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Dear fellow Old Boys,

Our Facebook page "La Salle Old Boys' Ties" is getting more popular as most of the announcements, latest updates and news are promptly posted online - not to mention the treasure trove of photos which are posted! As such, starting from this term, we have reduced the number of issues of the newsletter from three to two, to "Go Green" and at the same time help save some costs for Association. We urge you to join our Facebook page "La Salle Old Boys' Ties" (https://www.facebook. com/groups/35598521714/) to keep in touch with your fellow Old Boys. Also, do check out our Annual Report where we summarize and reflect on our key initiatives and activities during the past year.

Annual Ball

This is the second year since we resumed our Annual Ball and this year, we were very honoured to have Mr. John Tsang (68), the Financial Secretary of the Hong Kong SAR Government, and Mrs. Lynn Tsang, as our guests of honor to launch our Sustainable Fund Raising campaign. With the target of raising HK\$1M per annum, immediately after our kick off that evening, two Past Presidents, Mr. Joseph Lee (69) and Mr. David Mong (79) generously committed to seeding a separate fund with HK\$10M with the aim of donating HK\$500,000 per annum to the school. On the other hand, our Overseas Network Group is also working on ideas such as matching funds and a new "potential donors" list, all in all trying to help

our mother school with additional resources to cope with the heavy financial burden of maintaining LSC as one of the elite schools in Hong Kong. I am most grateful to the generosity of my fellow Old Boys and it is my hope that all of us can follow their lead to help support our alma mater on a sustainable basis.

We are all sad to see Br. Steve leaving us as Principal of La Salle College at the end of this school year. This is a big loss to us all. I will miss his dedication, leadership and friendship. Nonetheless, we should consider ourselves very lucky to still have so many Brothers working in Hong Kong, given the shortage of Brothers for our Lasallian schools globally. As we all know, the headquarters of the Lasallian East Asia District (LEAD) is located in Hong Kong, on the 5/F of La Salle College to be more precise! Many meetings are conducted there in planning and execution of how best to deliver Lasallian education in different countries within the East Asia district, including Hong Kong of course. All the Brothers work so hard, throughout their whole lives, to delivering quality education and running the mission established by our founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle.

I am proud to be a Lasallian, not only as a graduate of La Salle College but also as a member of this global organization, the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (喇沙會).

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In Hong Kong, we are currently facing a major management reshuffle: 4 out of the 8 Lasallian schools will have a new principal in the coming school year. The five Lasallian Alumni Associations of the Christian Brothers Schools in Hong Kong, including the LSCOBA, gather periodically to get to know each other and casually discuss issues faced by each school and alumni association. All in all, we are one big family.

Lasallian education is unique. We are Diversified in spirit, providing Inclusive education to students. In LEAD, we have 70 schools with over 150,000 students in 7 countries: Hong Kong, Japan, The Philippines, Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia. Our Brothers need to work with different education systems and culture but always with the mission to deliver a unified Lasallian Education. Each district, each country, each education system, each school is bound to have its own tradition. Yet, We are all Lasallians. This year, two Auxiliary Visiting Brothers, Br. Victor Franco and Br. Jose Jimenez from Rome, who report directly to Br. Robert Schieler, our Superior General, will be visiting us to conduct a Vitality and Viability review for Hong Kong. Meetings with different stakeholders will be conducted to discuss what are the most important attributes in maintaining Lasallian education by 2020/2021. We hope that our input and views can be heard so that they can make the best arrangement for the future of Hong Kong Christian Schools.

This will be my last term as President of the Association. It has been an honour and privilege to serve the Association and the school. I wish all fellow old Boys good health and happiness and may our spirit grow and glow forever. St. John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts, Forever!

Yours in de La Salle,



Leonard Chu (83) President Email: president@lscoba.com



LSCOBA LEGAL NETWORK HAPPY HOUR (12 NOVEMBER 2015)

A Happy Hour gathering for the LSCOBA Legal Network was held at Club XIII, Central on 12 November 2015 (Thursday). More than 20 old boys lawyers and law students attended the Legal Network Happy Hour and we all enjoyed the good opportunity to meet our fellow lasallian lawyers and maintain a good relationship within the Legal Network!

