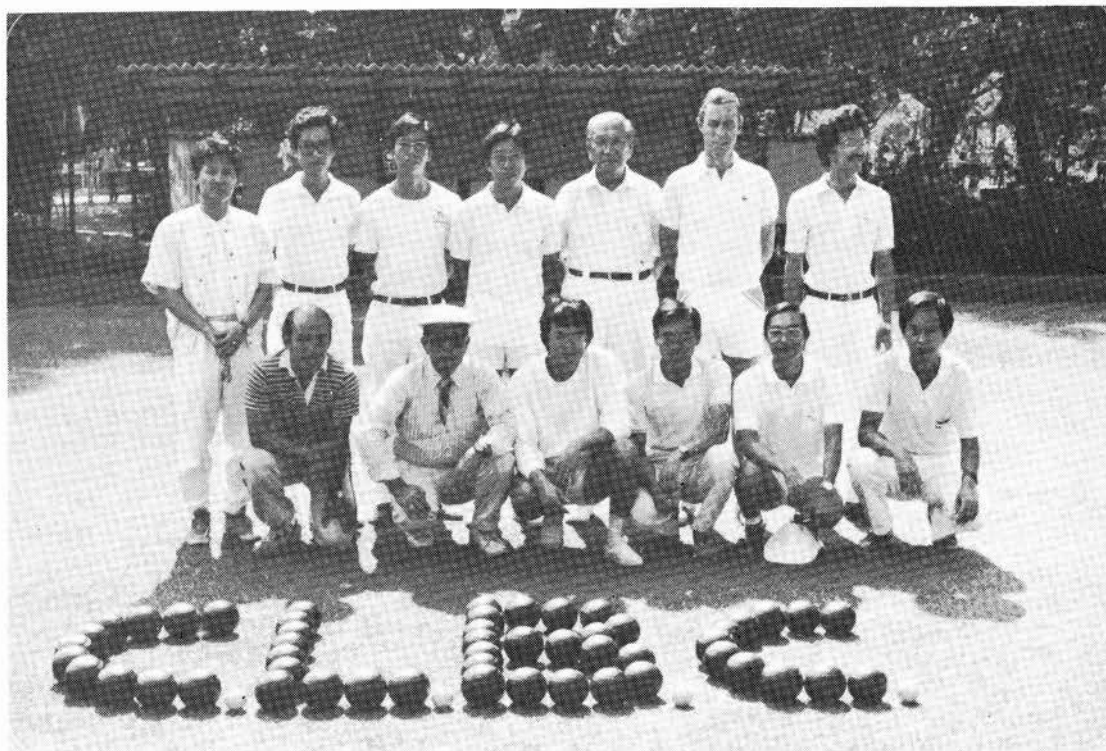
Front row left to right: P. Nesbitt, W. White, S. Kavanagh, J. Sheppard, J. Hollis, D. Blyth, B. Ferguson, A. Philip, R. Stryzna.

Division III

Team	P	W	D	L	Total Shots			Pts
					For	Agin	Dif	
P.O.C.	14	12	0	2	958	636.75	321.25	114
H.K.F.C. "C"	14	12	0	2	924	687	237	110
H.U.D.	14	9	0	5	830	767	63	84
K.C.C. "D"	14	8	0	6	857	771	86	74
K.B.G.C. "D"	14	6	0	8	797	860	-63	64
C.C.C. "C"	14	3	0	11	716	910	-194	42
C.S.D.S.A.	14	2	0	12	769	949	-180	38
H.K.F.C. "D"	14	4	0	10	645.75	916	-270.25	34

Fourth Division

Winners: Chinese Lawn Bowls Club



Back row: Left to right: Ringo Fung, Yung Chiu Kan, P.K. Fung, Ho Kar Yue, Alfred Fong, Richard Smyth, Cheung Kai Hoo.

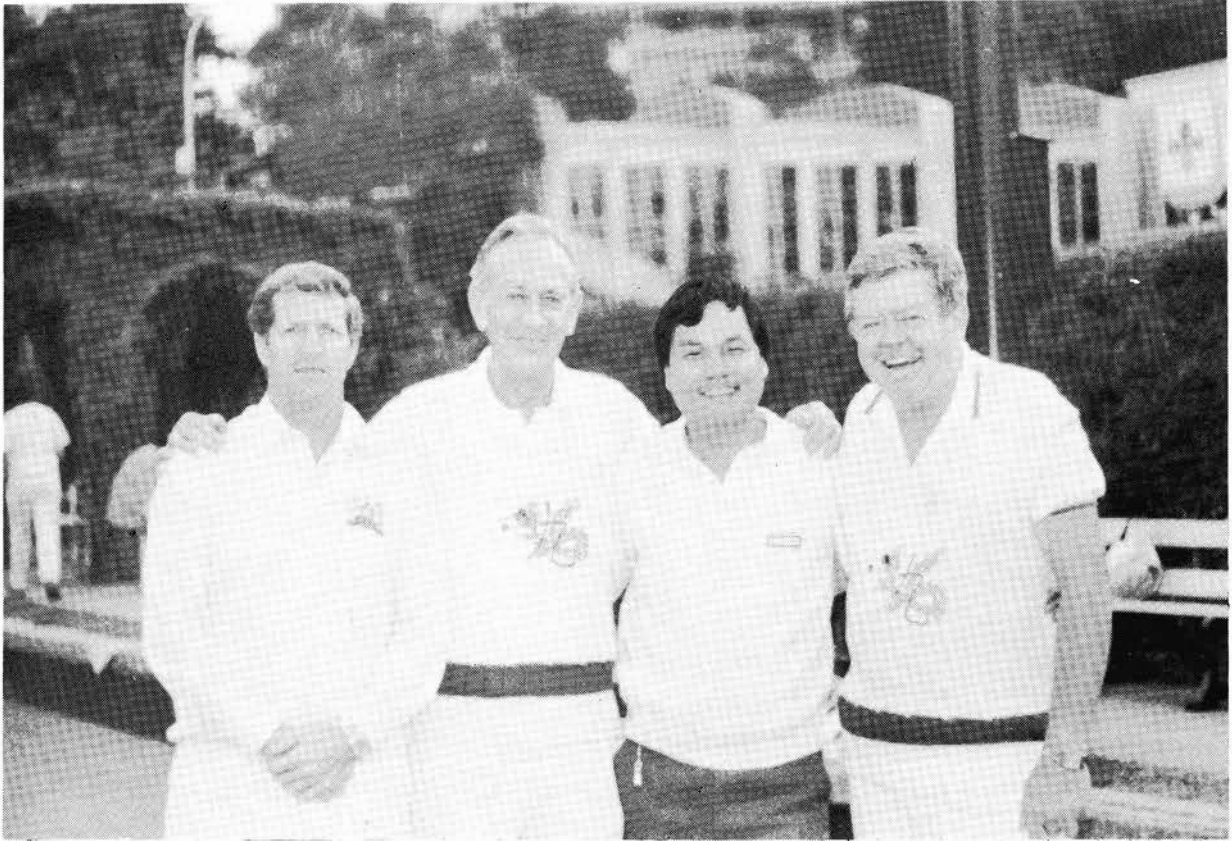
Front row: Left to right: David Leung, Chan Cheung Sau, Reggie Leung, Mok Ping Keun, Terence Chan, David Yu.

