

Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association

Debtors Outstanding List as at 27/1/2014

| Club | Due Under 30 Days | Due 30 to 90 Days | Over 90 Days | Total Amount |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| ABC | 320.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 320.00 |
| AYFP | 1,440.00 | 7,400.00 | 22,120.00 | 30,960.00 |
| CCC | 4,400.00 | 17,080.00 | 0.00 | 21,480.00 |
| CdeR | 4,960.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,960.00 |
| CELBC | 160.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 160.00 |
| CLBC | 1,760.00 | 480.00 | 0.00 | 2,240.00 |
| CLP | 560.00 | 480.00 | 0.00 | 1,040.00 |
| CSD | 320.00 | 4,400.00 | 770.00 | 5,490.00 |
| FC | 240.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 240.00 |
| FSLBC | 80.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 80.00 |
| GBLBC | 1,120.00 | 660.00 | 1,210.00 | 2,990.00 |
| HEGSC | 320.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 320.00 |
| HKCC | 160.00 | 0.00 | 800.00 | 960.00 |
| HKFC | 880.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 880.00 |
| HKPBC | 400.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| IRC | 2,880.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 | 3,480.00 |
| ILBC | 1,360.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,360.00 |
| KBGC | 720.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 720.00 |
| KCC | 720.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 720.00 |
| LBTC | 0.00 | 2,440.00 | 610.00 | 3,050.00 |
| PDLBC | 1,120.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,120.00 |
| STSA | 2,160.00 | 11,320.00 | 10,730.00 | 24,210.00 |
| TKOBC | 3,280.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,280.00 |
| TMSA | 5,120.00 | 15,800.00 | 8,490.00 | 29,410.00 |
| TPLBC | 2,400.00 | 240.00 | 0.00 | 2,640.00 |
| USRC | 4,080.00 | 720.00 | 0.00 | 4,800.00 |
| VLBC | 2,000.00 | 320.00 | 0.00 | 2,320.00 |
| WISC | 1,440.00 | 4,480.00 | 0.00 | 5,920.00 |
| WSC | 320.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 320.00 |
| Total | 44,720.00 | 65,820.00 | 45,330.00 | 155,870.00 |

Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association
Council Meeting on 27 January 2014 at CCC
Notes from VP National League

Panel rulings

The League panel recommended the following rulings:

- Deduct 4 points from KBGC-F for their failure to arrive in M45093.
- Deduct 1 point from USRC-B for a player did not wear matching uniform in W4244
- Deduct 1 point from IRC-B for a player did not wear proper uniform in W4354.

Premier League 2014

League panel recommended next premier league to start on 26 Apr.

Detailed working schedules is listed as below

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| 28-Jan-2014 | Open for entry |
| 17-Feb-2014 | Entry closing date |
| 19-Feb-2014 | Finalize division grouping and fixture dates (if any change) |
| 26-Feb-2014 | Issue draft fixture to all convenors |
| 10-Mar-2014 | Finalize fixture |
| 17-Mar-2014 | Confirm booking with LCSD (start date - 40 days) |
| 26-Apr-2014 | Start of Premier League |

National Championships Panel Report on 17th January, 2014

Case Report of Women's Knock-out Singles

1. Anna Chan (SBSC) completed Round 3 at around 1pm at IRC but failed to arrive in good time at HKFC for Round 4. It was decided to disqualify her at 2.20pm after consultation with VP technical and Duty Umpire Rita Shek.

Women's 2-4-2 Pairs Draw

1. The draw for R4 and QF has not been shuffled as per usual practice. The panel has decided to leave them as-is as (i) no team was advantaged or disadvantaged as a result as would be for a random draw and (ii) the fixtures have been published for a month.
2. Incidentally, the Panel will endeavour to produce a report in due course to evaluate the merits and demerits of the practice of shuffling the draw for every round and propose the preferred way forward.

National Championships Results

1. Men's Knock-out Singles 2013 on 4th January – Timmy Kwong (KCC)
2. Women Knock-out Singles 2013 on 19th January – Angela Chau (USRC)
3. Thanks to Patrick Fong, KCC Convenor, and Daisy McNie, HKFC Ladies Captain for presenting the trophies.

