

Report of the Standing Committee on Welfare and Sports Report 2019

Sport activities remain the major preoccupation of this Special Committees amongst all others. The Bar was the host of the Recreation and Sports Club for Hong Kong Professional Bodies' Annual Snooker Tournament and Annual Bridge Tournament in 2019.

A. Recreation and Sports Club for Hong Kong Professional Bodies (“RSCP”)

The Joint Professionals recreational and sport activities are now organized under the head of RSCP. RSCP is composed of seven professional bodies, namely, The Hong Kong Bar Association, The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, The Hong Kong Institute of Architects, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, The Hong Kong Dental Association, The Law Society of Hong Kong and The Hong Kong Medical Association. Regular meetings are held to promote sporting activities amongst different professional bodies.

B. There are now 9 teams participating in various activities and competition:

1. Badminton Team

The Bar Badminton Team organised regular practices for members every Friday. The RSCP Tournament was held on 24th November 2019 and the Bar Team ranked 6 out of 7 participating teams. Those interested to join please drop a line to Mr. Alan Ng, the team captain.

2. Band

The Bar sent Mr. Michael Ng and Ms. Rosa Lee (for Group Singing) and Ms. Rosa Lee (for Solo Singing) to join the RSCP Singing Competition on 27 July 2019. Ms. Rosa Lee won the Championship in Solo-Singing session; and Mr. Michael Ng and Ms. Rosa Lee won the Championship in the Group Singing session. Those interested in joining please contact our Band Managers, Ms. Deanna Law and Mr. Ernest Ng.

3. Basketball Team

The Bar Basketball Team participated in the RSCP Basketball League, details of which can be found on the official website: <http://www.sportarts.openball.com>. The Team participated in the Taiwan Invitational City Cup and ranked the third. Mr. Patrick Chiu got individual awards of being the Best 5 and Top in Rebounds and Mr. Steve Cheng got an individual award of Top in Blocks.

New members are being recruited and the Basketball team has arranged regular practice and friendly matches for members. Those interested to join please drop a line to Mr. Tony Li and Mr. Patrick Chiu, our team captains.

4. Bridge Team

The Bridge Team will participate in the RSCP Bridge Tournament on 15 December 2019. The team also participated in Bridge Pair Friendly Matches on 24 March 2019. Our pairs ranked the 5th and 11th out of 17 pairs. Practices will be arranged and usually held on Monday or Tuesday. Those interested in joining please contact our co-ordinator, Mr. Newton Mak.

5. Table-Tennis Team

The RSCP Table-Tennis Competition this year is postponed to April 2020. A friendly match was held with Craigenhower Cricket Club on 15 September 2019. Those interested in joining please drop a line to Mr. Vincent Yeung, our team captain.

6. Snooker Team

The Snooker Team participated in two matches this year: (1) the “Chiu Part” Pairs Tournament held on 22 September 2019 and (2) the RSCP’s Annual Snooker Tournament (team event) held on 17 November 2019.

Whilst the Bar Team did not take home any prizes this year, it builds on the future, with new players joining, and taking part in tournament-play.

Members are now organising practices and friendly matches. Those interested to join please contact our team captain, Mr. Robert Chan.

7. Soccer Team

The Soccer Team participated in an external 7-a-side league and have regular matches. The Team also participated in the Annual Correctional Service Department Football Tournament, played against Judiciary, Department of Justice, Law Society and CSD teams and finished as the Overall First Runner-up.

8. Dragon Boat Team

The Dragon Boat Team, which is known as the Dragon Advocates, completed several dragon boat races this year. The Team signed up for the Sun Life Stanley Dragon Boat Warm Up Races, and the team advanced to the Gold Cup B Final.

In the Sunlife Stanley International Dragon Boat Championship 2019, the Team came to the 2nd place at the Premium Silver Cup Final.

In the Kwun Tong Buildings Department Invitational Cup, our first invitational race, the Team came to the 4th place.

The Team formed its own ladies’ team for the first time and achieved very encouraging results in both the Sun Life Stanley Dragon Boat Warm Up Races and the Kwun Tong Buildings Department Invitational Cup.

9. Volleyball Team

The Volleyball Team was first formed in January 2019. Members are now organising practices and friendly matches with the hope of participating in the RSCP Volleyball Tournament next year. Those interested to join please contact our team captain, Ms. Katy Chung.

C. RSCP Annual Dinner

On 27 July 2019, the RSCP Annual Dinner was held together with the RSCP Singing Competition at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. There are altogether 48 members participating in the dinner with a generous sponsorship from Ms. Winnie Tam SC.

D. Welfare

The Committee has received numerous special offers from various merchants this year, namely: Sa Fleur, Cathay Pacific/Cathay Dragon, Lexus, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, Westlaw Asia, Everrise (Mao Tai), MyiCellar, Travaria, Noblesse Lifestyle, EMMAS, Victoria Beckham & Thom Browne, BB Jazz Lounge, BLAACK, Hong Kong Economic Times, LexisNexis, Hang Heung, Maison ES & La Pastry, Firewell Hotpot & Royal Plaza Hotel.

In view of the increasing numbers of offers, a new section of “Special Offers” is created in the Members’ Area of the Bar Website. Members can check the offers on this column from time to time.

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