Division IV Team	P	W	D	L	Total Shots		Dif	Pts
					For	Agin		
C.L.B.C.	14	11	0	3	916	709	207	103
R.E.C. "C"	14	10	1	3	868	723.25	144.75	92
U.S.R.C. "B"	14	9	1	4	898	722	176	90
H.E.G.S.C.	14	8	0	6	889	747.5	141.5	86
P.S.R.C. "B"	14	7	0	7	808.5	815	-6.5	69
V.L.B.C. "B"	14	5	0	9	736	872	-136	58
H.K.C.C. "B"	14	5	0	9	788	893	-105	44
K.B.G.C. "E"	14	1	0	13	638.25	1060	-421.75	18

"Bells Whisky" most successful rink competition

Division I

Winners: The K.C.C. "A" rink skipped by K. Wallis



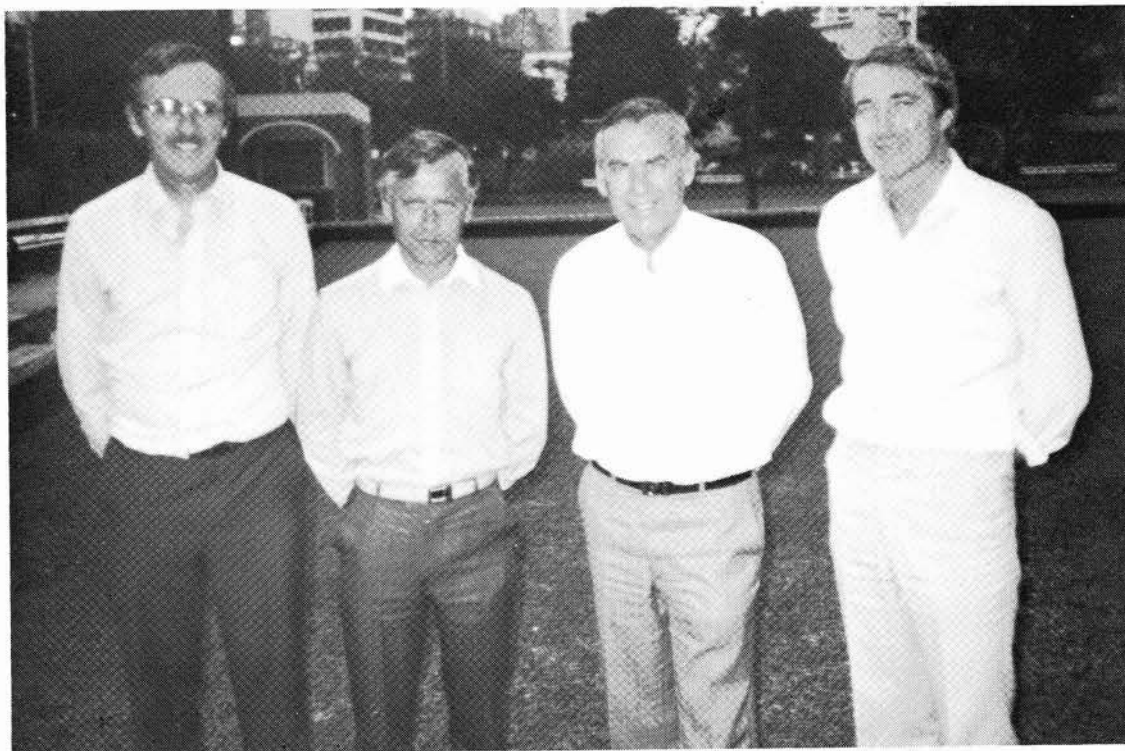
Left to right: K. Wallis, H. Ardley, G. Yam, J. Macnish.

Skip	Division Team	Best Rink Table Final Positions 1985							
		P	W	D	L	For	Agin	Dif	Pts
K. Wallis	K.C.C. "A"	16	14	1	1	386	247	139	29
D. Overman	U.S.R.C. "A"	18	13	0	5	396	303	93	26
C.S. Dang	K.C.C. "A"	18	13	0	5	400	324	76	26
D. Ho	K.B.G.C. "A"	15	11	1	3	352	252	100	23
D. Tso	C.C.C. "A"	16	11	0	5	338	259	79	22
J. Armitage	K.C.C. "A"	17	11	0	6	372	308	64	22
B. M. Hassan	I.R.C. "A"	18	11	0	7	368	357	11	22
B. McMahon	U.S.R.C. "A"	16	10	1	5	314	296	18	21
M. B. Hassan Jr.	H.K.F.C. "A"	16	9	1	6	350	261	89	19
J. Fung	F.C. "A"	15	9	0	6	324	285	39	18

"Bells Whisky" most successful rink competition

Division II

Winners: the K.C.C. "B" rink skipped by A. Maslowicz.



A.R. Gough, T.W. Byrnes, A. Maslowicz and W. McCormack.

Best Rink Table Final Position 1985

Skip	Division II Team	Total						Dif	Pts
		P	W	D	L	For	Agin		
A. Maslowicz	K.C.C. "C"	17	13	1	3	385	280	105	27
A. K. Razack	I.R.C. "B"	17	13	0	4	387	266	121	26
S. Thorburn	K.B.G.C. "B"	14	10	1	3	330	215	115	21
K. M. Hassan	I.R.C. "B"	14	10	0	4	334	229	105	20
F. O'Reilly	K.B.G.C. "B"	14	10	0	4	310	234	76	20
T. Milford	K.B.G.C. "B"	16	9	0	7	346	314	32	18
A. Robertson	H.K.F.C. "B"	17	9	0	8	321	318	3	18
R. Ng	K.C.C. "C"	14	8	0	6	298	257	41	16
A. Ulla	I.R.C. "B"	11	8	0	3	237	212	25	16
E. Lau	R.E.C. "B"	12	8	0	4	256	232	24	16

"Bells Whisky" most successful rink competition

Division III Winners: P.O.C. rink skipped by S. Kavanagh



"Arrest That Jack"

S. Kavanagh P. Nesbitt A. Philip

F. Barnes W. White

Skip	Division III		Best Rink Table Final Positions 1985							
	Team	S	P	W	D	L	For	Agin	Dif	Pts
S. Kavanagh	P.O.C.		13	11	1	1	316	193	123	23
P. Finlay	H.K.F.C. "C"		14	10	1	3	307	227	80	21
J. Hollis	P.O.C.		14	10	1	3	299	221	78	21
B. Banks	H.U.D.		13	9	1	3	275	209	66	19
L. Dick	H.K.F.C. "C"		12	8	1	3	265	209	56	17
A.M. Santos	C.S.D.S.A.		13	8	1	4	294	268	26	17
G.B. Hughes	K.B.G.C. "D"		10	7	0	3	221	183	38	14
C.F. Ebrahim	K.C.C. "D"		14	7	0	7	296	261	35	14
D. Sutherland	H.K.F.C. "C"		9	6	1	2	206	138	68	13
C. Wood	P.O.C.		7	6	0	1	171	96.75	74.25	12

"Bells Whisky" most successful rink competition

Division IV

Winners: The P.S.R.C. "B" rink skipped by S. Chalmers



Sandy Chalmers

Sandy's winning rink

included Raymond Lo, John Tatham and Simon Timms.

