

Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association

Debtors Outstanding List as at 13/2/2012

Club	Due Under 30 Days	Due 30 to 90 Days	Over 90 Days	Total Amount
AYFP	0.00	2,720.00	6,680.00	9,400.00
CLP	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00
GBLBC	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
HEGSC	0.00	0.00	480.00	480.00
HKJC	0.00	0.00	2,540.00	2,540.00
HKSAP	0.00	480.00	0.00	480.00
KBGC	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
LBTC	0.00	320.00	16,350.00	16,670.00
PDLBC	0.00	1,040.00	3,780.00	4,820.00
SCB	0.00	320.00	0.00	320.00
STSA	0.00	5,280.00	11,600.00	16,880.00
TMSA	0.00	1,520.00	16,890.00	18,410.00
USRC	0.00	4,480.00	9,100.00	13,580.00
VLBC	0.00	3,040.00	0.00	3,040.00
Total	300.00	20,000.00	82,420.00	102,720.00

Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association
Council Meeting on 13 Feb 2012 at HKFC

Notes from VP National League

1. League Panel ruling in Mixed Fours 2011

Deduct one point from LBTC-A due to late verification of game 46A3 result.

2. Premier League 2012

Tentative schedule dates were issued with no counter feedback.

First half will start from 5-May to 7-Jul. Second half will be from 25-Aug to 20-Oct

15-Feb HKLBA will issue entry form

9-Mar Entry deadline is 9-Mar.

12-Mar Finalize the division and grouping and fixture dates

21-Mar Draft fixture issued to all convenors

26-Mar Approve the fixture in Council meeting

3. Promotion and relegation with more than two sides

The proposal was issued with no counter-feedback. The League panel will follow this policy when such situation arises.

Report from VP National Championships

Women 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs

Round 4 finished on 12 Feb. 2012

Men 2 x 4 x 2 Pairs

Round 4 finished on 12 Feb. 2012

Men Knock Out Singles

Winner : Raymond Ho (KBGC)

1st Runner-up : Danny Ho (KCC)

Mixed Pairs

Round 3 finished on 7 Feb. 12

Special thanks to CdeR, FC, KCC, KBGC, HKPBC, IRC, HKFC and USRC for their support by providing venues and facilities to the Men Knock Out Singles 2011.

Second Final day is scheduled on 26 Feb. 2012 at FC.

HONG KONG LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Selection Report on 9th Asian Lawn Bowls Championships 2012

Due to change of dates of the 9th Asian Championships, the followed selected players namely: Alex Ng, Jimmy Chiu and James Keung advised that they were unavailable to take part in this event. In this occasion, Selectors were requested to select one more player to form the Men's team and the new line-up for each discipline.

The following 2 Squad members have applied to fill the vacancy :

	Player Name	Vote received
1	Lee Ka Ho	4
2	Milo Lai	1

All five selectors voted and Lee Ka Ho was selected and Milo Lai will be the first reserve for this event.

Players were selected into the following position by the selectors : -

Singles : Danny Ho

Pairs : Bernard Leung (lead), Danny Ho (Skip)

Triples : Wilson Kwong (lead), Li Ming Sum (second), Lee Ka Ho (skip)

Fours : Wilson Kwong (lead), Bernard Leung (second), Li Ming Sum (third),
Lee Ka Ho (skip)

This report is now tabled for sanctioning by the HKLBA Council.

Heron Lau
Vice President-International
13 February, 2012

World Cup Indoor Singles 2012 - Estimated budget

as at 9/2/2012

Venue : Warilla, Australia

Period : Depart 24/3 - 5/4/2012 return (13 days)

Event dates : 27/3-4/4/2012 (9 days)

Players : Tony Cheung & Vivian Yip (2 persons)

Expenditure :		Estimated Expenses (HK\$)
1	Airfares \$3890 x 2 p	7,780
2	Departure / Government tax \$3120 x 2 p	6,240
3	Accommodation (provided FOC)	0
4	Insurance \$390 x 2 p	780
5	Airport transfer \$200 x 2 p	400
6	Meals	3,780
7	Overseas internal transport	500
8	Overseas fax & telephone	200
9	Postage & stationery	200
10	Printing expense	200
11	Souvenirs	500
12	Uniforms	1,430
	a) Name badges \$20 x 1 p	20
	b) Track-suit \$305 x 2 p	610
	c) Shirts-suit \$85 x 4 pcs	340
	d) Trousers \$230 x 2 pcs	460
13	Laundry \$20 x 10 days x 2 p	400
14	Visa \$100 x 2 p	200
		<u>22,610</u>

Asia Pacific Championships Debriefing Report

Date: 16th December, 2012

Time: 19:00 – 22:00

Venue: KBGC function room

Attendants: Alex Ng, Bernard Leung, Chadwick Chen, Danny Ho, Tammy Tham, Alice Lee, Wanis Sze, Camilla Leung, Grace Chu and Sanie Ng (Team Manager)

Absent: Robin Chok and Musa Karamdin

Findings from the debriefing:

1) No special luggage allowance was given to bowling and sporting equipment by Qantas in connecting flights, as is usually the case. Flying with bowls overseas has always been an issue.