Finals day schedule

1. Finals day schedule was issued on 22nd January. Catering arrangement will be announced.

Men & Women Champion of Champions Championship 2013

1. The draw will be conducted in mid-February after all Club champions are confirmed.
2. The first round of matches will be on Saturday, 1st March from the morning at CCC, KBGC & KCC. The second round is intended to be held in the morning of Saturday, 8th March at KCC. The finals date is to be determined.

Entries Forms Issued

1. Novice Pairs Competition 2013 issued on 2nd January.
2. Indoor Singles Championship issued on 13th January.
3. Aitkenhead Fours Lawn Bowls Competition re-issued on 16th January as necessitated by a change of sponsor for the Festival of Sports in order to meet the SF&OC subvention requirements.

Championships/Competitions that have completed Semi-finals

1. Men National Fours (12 Jan) – Thanks to IRC for rink

Proposals for Council Approval

1. 2014 Events Schedule
2. Six bye-laws change proposals

Walter Kwok
VP National Championships

Junior Squad Overseas Training Camp 2014

- Estimated Budget (under HKSI subvention)

as at 15/1/2014

Venue : Bayuemas Indoor Bowls Stadium, Selangor, Malaysia

Period : 2-8 Feb, 2014 (7 days)

Officials : 2 Coaches (Wanis Sze & Herbert Kwok)

Players : 7 boys & 4 girls (11 persons)

Total : 13 persons

| Items | Estimated Expenditure (in HKD) |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Airfares \$4290 x 13 pax | 55,770 |
| 2 Accommodation (RM220@2.4) \$528/room x 7 rooms x 6 days | 22,176 |
| 3 Insurance \$250 x 13 pax | 3,250 |
| 4 Airport transfer (HK) \$200 x 13 pax | 2,600 |
| 5 Meal allowance \$180/day x 13 pax x 7 days | 16,380 |
| 6 Overseas Internal transport | 8,000 |
| 7 Daily allowance for coach (HK) \$200/day x 2 pax x 7 days | 2,800 |
| 8 Coach fee (Malaysia) [RM100/hr] \$240/hr x 7 hrs x 5 days | 8,400 |
| 9 Printing | 200 |
| 10 Medical services and related expenses | 1,000 |
| 11 Overseas fax & telephone | 500 |
| 12 Photography/video shooting | 300 |
| 13 Souvenirs | 400 |
| 14 Venue charges (RM350/day) \$840/day x 5 days | 4,200 |
| 15 Laundry \$20 x 13 pax x 6 days | 1,560 |
| Total : | <u>127,536</u> |

Australian Open and Squad Overseas Training 2014

- Estimated Budget (under HKSI subvention)

as at 23/1/2014

Country : Melbourne, Australia

Period : 7-22 Feb, 2014 (16 days)

Officials : 6 (Walter Kwok, Rita Shek, Danny Ho, Arthur Yiu & overseas coaches : Chooie & Lachlan)

Players : 8 men & 6 (14 persons)

Total : 18 persons + 2 coaches from Malaysia and Australia

| Items | Estimated Expenditure (in HKD) |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Airfares \$9461 x 17 pax + \$ 2721 x 1 pax (1 free ticket) | 163,558 |
| 2 Accommodation \$1230/room x 10 rooms x 14 days | 172,200 |
| 3 Insurance \$397 x 18 pax | 7,146 |
| 4 Airport transfer (HK) \$200 x 18 pax | 3,600 |
| 5 Meal allowance \$360/day x 20 pax x 15 days | 108,000 |
| 6 Overseas Internal transport | 81,000 |
| a) local airport transfer | 5,000 |
| b) car rental fee | 60,000 |
| c) car parking fee | 6,000 |
| d) fuel charges | 10,000 |
| 7 Daily allowance for officials (not including Team Manager) \$200/day x 3 pax x 16 days | 9,600 |
| 8 Coach fee (for overseas coaches) \$13,200/week x 2 weeks x 2 persons (rate suggested by HKSI) | 52,800 |
| 9 Printing | 200 |
| 10 Medical services and related expenses | 5,000 |
| 11 Overseas fax & telephone | 1,000 |
| 12 Photography/video shooting | 1,000 |
| 13 Souvenirs | 500 |
| 14 Visa fee \$100 x 18 pax | 1,800 |
| 15 Entry fees | 5,460 |
| a) AO last chance qualifying AUD1170 discounted to AUD500@7 | 3,500 |
| b) Preparation tournamnets AUD20 x 14 persons @7 | 1,960 |
| 16 Laundry \$40 x 18 pax x 13 days | 9,360 |
| 17 Uniform | 7,908 |
| a) Red shirts \$76 x 25 pcs | 1,900 |
| b) Blue shirts \$75 x 25 pcs | 1,875 |
| c) Fleecy jackets \$105 X 5 pcs | 525 |
| d) Track-suit \$305 x 11 sets | 3,355 |
| e) Name badge \$23 x 11 pc | 253 |
| Total : | <u>630,132</u> |