Eric Chow (00) Legal Network Convenor (2015/16)



LEGAL NETWORK DINNER WITH THE SOLICITOR GENERAL - MR. WESLEY WONG WAI-CHUNG, SC (87')

The first LSCOBA Legal Network Dinner was held at the Verandah, The Foreign Correspondents' Club (FCC) on 1st February 2016 (Monday) and we were honored and pleased that Mr. Wesley Wong (Class of 1987), the newly appointed Solicitor General of Hong Kong, kindly agreed to be our guest speaker at the dinner. More than 35 Old boys attended the Legal Network dinner on a Monday night and we all enjoyed the "old boy exclusive" informal sharing session by Mr. Wong, in which we exchanged views on matter relating to his experience, LSC memories, the Department of Justice or other topic relating to the legal profession. It was a very enjoyable evening and please stay tuned for the next Legal Network gathering.

Brief biography of Mr. Wesley Wong Wai-chung, SC:

Mr. Wong was appointed the Solicitor General of Hong Kong (Chinese: 法律政策專員) to succeed Mr. Frank Poon Ying-kwong as the Solicitor General from September 3, 2015. Being the Solicitor General, Mr. Wong is the head of the Legal Policy Division of the Department of Justice in Hong Kong and is responsible for the development of legal policy, advising the Secretary for Justice on legal issues, and overseeing the department's staff and legislative programme.

Mr. Wong was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 1993 and served pupillage under the Legal Trainee Scheme at the then Legal Department. He was appointed Crown Counsel in 1994 and promoted to Senior Crown Counsel in 1995, Deputy Principal Government Counsel in 2004 and Principal Government Counsel in 2011. Mr. Wong has served in different divisions of the department for 22 years and has been a Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions since 2011. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2013.

Eric Chow (00) Legal Network Convenor (2015/16)

LSCOBA HAPPY HOUR WITH DELOITTE PROFESSIONALS (6 NOVEMBER 2015)

In November 2015, we were invited by Deloitte (Big-4 Accounting Firm) to coorganize a happy hour gathering held at Zentral, LKF on 6 November 2015 (Friday).

The Happy Hour was a social networking event organized by Deloitte partners and us, who would like to encourage its professionals (including accountants, tax, legal & compliance) to expand their networks and social circles. The Happy Hour turned out to be a very popular event and attracted more than 250 Deloitte colleagues and Old Boys to attend.

Eric Chow (00) Hon. Secretary (2015/16)



LSCOBA PRE-X'MAS WHISKY TASTING HAPPY HOUR (4 DECEMBER 2015)





Drinking Whisky has been getting more popular in Hong Kong nowadays, so in December 2015, we had organized our monthly happy hour at a new venue - Mod Bar at Tycoon Tann with a special whisky tasting menu!

The whisky lovers were celebrating an early X'mas with a few glasses of single-malt while the non-whisky drinkers were enjoying the Chinese-inspired cocktails "Yum Cha" and "Chi Pao" that are designed by the award winning bartender which made with premium traditional Chinese ingredients such as Chinese tea, lemongrass and Moutai.

Eric Chow (00) Hon. Secretary (2015/16)

LSCOBA FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NETWORK HAPPY HOUR (12 FEBRUARY 2016)

The Professional Network Subcommittee for Finance & Accounting Industry organised a happy hour gather on 12 February 2016, shortly after the Lunar New Year holiday at Street Meat on Wyndham Street, Central. There were approximately 50 old boys who are mainly finance & accounting professionals joining this event. Apart from giving and receiving Chinese New Year greetings and red pockets, it was a good chance and occasion where the professionals are gathered and developing good relationships and network among each other in the finance & accounting field.