Division IV

Best Rink Final Position 1985

	Team	P	W	D	L	Total Shots		Dif	Pts
						For	Agin		
S. Chalmers	P.S.R.C. "B"	13	12	0	1	339.5	196	143.5	24
K. H. Cheung	C.L.B.C.	14	9	1	4	290	225	65	19
R. Fung	C.L.B.C.	14	9	0	5	326	254	72	18
R. Leung	C.L.B.C.	11	9	0	2	240	183	57	18
A. Furze	U.S.R.C. "B"	14	8	2	4	298	247	51	18
C. S. Kwong	H.E.G.S.C.	13	8	1	4	303	206	97	17
Y. K. Siu	R.E.C. "C"	14	8	1	5	335	259	76	17
E. Smith	U.S.R.C. "B"	13	8	1	4	290	220	70	17
R. Bebbington	H.E.G.S.C.	10	8	1	1	224	163.5	60.5	17
J. A. Remedios	R.E.C. "C"	13	8	0	5	252	197.25	54.75	16

Winter League 1985-86

Division I

Winners: Hong Kong Football Club "A"



Back row: L. Mitchell, E. Mottram, I. Hendry, W. Chapman, M. Lawson and B. Porteous.
Front row: R. Lakoon, R. Pickford, F. Golder and T. Blair.

Team	4'S	3'S	2'S	1'S	Dif	Pts
H.K.F.C. "A"	7	5	8	4	92	24
K.B.G.C. "A"	4	4	7	6	16	21
U.S.R.C. "A"	6	3	4	7	-31	20
K.C.C. "A"	5	2	6	5	5	18
F.C.	1	7	1	8	-15	17
C.C.C.	3	8	3	2	-63	16
R.E.C.	8	1	5	1	-6	15
I.R.C.	2	6	2	3	2	13

Winter League 1985-86

Division I — Individual Competitions

Singles Winners: F.C.



Tony Tong.

Pairs Winners: H.K.F.C. "A"



F. Golder and R. Pickford.

Team	P	W	D	L	Dif	Pts
F.C.	7	5	0	2	35	10
U.S.R.C. "A"	7	5	0	2	22	10
K.B.G.C. "A"	7	5	0	2	11	10
K.C.C. "A"	7	5	0	2	3	10
H.K.F.C. "A"	7	4	0	3	15	8
I.R.C.	7	2	0	5	-9	4
C.C.C.	7	1	0	6	-36	2
R.E.C.	7	1	0	6	-41	2

Team	P	W	D	L	Dif	Pts
H.K.F.C. "A"	7	4	1	2	45	9
K.B.G.C. "A"	7	4	1	2	26	9
K.C.C. "A"	7	4	0	3	30	8
R.E.C.	7	4	0	3	-6	8
U.S.R.C. "A"	7	3	0	4	-6	6
C.C.C.	7	3	0	4	-11	6
I.R.C.	7	3	0	4	-31	6
F.C.	7	2	0	5	-47	4

Triples Winners: C.C.C.



K. C. Tso



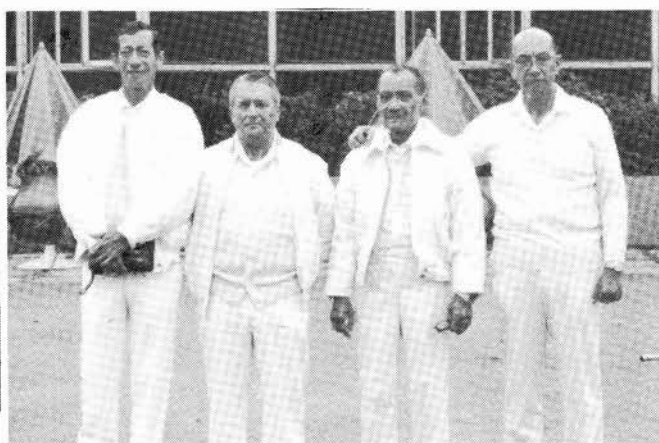
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Michael Wu

Team	P	W	D	L	Dif	Pts
C.C.C. "A"	7	6	0	1	35	12
F.C.	7	5	0	2	39	10
I.R.C.	7	5	0	2	34	10
H.K.F.C. "A"	7	4	0	3	1	8
K.B.G.C. "A"	7	3	0	4	12	6
U.S.R.C. "A"	7	3	0	4	-34	6
K.C.C. "A"	7	1	1	5	-27	3
R.E.C.	7	0	1	6	-60	1

Fours Winners: Club de Recreio



W.S. Ogley, P.T.H. George, L.S. Gonzales and E.M. Rosario.

Team	P	W	D	L	Dif	Pts
R.E.C.	7	5	1	1	72	11
H.K.F.C. "A"	7	4	1	2	36	9
U.S.R.C. "A"	7	4	0	3	-5	8
K.C.C. "A"	7	4	0	3	-10	8
K.B.G.C. "A"	7	3	0	4	-4	6
C.C.C.	7	3	0	4	-42	6
I.R.C.	7	2	0	5	3	4
F.C.	7	2	0	5	-50	4

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Division II — Individual Competitions

Singles Winners: K.C.C. "B"



C. Cheng

Team	P	W	D	L	Dif	Pts
K.C.C. "B"	8	7	0	1	84	14
K.B.G.C. "B"	8	7	0	1	41	14
H.U.D.	8	6	0	2	27	12
H.E.G.S.C.	8	5	0	3	37	10
V.L.B.C.	8	4	0	4	6	8
P.O.C.	8	3	0	5	-30	6
H.K.F.C. "B"	8	2	0	6	-33	4
U.S.R.C. "B"	8	2	0	6	-37	4
C.S.D.S.A.	8	0	0	8	-95	0

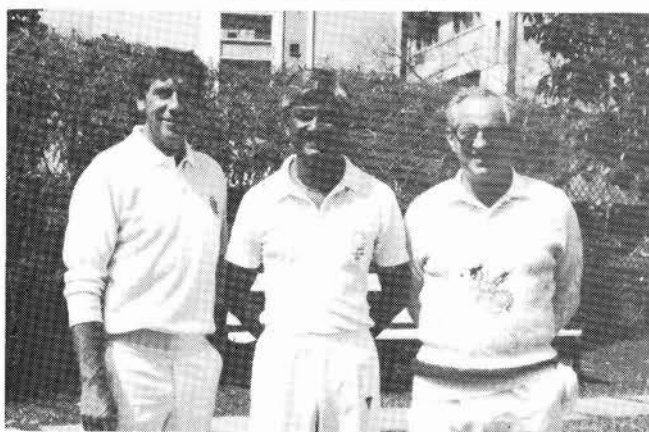
Pairs Winners: H.K.F.C. "B"



L. Dick and W. Davison.

Team	P	W	D	L	Dif	Pts
H.K.F.C "B"	8	8	0	0	69	16
K.B.G.C. "B"	8	5	0	3	58	10
P.O.C.	8	5	0	3	53	10
K.C.C. "B"	8	4	1	3	18	9
U.S.R.C. "B"	8	4	0	4	-27	8
H.U.D.	8	3	1	4	-11	7
V.L.B.C.	8	3	0	5	-43	6
H.E.G.S.C.	8	1	1	6	-44	3
C.S.D.S.A.	8	1	1	6	-73	3

Triples Winners: K.C.C. "B"



J. Melbourne, A. Arthur and J. Schlaepfer.

Team	P	W	D	L	Dif	Pts
K.C.C. "B"	8	7	1	0	69	15
K.B.G.C. "B"	8	5	0	3	9	10
H.U.D.	8	5	0	3	8	10
P.O.C.	8	4	0	4	24	8
U.S.R.C. "B"	8	4	0	4	-29	8
V.L.B.C.	8	3	1	4	16	7
H.K.F.C. "B"	8	3	0	5	22	6
C.S.D.S.A.	8	3	0	5	-33	6
H.E.G.S.C.	8	1	0	7	-86	2