2013 National Bocce Elite Match
Report from Team Managers

The Event

Organised by the Chinese Multi-bowls Association, the inaugural 2013 National Bocce Elite Match was held from December 6 to 15 in Guangzhou. It includes competitions on four disciplines namely, lawn bowls, bocce, boules and petanque.

The lawn bowls competition was held on December 7-8 at the YueXiu Park. The 10 participating teams includes those finished top eight in the First Chinese National Lawn Bowls Championship back in May 2013 and two other teams.

The teams are divided into two groups and play out a round robin. Each team will play all teams in its group and a game against one of the teams in the other group, which was decided by draw.

The top two teams of each group progress to the semi-finals to play against team from the other group. The third team in the group play with the third in the other group to decide on 5th and 6th position.

| Group A | Group B |
|---------------|-----------|
| Sinopec Group | Macau |
| Henan | Janda |
| Guangzhou | Zhejiang |
| Juhua Group | Shenzhen |
| Shanghai | Hong Kong |

The Hong Kong Team

The team consisted of two men (Andy Chan and Raymond Ho) and two ladies (Helen Cheung and Emmie Wong) and team manager Claudius Lam. Of whom Emmie is making her debut for Hong Kong.

The team departed Hong Kong for Guangzhou on December 6, 2013 and return on December 9.

The team stayed at Sino Trade Center, a three star hotel which is located opposite YueXiu Park, throughout the tournament.

Team Practice

Before the event, two practice sessions were organised on November 28 and December 3, at Club de Recreio and Hong Kong Football Club respectively.

Two line-ups were used during these two practices:

1st practice: Raymond Ho, Emmie Wong, Helen Cheung, Andy Chan (Skip)

2nd practice: Helen Cheung, Emmie Wong, Raymond Ho, Andy Chan (Skip)

And the final line-up was: Helen Cheung, Emmie Wong, Raymond Ho, Andy Chan (Skip).

An onsite practice was arranged in the afternoon of December 6. The direction of play during practice is different from the direction of the actual competition.

The Competition

Overall results of all games Hong Kong team played:

| Match (Date) | Results | Opposing Teams | Scores | Rink |
|--------------|---------|----------------|--------|------|
| December 7 | Beat | Macau | 17:6 | 4 |
| December 7 | Beat | Zhejiang | 15:6 | 5 |
| December 7 | Beat | Shenzhen | 14:7 | 3 |
| December 7 | Lost to | Shanghai | 7:13 | 1 |
| December 8 | Beat | Janda | 15:9 | 4 |
| December 8 | Lost to | Shanghai | 10:11 | 3 |
| December 8 | Lost to | Shenzhen | 3:17 | 5 |

Hong Kong finished fourth after losing in the 3rd place play-off.

The final ranking for the top six are:

Champion: Guangzhou
 1st Runners-up Shanghai
 2nd Runners-up Shenzhen
 3rd Runners-up Hong Kong
 5th Sinopec
 6th Macau

The following report reviewed the general performance of the Hong Kong team at the tournament.

Game 1 Hong Kong defeat Macau 17:6

Hong Kong started with high spirit and play really well throughout, opening a lead of 8:0 after just four ends and simply cruised to victory. The team just kept their drawing and this is enough to kill off the opponent.

Helen played outstandingly in the game and her shots also gave big confidence to teammates. All players except Emmie recorded their highest effective bowls ratio in this game.

The Macau team, who does not have a chance to practice on the green before the game due to late arrival, is just no match for a confident Hong Kong team.

Game 2 Hong Kong defeat Zhejiang 15:6

This is a difficult game for Hong Kong and the final score did not tell the true story. The Hong Kong team, despite of continuing their good form and spirit, was frequently out-drawn by the opponent. After the eighth ends Zhejiang was leading by 8:7 but fortunately the Hong Kong team started to pick up and Andy succeed in some skip shots. The team won the last four ends to wrap up the game comfortably at the end.