Robert Lui (95)

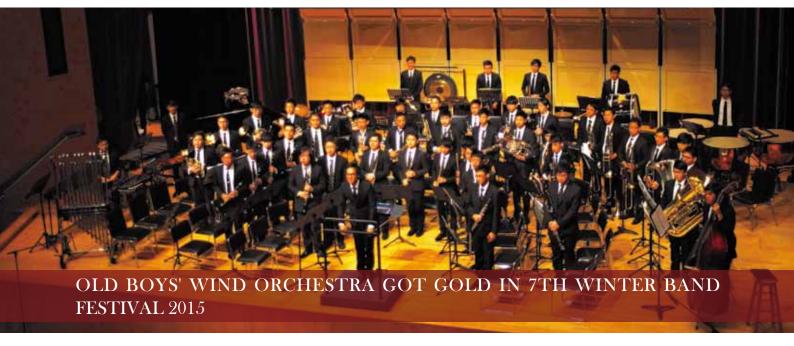
Finance & Accounting Network Convenor (2015/16)

LSCOBA ACCOUNTING NETWORK HAPPY HOUR (15 APRIL 2016)

The second accounting network happy hour was held on 15 April 2016 at Shore, L. Place on Queen's Road, Central where approximately 30 accounting professionals participated in this event. Apart from building the professional network, the LSC Old Boys also shared their career directions and advice to the fellow Old Boys in this relaxing atmosphere. We all look forward to the next gathering!

Robert Lui (95)

Finance & Accounting Network Convenor (2015/16)



The Singapore-based Winter Band Festival Committee organized the 7th Winter Band Festival in November 2015. This is the first time an "Open Class Division" competition was included. As you know, open class division literally means anyone, be it instrumental teachers or professional musicians, could enroll in the competition and therefore the level of playing could be and was indeed very high. Our Old Boys' Wind Orchestra did not hesitate to accept the challenge and was eager to find out how it would stand among the competitors.





The competition took place on 25 November 2015 in Pui Ching Primary School. Our Old Boys' Wind Orchestra delivered a great rendition of Alfred Reed's A Jubilant Overture and Philip Sparke's Music for a Festival. Our performance was described as having "good shape contrast and contour" overall. The judges particularly complimented our flute, clarinet, bassoon and French horn players on delivering outstanding solos with "lots of great emotions". They also praised our conductor Mr Ngai for his "excellent conducting".

Seemingly, we presented ourselves as being an energetic all-man group and were said to be able to "establish a

solid groove". One adjudicator wrote that he "love[s] the fire the ensemble brings to the stage". In fact, we were reminded not to "let the enthusiasm cause overblowing"! In the end, we won the "Gold Award" with a mark of 81.51, and also the line "truly a very special group" given by one of the adjudicators.

To all of us, the competition has a special meaning - the fond memories of the good old days when we were students and were practising hard for the School Music Interflows and Music Festival competitions.

As for the LSC Wind Orchestra, they participated in the "Senior Division" competition going against other secondary school bands. As the title favourite, on top of obtaining the "Gold Award", the Wind Orchestra was crowned the "Overall Champion" in the Senior Division.

Feel free to pay a visit to our Music Board homepage (www.mblscoba.wix.com/home) for more photos of the event.

Martin So (04), Lyon You (09) and Owen Chan (10) Music Board







We are pleased to announce that Old Boys' Concert 2016 will be held on 17 September 2016 (Saturday) at LSC School Hall. This is going to be our 4th Old Boys' Concert. Details will be revealed shortly and stay tuned!

Music Board



LSCOBA ANNUAL BALL 2015: THE IMPOSSIBLE MISSION

The LSCOBA Annual Ball 2015 was held on December 19, 2015 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. This year, we had the privilege to have The Honorable John Tsang (1968), our senior old boy and the Financial Secretary of the Hong Kong SAR Government, and Mrs. Lynn Tsang, as our guests of honor.



The theme of the Ball this year is "The Impossible Mission," and a lighting ceremony was done by the President of LSCOBA, Mr Tsang, Br. Patrick, and Br. Steve to signify the OBA's commitment to starting a sustainable funding raising campaign. Two senior old boys, Joseph Lee (1969) and David Mong (1979), echoed shortly after the ceremony on stage, announcing to create a separate fund to support the school development on a recurring basis.

Another highlight of the night was the trophy presentation to Mr. John Tsang for his 30 years of dedication and services as head coach of LSC Fencing Team since 1985. Mr. Sammy Leung 森美 (1991), the Master of Ceremony of the event, shared hilariously alongside with other old boy coaches the episode of the good old days when being member of the fencing team and the happy memories with the head coach. The old boys and guests quickly applauded when Mr. Tsang reiterated his belief "真材實料 不假外求" for training home-grown athletes for La Salle throughout the years.