Fours Winners: K.C.C. "B"



P. O'Dea, K. Melbourne, G. Dang and G. Hamet.

Team	P	W	D	L	Dif	Pts
K.C.C. "B"	8	7	0	1	97	14
P.O.C.	8	6	0	2	62	12
U.S.R.C. "B"	8	5	1	2	39	11
H.E.G.S.C.	8	4	1	3	-10	9
H.U.D.	8	4	0	4	13	8
C.S.D.S.A.	8	3	0	5	-54	6
H.K.F.C. "B"	8	2	0	6	-19	4
K.B.G.C. "B"	8	2	0	6	-44	4
V.L.B.C.	8	2	0	6	-84	4

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Division II Winners: Kowloon Cricket Club "B"



Back row: Left to right: K. Melbourne, G. Dang, G. Hamet, J. Shroff and A. Arthur.
Front row: P. O'Dea, J. Melbourne, J. Schlaepfer and T. Byrnes.

Overall Team	4'S	3'S	Division II		Dif	Pts
			2'S	1'S		
K.C.C. "B"	9	9	6	9	268	33
K.B.G.C. "B"	2	8	8	8	64	26
P.O.C.	8	6	7	4	109	25
H.U.D.	5	7	4	7	37	23
U.S.R.C. "B"	7	5	5	2	-54	19
H.K.F.C. "B"	3	3	9	3	39	18
H.E.G.S.C.	6	1	2	6	-103	15
V.L.B.C.	1	4	3	5	-105	13
C.S.D.S.A.	4	2	1	1	-255	8

The Ladies Lawn Bowls Association of Hong Kong Results of 1985 National Competitions

Singles — The A.S. Watson Cup
Winner: J. Humphreys
Runner-up: R. O'Donnell

Pairs — The Tiger Cup
Winners: E. Giles and R. O'Donnell
Runners-up: N. Rozario and J. Wong

Triples — The Mary Buchanan Shield
Winners: J. Hayes, J. Jarvis and L. Walton
Runners-up: H. Wong, J. Rogers and R. McMahon

Fours — The Jean Banks "Champagne Trophy"
Winners: N. Woo, J. Humphreys, R. O'Donnell and H. Wong
Runners-up: S. Slater, J. Schlaepfer, M. Ware and E. Hill

Knockout Singles — The "REBS" Trophy
Winner: R. McMahon
Runner-up: N. Woo

The Plate:

Winner: J. Wallis
Runner-up: B. McLelland

Alternate Pairs — The Peter Kuruneru Cup
Winners: L. Walton and J. Jarvis
Runners-up: M. Ware and M. Austin

International Fours — The Guy Walker Cup
Winners: Portugal — N. Rozario, I. Souza, H. Xavier and L. Serodia
Runners-up: Ireland — M. Pace, C. Corner-Walker, J. Rogers and I. Kennedy

Mixed Triples — The Helen Saul Trophy
Winners: B.M. Hassan, S.M. Hassan and L. Hassan
Runners-up: T. Blair, R. Lakoon and L. Smith

Fours Wappenschaw — The K.L. Wong Trophy
Winners: J. Collins, L. Humphreys and J. Humphreys
Runners-up: N. Butler, J. Schlaepfer and M. Ware

Champion of Champions — The "Helen" Challenge Trophy
Winner: S. Zakoske

Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association National Competitions 1985

Singles — The Bradbury Challenge Cup

Winner: M. McMahon

Runner-up: N. Kennedy

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

Winner: M. McMahon

Runner-up: P. Chok

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

Winners: K. Wallis and J. Armitage

Runners-up: L. Mitchell and L. Parker

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

Winners: S. Lau, J. Wong and G.A. Souza Jr.

Runners-up: I. Ho, K. Wallis and C.S. Dang

Fours — Omar Memorial Trophy

Winners: M.M. Hassan, S. Kadir, S.M. Hassan and B.M. Hassan

Runners-up: R. Dewhurst, C. Brindle, N. Kennedy and D. Ho

Mixed Pairs — The Hetherington Trophy

Winners: J. Wallis and K. Wallis

Runners-up: I. Kennedy and N. Kennedy

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

Winners: R.H.K.P.F. (K. Wallis & J. Sheppard)

Runners-up: St. George's School (A. Furze & D. Overman)

Rothmans' Pairs — The Rothmans' Gold Cup

Winners: A. Fernandes and D. Overman

Runners-up: R. Bailey and E. Mottram

International Fours — The Guterrez Shield

Winners: China — I. Ho, P. Chan, D. Ho and C.S. Dang

Runners-up: New Zealand — F. Golder, G. Roy, D. Jennings and P. O'Dea

Aitkenhead Shield and Invitational Fours

The Shield: Kowloon

Invitational Fours Winners: G. Chan, R. Chin, P. Fung and J. Fung

Runners-up: A. McLelland, D. Hughes, L. Parker and D. Overman

Mixed Fours — The Scott Trophy

Winners: N. Rozario, J. Wong, S.Y. Mong and G.L. Souza

Runners-up: J. Bosley, L. Brindle, C. Brindle and K. Bosley

Champion of Champions — G.A. Souza Jr.

Junior Singles — The Lino Marques Trophy

Winner (Cup): K. Melbourne Runner-up: P. Golder

Winner (Plate): A. Carstairs Runner-up: C. Chapman

Bowler of the Year — The Zander Tsok Trophy

M. McMahon

Ladies Singles

Joan Humphreys 21
Rae O'Donnell 14 at K.B.G.C.

Rae was a victim of a traffic snarl-up and worry about the possibility of being late found her lacking her usual composure at the start of the match. She offered little resistance as Joan swept to an amazing 19-2 lead after only eleven ends. Then as so often happens the realisation of inevitable defeat allowed her to relax and suddenly she found form. Very quickly the score was 20-14 and Joan appeared to be under pressure, but kept her head and secured the necessary single to claim the title.



Joan Humphreys with the Singles Trophy.

Mens Singles

Mark McMahon 21
Noel Kennedy 11 at K.C.C.

This year two of our most outstanding young players met in the final of the blue riband event. Brushing aside the semi-final challenge of the 1984 and 1983 Winter League Singles Champions, Bill McMahon and Chi-Chi Fernandes, the two youngsters gave a fine exhibition of all-round bowling ability in the final. Mark tended to hold the edge never allowing Noel to achieve strong position and, utilising a variety of running shots and drives, led 12-7 after fourteen ends. Noel continued to draw well but it was not to be his year. The final shot of the game was a spectacular drive which removed Noel's two jack-high counters. We warned you about these two young men last year and have little doubt that they will continue their exploits in the coming season.



Mark McMahon with the coveted Singles Trophy.

Ladies Pairs

Edith Giles and Rae O'Donnell 20 Naty Rozario and Julie Wong 19 at K.B.G.C.

The Club de Recreio pair got off to a flying start and after six ends had shot to a 10-4 lead. The more experienced K.C.C. duo were not to be put off however, and, sticking to their task, gradually pulled their way back into the game, taking the lead at the 16th. From then on it was a ding-dong battle and Julie and Naty were unfortunate to take only a single on the 21st end to leave the score at 19-all. In an exciting climax Edith and Rae forced a close single in the extra end to take this closely contested match 20-19.