Helen continued to perform well but the good draw from opponents gave lots of pressure to Emmie and Raymond, which affected their performance a bit. Andy played some excellent shots to save or turn the head.

The Zhejiang team only started bowling in December 2012 and has demonstrated huge potential, probably because of recruiting the right candidate for the team. With more experience, it is widely anticipated that some of them will form the backbone of the China team in the near future which, will pose a big threat to Hong Kong at international level.

Game 3 Hong Kong defeat Shenzhen 14:7

The game against old rival Shenzhen is unexpectedly easy. After losing the first end by a shot, the team took over and lead to the end.

As there was not much pressure, all players performed quite well throughout this game.

One point need to note is that the big shot difference is largely due to the fact that most of the Shenzhen team's heavy shots did not get the results desired.

Game 4 Hong Kong lost to Shanghai 7:13

This is the fourth game of the day and fatigue bites in to the players, which was reflected in a lower percentage of effective bowls. However, this is a game of lesser significance as Hong Kong has almost guaranteed a place in the semi-finals, the team played in a relax mood.

The team struggled right from the beginning as Helen did not show the high accuracy of drawing displayed during the earlier games. With limited support from Emmie and Raymond, it left Andy with a difficult task, and limited options to save the heads.

In addition to the drop of form, the team is having difficulty to cope with the opponent's aggressive tactic.

Game 5 Hong Kong defeat Janda 15:9

Again, the scoreline did not truly reflect the toughness of the game. The team was struggling against a team that was considered the weakest in the group, largely because the leads did not maintain their drawing power. In fact the team was out-drawn in most of the ends and it was no surprise that they are chasing the game 6:9 after nine ends. It was fortunate that the team picked themselves up in the last three ends to ensure finishing as the top team in the group.

The opponent played the best game they have in the whole competition but it also showed the importance of a strong lead at this venue. Once the team lost the contribution of the lead, it became difficult for the Skip. One point needed to note is that Andy performed some good execution during the game, taking full benefit of the opponent's inexperience to win the game.

Game 6 Hong Kong lost to Shanghai 10:11

Hong Kong faced the only team that beat them in the group stage and history repeated, albeit in a much closer situation.

The two teams were tied on the 7th end. Hong Kong holds five shots in the 8th end and Andy failed to place blocker with his two bowls, which allowed the opponent to trail the jack with the last bowl and won three. In the last end Hong Kong needed to win two shots to tie the game. The opposing skip pushed the jack to cut down the loss to a single shot. Andy tried to rest on the second shot but in vain and Hong Kong was knocked-out in the semi-finals.

The results showed that the aggressive playing style paid off handsomely for the opponent as the Hong Kong team continued to deploy the defensive tactic that worked well with other lesser experienced opponents.

Game 7 Hong Kong lost to Shenzhen 3:17

The team lost a bit of concentration and did not play well in this game. They lost their touches on drawing and were under continual attack by the aggressive play from the opponent. At the end the team lost heavily on this one-sided game.

Overall

The team played in harmony, with good discipline, great teamwork and partnership. Everything went well except the final results of the competition.

| Effective bowls percentage | Helen | Emmie | Raymond | Andy |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| Effective bowls in total for whole tournament | 75 / 166 | 56 / 166 | 65 / 166 | 39 / 166 |
| Effective bowls as a % for whole tournament | 45.10% | 33.70% | 39.20% | 23.50% |

Recommendation

Selection

- Selection should be based on the playing surface to choose the right player
- Depends on the nature of the competition to choose the right player

Practice and training

- Arrange more practice and try different line-up for each session
- Targeted training – arrange opponents with similar playing style as with those who will be faced in the forthcoming competition. And arrange the practice on the actual playing surface as the competition.
- Physical training required for team members before any major competitions

Before game

- Conduct team discussion before competition to better understand team members style / mutual understanding

During game

- Manager should actively involve during game and interfere when necessary
- Skip / Third should give definite instruction when calling a head
- Members should avoid unnecessary communications (ie negative comments) during games

After game

- Self review from every player to understand the good point / problems during the competition
- Debriefing for individual players

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 Hong Kong Team Manageress
 2013 National Bocce Elite Match
 December 30, 2013