Suggestion: Direct flight should be arranged wherever feasible and financially viable to save the hassles. An alternative is to ship the bowls separately using courier service.

2) The self-service apartment used was highly recommended by all players and the manager.

Suggestion: The same accommodation should be used for the World Bowls Championships 2012.

3) The team had the use of a 12-seater van for local travel between the service apartment and tournament venues. It provided flexibility to the team to organize their daily schedules to suit their competition timetable and other social events. This arrangement was highly recommended by all players and the manager. However, players expressed a little concern about the number of occasions the men's team manager driving at unnecessarily excessive speed.

Suggestion: A hired vehicle driven by a reliable person should continue to be used for WB2012 and that when selecting team managers who would usually act as drivers the persons' driving record and attitude should be taken into account.

4) The team arrived 6 days in advance of the tournament for preparation and practice. Most players said the biggest challenge was to get used to the fast speed of green and windy condition. Their preparation was not helped by the heavy rain since their arrival and that disrupted their practices, as the genuine pace of green did not show in the wet condition. Players wasted time in their early games in adjusting to the slick green and gusty wind which harmed their performance.

Suggestion: The varied results in different disciplines reflected to a certain extent the difference in adaptability of individual players in managing neutral greens and adverse weather conditions (gusty wind and rain). As the 2012 and 2016 World Bowls and 2015 Asia Pacific Championship will be hosted by Australia and New Zealand respectively where greens are well-known to be fast and windy, for future team selection, HKLBA should strike a good balance in giving preference to players who have a good track record in those playing conditions, while affording a number of newcomers the opportunity to experience or try their capability under those circumstances which hardly exist in Hong Kong. A team composition of 3 experienced internationals and 2 newcomers or 4 plus 1 for each gender is recommended.

5) Two quarrelling incidents were reported in the women's team on and off the green. One case was when the Fours skip was questioned by her Second for choosing to play a particular shot; another occasion was the Pairs Lead disregarding her skip's instructions repeatedly in a game to play her own shots.

Suggestion: It is recommended to be a routine procedure in future for team captains/managers to conduct a quick debriefing daily -- to review player's performance, to sort out any team issues encountered during the day and to maintain team coherence and morale. To challenge a skip's decision openly on green is an unacceptable behaviour of any team player. Players should be reminded regularly of the possible consequence of disciplinary action including expulsion from the Hong Kong Squad; as such undesirable behaviour could only bring Hong Kong bowling into disrepute if it persists in the international arena.

6) All players both men and women were highly commendable of the Sanie Ng's service, saying that she was one of the best, if not the best, Team Managers they have ever had. She was fair, mature and reliable. In the incident of the confrontation in the women's pairs team, Sanie did a great job in mediating with the players to bring about a reconciliation. On the other hand, all players agreed that Musa Karamdin had come well below the standard expected of a national team manager in terms of reliability, people skill and time management. Some basic information should be known by the manager, such as which rink to play and how many shots required qualifying the play-off, etc. The Men's Pairs and Fours team mentioned that they rarely saw their team manager during the tournament and they were rather disappointed with his lack of enthusiasm and support. The players were also critical of the fact that he stayed behind holidaying which kept them wondering. But it should be noted that Musa filled in the position in the last minutes and no seat could be secured for him in the same return flight as the team until the next day. However, it was only made known to Sanie during the tournament that Musa would be staying on for another 6 days.

Suggestion: Team manager applicants' character and disposition, past managing record and players review should be taken into account in the selection process. Team managers would be reminded to give equal support to the whole team in every discipline instead of just specific disciplines selectively, except in the final stages of the tournament when the managers should focus on the medal hopes. Applicants should be screened by the HKLBA before voting at the CoM. And that the HKLBA should establish a policy regarding players and team managers travelling early or staying behind for their own pleasure.

7) Robin Chok didn't attend the debrief session due to personal reason, as he had submitted a written report separately.

Suggestion: All players and team managers are required to attend all training and debrief sessions organized by the HKLBA as a part of the Hong Kong Team duty, unless under exceptional circumstances. All absence without prior approval by the HKLBA would be recorded and taken into account in future selections.