Rae O'Donnell and Edith Giles celebrate a hard-fought victory.

Mens Pairs

Ken Wallis and John Armitage 19 Lynn Mitchell and Larry Parker 17 at K.B.G.C.

A bright start by the K.C.C. pair saw them lead 6-1 after four ends but the U.S.R.C. pair, with noticeably narrower drawing bowls, started to gain the upper hand and trailed by only one shot at 15-14 after the 18th. On the 19th end a spectacular running shot by Wallis removed Mitchell's shot to give his side a count of four and a big enough advantage to hold on for a 19-17 triumph. All four players came out of the game with credit. The battle between the skips was most interesting with Mitchell finding a draw shot for all occasions and Wallis prepared to run at the head whenever the opportunity arose. Fortune favoured the brave.



J. Armitage and K. Wallis.

Ladies Triples

Jackie Hayes, Joy Jarvis and Lilian Walton 25
Helen Wong, Jo Rogers and Rosemary McMahon 17 at K.B.G.C.

The Football Club girls may have started as outsiders but soon served notice that they meant business. They took the two opening ends, scored a 7 on the fourth and led 16-4 after seven. A gradual fight back by McMahon's more experienced threesome saw them narrow the score to 18-15 with three to go but a 6 on the seventeenth was the final nail in the coffin and Walton's trio ran out comfortable winners 25-17.



Jackie Hayes, Joy Jarvis and Lilian Walton with the Triples Shield.

Mens Triples

S. Lau, J. Wong and G.A. Souza Jr. 21
I. Ho, K. Wallis and C.S. Dang 19 at K.B.G.C.

Always a close game, this match produced a consistent flow of high quality shots. Heads changed with each bowl and both skips were able to nominate and play shots of remarkable precision. In the end two successive draws to the jack by Souza clinched the game for his C.C.C. triple on the final end.



Left to right: Sunny Lau, George Souza Jr. and Jacky Wong.

Ladies Fours

N. Woo, J. Humphreys, R. O'Donnell and H. Wong 23
S. Slater, J. Schlaepfer, M. Ware and E. Hill 10 at K.B.G.C.

Honours were even early on and after four ends Wong's rink led by a single shot at 5-4. It was from this point that the greater experience of the Internationalist's four started to tell and they gradually built an impressive lead, restricting the K.C.C. girls to the odd single. An excellent performance from Joan Humphreys, who has finished on the winning side in this competition for the last three seasons.



Left to right: Nora Woo, Joan Humphreys, Helen Wong and Rae O'Donnell.

Mens Fours

M. M. Hassan, S. Kadir, S.M. Hassan and B.M. Hassan 22
R. Dewhurst, C. Brindle, N. Kennedy and D. Ho 18 at H.K.F.C.

The strong K.B.G.C. quartet held the upper hand early on and Bashir Hassan had to work hard to keep his side in the picture. There was nothing he could do, however, when Ho put the jack into the ditch with his last bowl on the 12th to give his side a count of five. With a lead of 16-8 it seemed all over for the I.R.C. four but then the game took a dramatic turn. Taking the next seven ends in succession they swept to a 22-16 lead, conceding two singles on the final two ends for a remarkable victory.



Left to right: M.M. Hassan, B.M. Hassan, S.M. Hassan and S. Kadir.

Ladies Champion of Champions

There were 13 competitors this year and the competition was always close with two wins finally separating the top eight finishers. A personal triumph for Sandi Zakoske, winning this coveted trophy in successive years although she owed much to inexperienced Portia Lau who had a remarkable second last round victory over challenger Rosemary McMahon.



*Back Row: Jenny Wallis (K.C.C.), Pam Simpson (H.K.C.C.), Jan Bosley (K.B.G.C.),
Joan Humphreys (Singles), Sandi Zakoske (Champion), Rosemary McMahon (K.O. Singles),
Laura Humphreys (P.O.C.), Portia Lau (V.L.B.C.).
Front Row: Gloria Rahman (H.K.P.S.R.C.), Linda Chapman (H.K.F.C.), Julie Wong (Club de Rec),
Jo Rogers (U.S.R.C.), Helen Wong (C.C.C.).*



Sandi Zakoske with the trophy.

Final Positions Table

Champion of Champions 1985

Final Standings

	Played	Won	Lost	Points	Shots for	Shots Against	Shot Diff.
Sandi Zakoske	12	9	3	18	243	176	+67
Rosemary							
McMahon	12	9	3	18	237	180	+57
Joan Humphreys	12	8	4	16	238	179	+59
Jenny Wallis	12	8	4	16	231	197	+34
Jo Rogers	12	8	4	16	224	205	+19
Helen Wong	12	7	5	14	224	159	+65
Julie Wong	12	7	5	14	226	187	+39
Linda Chapman	12	7	5	14	218	189	+29
Laura Humphreys	12	5	7	10	178	222	-44
Pam Simpson	12	4	8	8	162	229	-67
Jan Bosley	12	3	9	6	210	220	-10
Portia Lau	12	2	10	4	115	237	-122
Gloria Rahman	12	1	11	2	118	244	-126

Mens Champion of Champions

For the second year fixture congestion dictated that this competition be played in two sections with the top two players qualifying for the semi-finals.

Section 1

	shots	wins
G.A. Souza	+42	4
K. Bosley	+42	4
M. McMahon	-3	3
H. Turner	-9	2
O. Adem	-13	2
D. Yu	-59	0

Section 2

	shots	wins
N. Kennedy	+47	5
J. Armitage	+26	4
A. Fernandes	0	2
D. Blyth	-10	2
C. Chan	-16	2
K.T. Wong	-47	0

The final matches were held at K.B.G.C., the final producing the closest finish. Bosley led 10-8 after nine ends but Souza gained the upper hand and a succession of singles saw him lead 18-11 and look poised for victory. The big Aussie stuck to it and amidst great excitement won five ends in a row to level at 18 all. Just as the crowd prepared for a grandstand finale it was all over. Souza drew three shots and Bosley was unable to reply.

Semi-Finals

G. Souza 21 J. Armitage 9 K. Bosley 21 N. Kennedy 14

Final

G. Souza 21 K. Bosley 18



Left to right: A. Fernandes (Club de Rec), N. Kennedy (Past Ch), O. Adem (I.R.C), D. Blyth (H.K.P.S.R.C.), G. Souza (C.C.C.), J. Armitage (K.C.C.), H. Turner (H.K.F.C.), M. McMahon (Nat. Ch), C. Chan (V.L.B.C.), K.T. Wong (F.C.), D. Yu (C.L.B.C.).

Compliments from the

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Ladies' K.O. Singles and Plate

There were 48 entries in this year's competition and the usual share of thrills and excitement was provided. Play started early at K.B.G.C. and continued well on into the evening finishing in almost total darkness due to a lights failure. In the main competition Rosemary McMahon defeated Nora Woo in the final, taking an early lead and going on to win 21-12, despite losing a 4 on the eighteenth. The Plate Competition for first round losers produced the match of the day when Jenny Wallis finally clinched the trophy defeating Betty McLelland 21-19 in a cliffhanger.