The Association also took the opportunity to pay a tribute to Br. Steve, as the Principal will finish the term of service with La Salle College in 2016. The President, Br. Patrick and Br. Thomas presented a trophy to Br. Steve on stage in appreciation of his commitment and selfless service to the College.

Apart from the formalities, there were a series of entertainment programs including Electro Dance, Sand Art Painting, lucky draw, live performance by Mr Philip Chan (1965) and dancing throughout the night. Guests had been enthralled with the chances of taking pictures with the celebrity old boys while busy with







mingling around and posting selfies to the social network sites.

The LSCOBA would like to once again thank our sponsors and guests for their generous patronage and participation. The LSCOBA Annual Ball 2015: The Impossible Mission would not have been possible without their

contribution and support.

Roger Lee (85), Ball Chairman



HERITAGE DIGEST LA SALLE PRIMARY SCHOOL - MOSAIC ON OLD SCHOOL WALL

Old boys who studied in the College and Primary School between the 1970s to 1990s will no doubt recall the large and colourful mosaic on the outer wall of the Primary School building, facing La Salle Road. This interesting mosaic, named 'Teacher of Teachers', was created by artist Francisco Borboa, and was unveiled on 3rd March 1972 by Brother Charles Henry, the then Superior General. The mosaic was mounted on the completion of the then new school hall wing.



The mosaic contains three segments. The lower right of the mosaic shows a group of students of different ages, all eagerly looking up to St John Baptist de La Salle, the Patron Saint of Teachers. St La Salle is holding a cross in his right hand, and an open book in his left, symbolizing the education of students about God's good news, as well as the imparting of academic knowledge. Behind the students is the old La Salle College building with its distinct dome, and Victoria Harbour and the Hong Kong island skyline in the background.

The left side of the mosaic features four scholars wearing traditional Chinese dress and looking towards a teacher - Confucius 孔子, commonly referred as China's "Model Teacher for Ten Thousand Ages" (萬世師表). It is from the Confucius Analects (論語) that La Salle College and Primary acquired the Chinese motto inscribed on the school badge: 「克己復礼」 (self-restraint and adherence to rites). The background shows a set of peaks resembling those of Guilin and thereby standing as a symbol for China.

The centre of the mosaic depicts Jesus Christ standing with fully out-stretched arms. Jesus wears a golden halo, his eyes are shut, palms pierced, and head is slightly inclined. The general effect is to recall his crucifixion, death and resurrection. The good news of the Gospel is at the centre of Lasallian education and in Jesus, East meets West.

So, this one art piece features three persons who play a large part in the education imparted at La Salle Primary School and College: Jesus, the Son of God; St. John Baptist de La Salle, the Patron Saint of all Teachers; and Confucius, the greatest of all Chinese educators.







With the redevelopment of La Salle Primary School, the mosaic had to be demolished together with the building. However, a similar but smaller mosaic was recreated on the foyer wall of the new school building in 2004.

Mark Huang (85) Heritage Subcommittee



LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP FOR LSC STUDENTS WITH MAYOR PETER CHAN (67)

Invited by the OBA, old boy Peter Chan (67), Mayor of Monterey Park, Los Angeles, returned to our Alma Mater on 1 Dec 2015 to give a talk on Leadership. Students from the Student Association and other student work groups attended the workshop. Mayor Chan spoke about his journey from La Salle College to the Mayoralty of Monterey Park. He also provided some input on the qualities and attributes of a leader as well as giving some scenarios for the boys to respond to. There was also time for exchange of views about management issues.

INTERVIEW WORKSHOP FOR FORM 6 STUDENTS





Held on 19 Dec 2015, this was a workshop for students who would like to enter the business school, to prepare them for their admission interviews which are considered highly competitive. Ten old boys who are undergraduates or fresh graduates of HKU, CUHK and UST business schools talked to the boys about the requirements of their universities and shared their past interview experience. We then conducted two mock group interviews for 15 students and gave them feedbacks on how to improve their performance in terms of appearance and attire; sitting posture, speaking skills, eye contact and interaction skills. We also advised them on how to prepare their credentials and self-introductions which were essential.



CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. ROGER WONG (84)

LSCOBA would like to congratulate Dr. Roger Wong ('84) on his recent appointment as the Executive Associate Dean, Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia, Canada. Dr. Wong has been an extremely devoted old boy in taking his annual leave every year to come back to La Salle College (HK) to give our boys medical talks, not to mention supervising some in their career paths.

The following is the re-post from

http://www.med.ubc.ca/roger-wong-appointed-executive-associate-dean-education/

April 28, 2016

The Faculty of Medicine is pleased to announce that Roger Wong has been appointed the Executive Associate Dean, Education for the Faculty of Medicine, effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021.

In this role, Dr. Wong will offer strategic leadership, while creating and nurturing existing partnerships to help move the vision for the Faculty of Medicine forward. In addition to overseeing the distribution of the Faculty's educational programs across the province, he will ensure accreditation standards are met and that our programs — across the health disciplines and across the continuum of learning — are effectively integrated.

Dr. Wong brings extensive leadership to this role, having served as the Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education, since 2012. He is also a Clinical Professor in the Division of Geriatric Medicine in the Department of Medicine. Dr. Wong works tirelessly to advance academic and clinical health sciences related to geriatrics, and his work has significant impact on the care for older people in Canada and beyond. He was President of the Canadian Geriatrics Society and founded the state-of- the-art Acute Care for Elders Units (ACE) in Vancouver, which has been implemented nationally and internationally. His clinical research focuses on hospital medicine in vulnerable older adults, including quality improvement in acute care geriatrics. Dr. Wong has published and lectured extensively on geriatric medicine and medical education.



Dr. Roger Wong



Photo taken in December 2015 when he came back to La Salle for medical talk with LSC students



Photo taken with many old boy doctors of whom Dr. Wong was mentor to many of them

LSC FAMILY FUN DAY AND LSPS SPRING CARNIVAL











We were pleased to support the annual carnivals of La Salle College and La Salle Primary School held on 13 December 2015 and 31 Jan 2016, respectively. On both occasions, we ran a game booth which attracted a large number of patrons and about 800 gifts were given away. We would like to thank Mr. Vincent Ma (82) and Mr. Paul Leung of Lung Cheong International Holdings Ltd for their generous donation of gifts.

Stanley Shum (79) Student Affairs



LA SALLE COLLEGE ATHLETICS CLUB AT THE 19TH ASIA MASTERS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP (AMAC).

15 of our Old Boys have represented Hong Kong in the 19th AMAC held in the National Stadium of Singapore from May 4th to 8th. There are over 2000 athletes from over 25 countries completed in more than 500 events. The Hong Kong Team was made up of more than 100 men and women form different athletic clubs such as Pacers, South China, DBSAC and LSCAC Despite of the high standard and hot weather, our Old Boys still managed to deliver some impressive performances. Alan Cheung(92), team captain of LSCAC, has won a Bronze medal in M40 4x100 relay. Marcus Mak(95), Andy Chan(95), Mark Lo(95) and Philip Au(96) have won a Bronze medal in M35 4x400 relay.

Marcus Mak (95), La Salle Omega Sports boy, participated in heats, semi-final and final of M35 200M, 400M as well as the final of 4x100m and 4x400m. That is a total of 8 events within 3 days. This is truly remarkable.

LSCAC is member club of the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association. Our members participate in local and international events such as Marathons and Athletics Meet year round. We have regular training at LSC every Saturday from 4 to 6pm. If you are interested to join, please contact Ray Sun(85): raysun2005@gmail.com.

Ray Sun (85)







The LSC community recently bid farewell to two long serving stalwarts of the school. Mr Wong Yuk Sing 黃育陞, a former office staff, affectionately known as 黃伯 (Wong-Bak), passed away peacefully on 13 March, 2016, aged 94.

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On 8 May 2016, Mr Tsang Mui Cheung 曾梅祥, better known to everyone at school as Mui-Cheung 梅祥叔, and a close office colleague of Mr Wong, left us at peace accompanied by his family on 8 May 2016, also aged 94.