VP – International

Heron Lau

13th February, 2012

REPORT ON THE 14th ASIA PACIFIC BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP 2011
- to the Councilors of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association

1. INTRODUCTION

The Asia Pacific Bowls Championship was held once in every two years. The tournament took place from 30 November to 11 December, 2011 at Lockleys Bowling Club and Holdfast Bay Bowls & Croquet Club, Adelaide, South Australia. Both venues were used for the Qualifying Round Competitions and all Quarters-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals were took place at Lockleys Bowling Club. Both venues are located outside the Adelaide town centre, Team Manager would drive to the first venue from our apartments for 20 minutes and drop down half of the team and then drove to another venue for 25 minutes before each game starting sharp at 0900 hrs. every day. Lockleys and Holdfast Bay each have four outdoor grass greens, with 6 or 7 rinks on each green. Except for the first few days with cold winds and light showers, the weather in Adelaide was generally sunny but mostly windy in the afternoon.

2. THE TEAM

The team consists of 10 players plus two managers. They are

Men – Danny Ho, Chadwick Chen, Robin Chok, Alex Ng and Bernard Leung

Women – Camilla Leung, Grace Chu, Wanis Sze, Tammy Tham and Alice Lee

Managers – Musa Karamdin and Sanie Ng

The final line-up was

	MEN	WOMEN
Singles	D Ho	T Tham
Pairs	A Ng & D Ho	T Tham & W Sze
Triples	B Leung, R Chok & C Chen	G Chu, A Lee & C Leung
Fours	B Leung, A Ng, R Chok & C Chen	G Chu, A Lee, W Sze & C Leung

3. PREPARATION PRACTICE

15 practice sessions were arranged before the departure. It provided good opportunities for the team members to play together to enhance team work and communication amongst those new members of the Hong Kong Team.

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

The tournament was played in traditional format of 4 disciplines. Participated countries were grouped in two sections according to the results in last Asia Pacific Championship. Each section played a full round-robin, with top 3 countries qualified for quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals. The winner of section 1 will progress to semi final, the winner of section 2 will progress to section 2 semi final. The second and third placed teams from each section will be randomly draw into two

post-sectional playoff matches, game A and game B. The winner of game A will progress to semi final 1, the winner of game B will progress to semi final 2. The winners of each semi final will play off in the final for the gold and silver medals. The losers of both semi finals will be awarded bronze medals. All games started at a fixed schedule with a time limit of 3.5 hours except finals.

5. THE COMPETITORS

There was 15 countries participant the tournament. 15 competed in men's competition and 13 countries competed in women's competition. The participated countries were Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, Fiji, Hong Kong China, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Samoa, Philippines, Singapore and United States.

6. THE RESULTS

	2011 Result	2009 Results
MEN		
Singles	6th out of 15 countries	7th out of 15 countries
Pairs	5th out of 15 countries	5th out of 15 countries
Triples	5th out of 15 countries	3rd out of 15 countries
Fours	9th out of 15 countries	7th out of 15 countries
Overall team	6th out of 15 countries	4th out of 15 countries
WOMEN		
Singles	11th out of 13 countries	9th out of 16 countries
Pairs	6th out of 13 countries	7th out of 16 countries
Triples	11th out of 13 countries	7th out of 16 countries
Fours	12th out of 13 countries	3rd out of 16 countries
Overall team	12th out of 13 countries	6th out of 16 countries

For more details, please refer to world bowls website ([>>results](http://www.worldbowls.co.uk))

In conclusion, Hong Kong Team overall ranking was 6th in men and 12th in women.

Prepared by Musa Karamdin and Sanie Ng

30 December 2011

Attachment: Detailed Ranking Tables

RESULT OF QUALIFYING ROUNDS

Disciplines		Ranking
Men	Singles	3rd out of 8 countries
	Pairs	2nd out of 8 countries
	Triples	2nd out of 8 countries
	Fours	5th out of 8 countries
Women	Singles	6th out of 7 countries
	Pairs	3rd out of 6 countries
	Triples	6th out of 7 countries
	Fours	6th out of 7 countries

FINAL RESULT:

Disciplines		Ranking
Men	Singles	6th out of 15 countries
	Pairs	5th out of 15 countries
	Triples	5th out of 15 countries
	Fours	9th out of 15 countries
	Overall	6th out of 15 countries
Women	Singles	11th out of 13 countries
	Pairs	6th out of 13 countries
	Triples	11th out of 13 countries
	Fours	12th out of 13 countries
	Overall	12th out of 13 countries

11th

Final Ranking table:

Overall League Table			
<u>Men</u>		<u>Women</u>	
<u>Final Position</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Final Position</u>	<u>Country</u>
1	Australia	1	Australia
2	New Zealand	2	New Zealand
3	Fiji	3	Philippines
4	Malaysia	4	Malaysia
5	Canada	5	Canada
6	Hong Kong	6	Norfolk Island
	China		
7	United States	7	Singapore
8	Philippines	8	Fiji
9	China	9	Japan
10	Macau	10	United States
11	Singapore	11	Brunei
12	Brunei	12	Hong Kong China
13	Japan	13	Samoa
14	Norfolk Island		
15	Samoa		