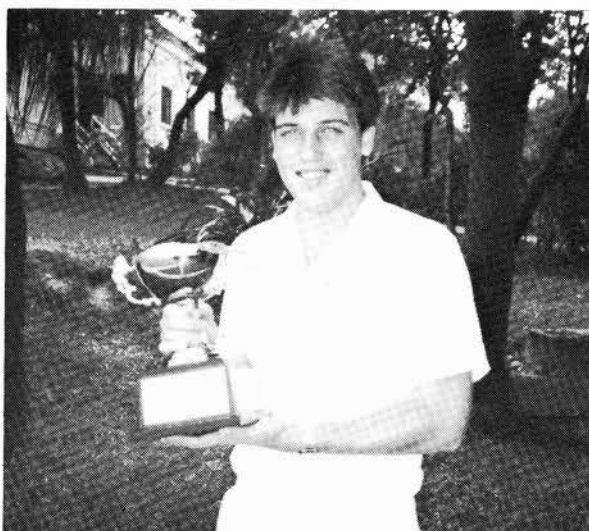
K.O. Singles Champion: Rosemary McMahon.



Winner of the Plate: Jenny Wallis.

Men's K.O. Singles

There was an initial entry of 102 for the day's play which this year was based at K.C.C. The standard seemed higher than in previous events and many games lasted for more than two hours. The semi-finals did not commence till the late evening and saw Philip Chok defeat George Souza Jr. and Tony Tong going down rather unluckily to Mark McMahon who had won the Open Singles the previous week. A large crowd anticipated a final of high quality and were not disappointed. Mark came back from a 7-1 deficit to win 21-19 and was a tired lad when he received the Trophy from World Champion Skippy Arculli.



Mark McMahon with the K.O. Singles Trophy.

Bowler of the Year

The Association award the title of Bowler of the Year to the player who gains most points in the five main competitions, Singles, Knockout Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours. The competition always arouses great interest and this year the exploits of Mark McMahon in the two Singles events finally gave him the title over long-time leader Ken Wallis.

Mark, now 16 years old, has been playing first division bowls since he was 10. He has appeared in a number of National Finals and already has a wealth of experience to call on. This should stand him in good stead when he travels to Edinburgh in the summer with the Hong Kong team to take part in the Commonwealth Games.

Leading Positions:

1. M. McMahon	47 pts
2. K. Wallis	34 pts
3. G.A. Souza Jr.	28 pts
4. J. Wong	25 pts
5. J. Armitage	23 pts
N. Kennedy	23 pts
7. S. Lau	22 pts
8. M.M. Hassan	21 pts
9. L. Parker	20 pts



Mark receives the National Singles Trophy from his father Bill.

Inter-Hong Pairs

**Ken Wallis and John Sheppard representing Royal Hong Kong Police 24
Dave Overman and Andy Furze representing Army Schools 14 at K.B.G.C.**

Ken Wallis again showed his mastery of the pairs game when he clinched his third pairs title of the season in the annual Inter-Hong competition. Aided by John Sheppard's consistent drawing he always held the upper hand over his doughty opposing skip, popular Dave Overman. Both leads were playing in their first National Final and both played well, with Furze preferring aggressive shots to counter Sheppard's drawing skills. Overman's determination saw the teachers look dangerous with a few ends remaining but a succession of twos saw the "Bobbys" run out fairly comfortable winners in the end.



Ken Wallis and John Sheppard with the H.U.D. Trophy.

Rothman's Pairs

**Dave Overman and Chi Chi Fernandes 19
Rick Bailey and Ted Mottram 18 at K.B.G.C.**

The Football Club pair went into the final at slight odds against but looked likely winners when, after dominating proceedings, they took the lead at 18-14 with only two ends remaining. Lying three on the twentieth and with only the merest sight of the jack through a myriad of short woods they could have been forgiven if they allowed themselves silent thoughts of victory. But Chi Chi had other ideas. After long deliberation he released a superbly accurate drive to burn the head. A single on the replay gave the U.S.R.C. — Recreio combination a glimmer of hope and when Overman started the last end with two close touchers the pressure was suddenly on Mottram. Possibly 4 down Ted played a running bowl which moved the head about and the measure showed a loss of only 3 and the necessity of an extra end. In an amazing finish the advantage changed six times and Fernandes was left with a difficult draw to a moved jack in the gathering dusk. He drew to 5 inches — the shot! Bailey played the same line and ran just through. A great final.



Chi Chi Fernandes and Dave Overman.

Mixed Pairs

Ken and Jenny Wallis 20
Noel and Ivy Kennedy 18 at K.B.G.C.

In a thrilling finish the K.C.C. husband and wife team of Ken and Jenny pipped K.B.G.C.'s strong mother and son combination, Ivy and Noel. All four bowlers were on form from the start with the Kennedys holding a slight edge leading 9-7 after twelve and 13-7 after thirteen ends. On the next end however Wallis drove the jack into the ditch to rescue a single when faced with a count of 2 and on the fifteenth repeated the feat this time securing a 6. From this point the lead changed hands but eventually saw Ken and Jenny going into the last end three shots up. Jenny put a wood just in front of the jack and Noel narrowly failed with his attempt to burn the head. The match was generally agreed to have been one of the finest of the season.



Ken and Jenny Wallis with the Hetherington Trophy.

Mixed Triples

B.M. Hassan, S.M. Hassan and L. Hassan 15
T. Blair, R. Lakoon and L. Smith 12 at K.B.G.C.

Though they had staged remarkable comebacks in both the quarter and semi-finals all seemed over for the I.R.C. trio on the second last end. With two bowls left to play Laila was 1 down on the board and facing a count of 5 with only one of her team's bowls being remotely in contention. Only a narrow, difficult path remained to get near the jack but this she did, obtaining a second shot. Then with her final bowl she brought off an even more difficult promotion onto the jack finishing with what had seemed a most unlikely 3. The Football Club threesome were shaken and short woods on the final end left Linda Smith in a precarious position. She failed narrowly with her final bowl, a running shot towards her opponents two counters, and the I.R.C. team had shown once again what marvellous fighting qualities they possess.



Solomon Saul was on hand to present the Helen Saul Trophy to Bashir Hassan, Laila Hassan and Sharif Hassan.

The Aitkenhead Shield

The traditional and ever popular Aitkenhead Shield event was held in glorious weather at K.B.G.C. Usually Kowloon supplies the majority of competing teams but this year all clubs were upstaged by Victoria Lawn Bowls Club who turned out no less than six sides, a fine performance by the league's newest members. Kowloon retained the Shield and the Invitational Fours Competition was won by the Filipino Club rink skipped by John Fung.



Top rink in the Aitkenhead Shield. Filipino Club's Patrick Fung, Raymond Chin, John Fung and George Chan.

Mixed Fours

N. Rozario, J. Wong, S.Y. Mong and G. L. Souza 25
J. Bosley, L. Brindle, C. Brindle and K. Bosley 11 at U.S.R.C.

Played at Chinese New Year the final event of the Men's season for the Scott Trophy was played with Harry Scott, shortly to leave with wife Eve for Australia, in attendance. From the start the Recreio front two asserted themselves and Keith Bosley was repeatedly having to extricate himself from difficult situations. Souza's four led 10-6 after ten ends but a 3 and a 5 saw them suddenly jump to 18-7 after thirteen. They gave little away over the concluding ends and won by a fairly comfortable margin.



The popular Harry Scott with Julie Wong, Gerry Souza, Naty Rozario and Ah Mong.

The Peter Kuruneru Alternate Pairs

Lilian Walton and Joy Jarvis 18
Mary Ware and Margaret Austin 15 at K.C.C.