The Japanese surrendered in HK in August 1945, and the LSC Brothers regained possession of the College in the summer of 1946. Together with teachers and support staff, the Brothers labored to restart the school in September. It was then that Mr Tsang joined La Salle College as a 24-yearold office attendant. Three years later, Mr Wong also joined Mr Tsang to work in the LSC school office.

In September 1949, the LSC campus was taken over by the British War Department as a Military Hospital from 1949 to 1959, while the school operated in wooden huts in Perth Street. Both Wong and Tsang helped with the moves from and back to La Salle Road.

Between 1959-1979, school operations returned to the old campus. During that time, support staff and their families lived in the staff quarters in the college. There were eight or nine families living in, which the Brothers dubbed "The Village". Mui Cheung's son Andrew recalled that when there was heavy rain or typhoons, regardless of the hour, his father, Wong Bak and all other living-in staff would go around the campus ensuring windows were shut and drains were clear



曾梅祥

Bro. Thomas Levin shared that Mui-Cheung was not only an office staff, he also looked after the Brothers' needs in their quaters. Mui-Cheung bought the Brothers supplies, ran errands, and served them meals. "Mui-Cheung was very close to the Brothers, and was almost part of the Brothers Community", recalled Bro. Thomas. Mui Cheung was a tall but a soft spoken and patient man, and never lost his temper despite many generations of naughty boys pestering him in the school office!

The old school building made way for the new campus around 1978-79, which did not provide living quarters to school staff. The staff's families moved out and found their own dwellings.

Mr Wong was a quiet individual, and efficiently got his job done with the least of fuss. Eventually, Wong Bak retirement came in 1986 after 37 years' service. Mr Tsang continued working in LSC till around 1997, serving the college for over half a century!

A few interesting facts of these two gentlemen and their times:

These two gentlemen served under five School Principals, and assisted in moving school three times. When they joined LSC, the school phone number was - 58446 - only 5 digits long, and using telegraph was common. Your test papers were most probably printed by Mui Cheung Suk or Wong Bak. In 1988, the Toronto Old Boys offered to fly their beloved Mui Cheung Suk to their city for a paid trip. However, due to ill health, he declined the trip but he was very touched by their kind offer.

Although Mr Wong and Mr Tsang were not in the front line of the school, educating students and developing a close relationship with students, their service was an indispensable part of the operations of LSC, and we are forever thankful to them and their very loyal service. We pray that their souls Rest in Peace in God's House.

Mark Huang (85) Heritage Subcommittee

LSCOBA WINTER GOLF TOURNAMENT 2016 - REPORT



This event was held on 29 Apr 2016 with 30 old boys participated at Long Island Golf & Country Club (長安高爾夫球 鄉村俱樂部). This was the second time we visited the course since 1997.

Debutants included Albert Lee (84) and Li Cheuk Tat (09) and they received a warm welcome by other fellow oldboy golfers both on the coach and at the lunch after the round.

We were blessed with the dry and party-sunny weather after two weeks of rainy days and the course condition was acceptable besides the tricky putting green settings. After the round, we all enjoyed the camaraderie amongst the fellow old boys with the beer and laugh during lunch, and we sang our school song following the prize presentation before heading back to Hong Kong.

The highlight came before the prize presentation. Some members suggested that our next tournament to be held in Vietnam to celebrate our La Salle 85th Anniversary in 2017. The agenda was proposed and most of the old boys were excited and voted to join. We all hope to see your participation in November 2016.

The winners were as follows:

Group Commander Annual Investiture 2014

Champion	Charles Chan (77)
Second	Clement Lam (98)
Third	Stephen Ting (77)
Best Score	Robert Cheng (76)
Best Front 9	Anthony Lam (84)
Best Back 9	Alvin Choi (97)
Nearest Pin	Charles Chan (77)
	Leonard Chu (83)
	Gilbert Lau (81)
	Stephen Ting (77)

Longest Drive Leonard Chu (83)

We have to thank Leonard Chu (83), Alvin Choi (97) and Clarence Yau (01) for our tournament co-ordination. Happy golfing and please continue to support the future golf events!

Thomas Tung (77) Golf Convenor