Traditionally the pipe-opener of the Ladies' season the Alternate Pairs title this year was fought out in what must be described as inclement weather at the end of February. In a ding-dong game the Football Club pair led by 2 shots after five ends and maintained more or less that margin throughout, winning 18-15. A feature of the match was the concentration and deliberate approach of all four players.



Peter Kuruneru presents the Trophy to Lilian Walton (left) and Joy Jarvis.

The K.L. Wong Wappenschaw Final

J. Collins, L. Humphreys and J. Humphreys 16
N. Butler, J. Schlaepfer and M. Ware 13

This year this competition attracted 10 teams to a two-day two bowl triples with the first day being designed as a sectional round robin and the second day being a knockout competition for sectional winners. In the final Mary Ware's team shot to a 9-1 lead after six ends and looked set for victory but Joan Humphreys held her side together and, giving little away, had fought back to lead 12-11 after fourteen ends. In a tense finish with heads changing with every bowl Joan's team held on to win 16-13.



Laura Humphreys, Joan Humphreys and Janice Collins.

Ladies International Fours

Portugal: N. Rozario, I. Souza, H. Xavier, L. Serodia 21

Ireland: M. Pace, C. Corner-Walker, J. Rogers, I. Kennedy 13 at K.B.G.C.

There were 9 entries and the final saw the enthusiastic Irish girls taking on the more experienced Portuguese team. After eight ends the score was 8 all but then the luck of the Irish evaporated. They lost the next seven ends never coceeding more than a brace and were unable to make up the leeway going down 21-13. This result saw Portugal break China's recent stranglehold on the trophy.



Helen Xavier, Naty Rozario, Linda Serodia and Irene Souza, the victorious Portuguese team.

Mens International Fours

China: Ian Ho, Pat Chan, Danny Ho, C.S. Dang 28

New Zealand: Frank Golder, Graham Roy, Don Jennings, Pat O'Dea 19 at K.B.G.C.

The Kiwis got off to a flying start and raced to a 7-0 lead after only three ends. They maintained their good form and after eleven ends were still a comfortable 14-8 up. The twelfth end proved to be a turning point however when the China team drew 5 close counters to narrow the deficit to one shot. With their tails up they could do little wrong and steamed ahead to amass a 10 shot lead with four ends to go. Skip Dang was not going to make any mistakes at this stage and safety play saw his team run out victors at 28-19.



Left to right: The China Team: Ian Ho, C. S. Dang, Danny Ho and Pat Chan.

Junior Singles

This year's Junior Singles was held during the Christmas holidays and saw a slightly improved entry of 13 youngsters compete for the Lino Marques Trophy and for the Plate, a competition for first round losers. We mentioned in this column last year that the Junior Singles continually throws up future champions and once again we were proved correct with the 1984 winner, Mark McMahon capturing both Senior singles titles. We now feel confident in suggesting that the 1985 winner will also make his mark in open competition. Kevin Melbourne was the outstanding player this year and his solid grounding of league experience and participation in club competitions was plainly evident.

The usual keen supporters of this event were in evidence with no shortage of markers. There were a few tears from some of the losers but no signs of bad temper and the standard of sportsmanship was very high. Philip Chok was present and able to give the willing youngsters tips on concentration and approach.

Sandwiches and drinks were supplied by the Association, both vanishing with amazing rapidity. The dads watched from the green bar and the odd muttered curse at a missed heavy shot or a short draw showed that it's easier to play than to watch. Many parents openly admit that for them this is the most exciting competition of the year.

In the Plate Anthony Carstairs and Craig Chapman fought out a thrilling final with Anthony finally coming from behind to win 21-18. In the main Competition Kevin Melbourne defeated Patrick Golder 21-11. Patrick had little luck losing a succession of singles after tying Kevin 11 all after 13 ends.

If you are free on the last Monday of the year why not come along to K.B.G.C.? Better still, give some of your time during the coming year to encouraging your own club's young players so that they will be able to take part.



Kevin Melbourne.

The Fah Wong's Singles

Liu Kwok Sang (C.C.C.) 21
Choi Chok (K.B.G.C.) 12

The Annual Competition for the Botelho "HO YEH CUP" was held this year for the first time at U.S.R.C. There were 19 participants and once again the standard of play was disconcerting in its accuracy to those bowlers present. Time and again you could have covered the heads with the proverbial dish-cloth and the ability of the experts, for that is what many of the fah wongs are, to draw inside close bowls was a delight to watch.

For one player to win in successive years in such conditions is remarkable but that is what C.C.C.'s K.S. Liu did. A superb draw bowler he nevertheless possesses a full range of shots yet his participation in the sport is confined to this competition as far as competitive play is concerned.

The usual chow at the Civil Servants' Club followed and seemed to consist of an endless variety of snake dishes which were received with delight by the afficianados present. Our thanks to Ronson Au, Tony Tong and the happy band of lady markers, all of whom help to assure the success of the afternoon.



The Fah Wongs and friends before the Competition.

The Sadick Shield

The Ladies Association traditionally open the season with the playing of the Sadick Shield. Always a happy get-together, this year's Shield was played at K.B.G.C. and most of the local game's players turned out, as can be seen from the commemorative photograph.



Sadick Shield 1985

Training programme for the Visually Disabled

It is very satisfying to see that, at the end of another year, our Training Programme for the Visually Disabled has continued with great success.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our volunteer coaches, three lessons per week were offered and attended by an increasing number of students.

The most exciting event of 1985 was the first international participation of a Hong Kong team in the Third World Blind Bowls Tournament held in Sydney, Australia last August, with preparations co-ordinated by Mrs. Joy Jarvis. Our players performed with great style and skill and, most importantly, returned full of enthusiasm for continuing the sport and for encouraging others to join our programme.

For 1986, plans are in hand to offer local competitions and to send a team to participate in the FESPIC GAMES to be held in Indonesia in June.

Again, we wish to express our appreciation to the Sports Association for the Physically Handicapped and to all Clubs and members for their continued support and encouragement.

Sandi Zakoske



Left to right: Back row: Li Chi Ming Patrick (player), Lee Kin Wah Kent (player), Calvin Ng, Lo Kwok Ting, Yu Kwok Hung Simon (coaches). Front row: Ho Koon Tai (player), Tang Mu Lai Fiona (player), Joy Jarvis (Manageress), Lena Sadick (coach).



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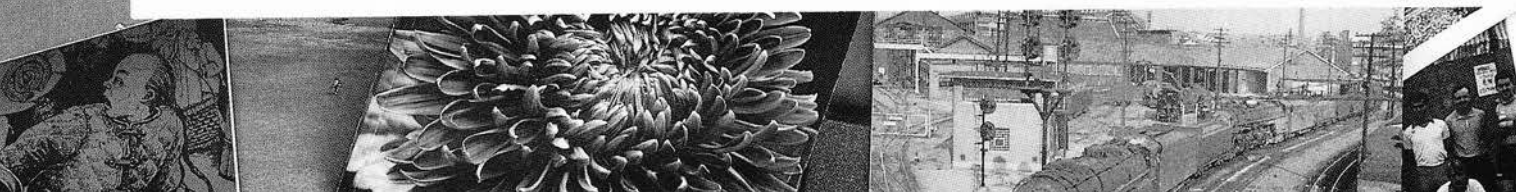
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Selling The Great Game

The press consider minority sports to be those with little spectator appeal and no matter how many people actually take part, how interesting a match is will be predetermined by the number of people who turn up to watch. In such sports as angling and lawn bowls, two of the most popular participant sports, spectator interest is minimal except for world championships, and both of these receive a bland, unexciting press.

Selling a sport is essential if you are to attract sponsors. They want their products name to be seen in the background in press photographs and T.V. interviews and sponsors are necessary today if a sport is to go forward. Never minding the fallacy of bowls being a minority sport, how do we go about making bowls a majority sport?

First of all we must develop an image. There is no way the sport will ever be taken seriously without an image and some of the present will have to go, be discarded, revamped.

For a start all this pristine white gear is out, let's get some colour into the game. And all the etiquette, boring. Much better if players come to blows over measures, and threw a few woods at each other, verbally abused the umpires, stamped off the green, sat down in the middle of the rink. If you don't like being beaten by C.C.C. then stone the players' cars and if F.C. green unsettles you then go and dig it up. We live in an age of direct action.

Rumours of drug taking and a few "fixed" matches, with I.C.A.C. four o'clock visits and lifetime suspensions, will lift us from the back page to the editorial.

"Team selection scandal at Football Club" would make a good headline if only we could back it up with rumours of bribery, nepotism and adultery and demands of sexual favours. It doesn't need to be true, just well written. Dallas was an afternoon show till it employed the same formula.

Before we know where we were sponsors would be falling over themselves. The sport would be followed, fanatically. K.B.G.C.-K.C.C. would be all ticket. More important the apologetic air with which it is reported — if reported at all — would vanish.

And who knows we may eventually reach that pinnacle where people would say they were sick of the mindless hooligans the game attracts, that sales of alcohol should be banned, no travelling spectators allowed and that they were frightened to take their families to matches. The subsequent enquiry would suggest that the Government would step in and update all facilities for players and spectators.

Then, no more the changing room sniggers from trendy squash and tennis players. They would all want to play and no longer would this, the Great Game, be dubbed the "old man's sport". Hold on a minute, I might not get in the team myself. Perhaps we should just forget it.

Reflections

Another year gone and I don't recall a better one as far as the weather is concerned. It must have been much easier for the organisers of local competitions, often the forgotten, but certainly indispensable, men behind the scenes.

I have noticed a tendency these days for many clubs to speed up their greens by cutting the grass shorter and employing modern motor driven rollers. Watching games it seems to me that the effect of these measures is mainly to emphasise to contours of the greens and in some cases detract from the enjoyment the players get when bowls won't do just what is expected of them. Faster greens mean wider draws and most of our rinks cannot handle a wide line to the jack. Repeatedly I've watched games where, if there is a line to the jack, slightly narrow sees the wood dive across the head, and slightly wider leaves the wood hang out two yards jack high. In many cases it is difficult to describe our patches of greenery as lawns and certainly not as turf. I therefore put in a plea for slightly longer grass to improve that feeling of achievement the players get and the quality of the sport for ageing watchers like me.

The Pacific Games appears to be a third major championship for us to participate in and very well our players did too. It was sad to see Ken Wallis resign his position after all the work he has done for many years in a multitude of capacities. Where a team of athletes is sent away for a whole month in care of a single manager, friction is almost certain to occur and perhaps extended tours should be viewed with caution.

During the Classic I had the pleasure of meeting a number of our visitors and I was surprised to find how much top class bowling they participate in, especially in the United Kingdom. Some hardly have a break and the standard needed at the top end of the game has become quite demanding. Practice makes perfect, so go to it you bowlers and — have a good season!

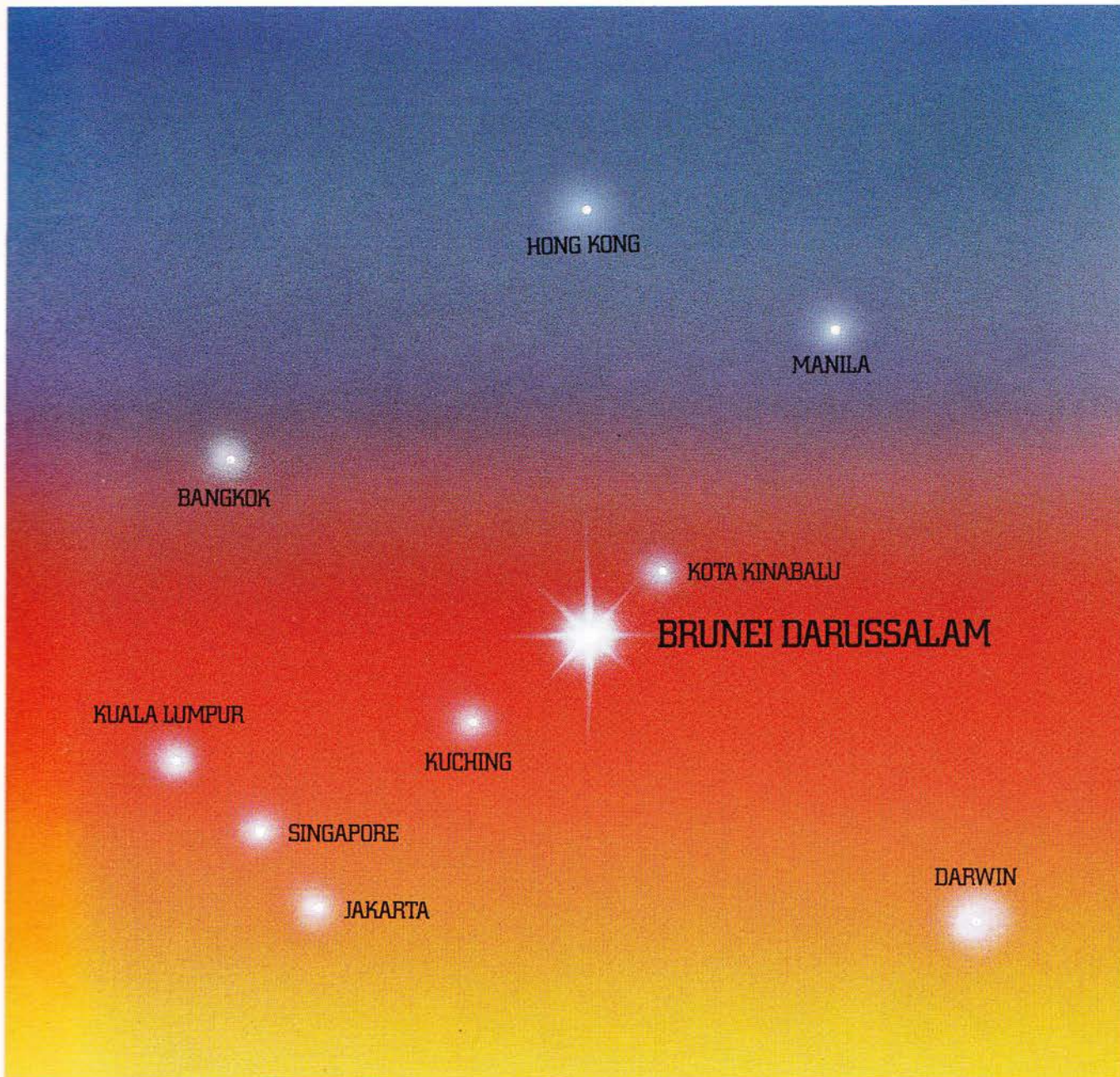
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