

Report on Standing Committee on Welfare and Sports 2018

Report for Activities 2018

Sport activities remain the major preoccupation of this Special Committee amongst all others. The Bar was the host of the RSCP Table Tennis Tournament and the RSCP Basketball League in 2018.

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 the Recreation and Sports Club for Professional Bodies (“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, Hong Kong Dental Association, 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 nine teams participating in various activities and competitions:

1. Badminton Team

The Bar Badminton Team organized regular practices for members every Friday. The RSCP tournament 2018 was held on 25 November 2018 and the Bar Team ranked fifth out of seven participating teams. The RSCP tournament is expected to be held annually and we express our heartfelt gratitude to the team captain, Mr. Alan M.S. Ng, for organizing the regular team practices and leading the team members.

2. Band

The Bar sent Ms. Michelle Clough, Ms. Victoria Yue (for Group Singing), and Ms. Rosa Lee (for Solo Singing) to join the RSCP Singing Competition on 26 May 2018. With the assistance of the Bar Band and the generous sponsorship by Mr. Richard Khaw S.C., Mr. Jose-Antonio Maurellet S.C., and Mr. Abraham Chan S.C., our contestant, Ms. Rosa Lee, won the 1st Runner-up in Solo Singing session. We are also grateful to our Band Manager Ms. Deanna Law and Mr. Ernest Ng for assisting.

3. Basketball Team

The Bar Basketball Team participated in the RSCP Basketball League 2017-2018 and is currently the host of the League 2018-2019, which details can be found on the official website: <http://www.kzleague.com.hk/rbt2018/>. New members are being recruited and the Basketball Team has arranged regular practice and friendly matches for members and we thank Mr. Tony Li and Mr. Patrick Chiu, our team captains, for their dedication to the team.

4. Bridge Team

The Bridge team will participate in the RSCP Bridge Tournament on 16th December 2018. Regular practices were arranged and usually held on Mondays. Special thanks to our coordinator, Mr. Newton Mak.

5. Table- Tennis Team

The Bar was the host of the RSCP Table-Tennis Competition 2018. We are grateful to Mr. Charles J. Chan, our past team captain, for organising the event and leading the Bar team. We also welcome Mr. Vincent Yeung, for taking up the responsibility as our new team captain.

6. Snooker Team

The Snooker Team participated in two matches this year: (1) the "Chiu Part" (Pairs) Tournament held on 2 September 2018, and (2) the RSCP's Annual Snooker Tournament (team event) held on 30 September 2018.

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 organizing practices and friendly matches. We thank Mr. Robert Chan, the team captain, for his efforts and hard work.

7. Soccer Team

The Soccer Team participated in the RSCP Tournament in February 2018. The Team also joined friendly matches with the Judiciary, the Department of Justice and the US Consulate; the annual Correctional Services Department Tournament and recently, members have participated in external leagues every one or two weeks. There is also an Instagram account of the team (account: hkbafe) which publishes team's activities from time to time.

8. Tennis Team

The Bar Tennis Team is now recruiting new members so that the Team can be qualified to play in the RSCP Tennis Tournament. Members are invited to express interest in participation.

9. Dragon Boat Team

The Dragon Boat Team, which is known as the Dragon Advocates, completed several dragon boat races this year. This has been a record-breaking year for the team.

In order to give new members a taster session for the main races, the team signed up for the Sun Life Stanley Dragon Boat Warm Up Races for the first time, and the team came third in the Mixed Silver Cup B finals.

In the Sun Life Stanley International Dragon Boat Championships 2018, the team advanced to the mixed gold plate finals and finished at 3rd place, giving the team the chance to receive the prize on stage for the first time.

In the Legal Professional Cup organised by the Law Society of Hong Kong, the team came second at the Gold Cup Final with a record time of 1'17"53, breaking the team's own time record from last year.

The team went on to compete with four professional bodies and became the Champion in the Sun Life Hong Kong RSCP Dragon Boat Short Course Races organised by the Recreation

and Sports Club for Hong Kong Professional Bodies, the first ever championship won by the team in this race.

We are also grateful to the generous sponsorships offered by more than twenty-three members of the Bar (including twenty-one Senior Counsel, two senior members and one set of chambers), which made the team trainings possible.

C. RSCP Annual Dinner

On 26 May 2018, the RSCP Annual Dinner was held together with the RSCP Singing Competition at The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. There are altogether twenty-five members participating in the dinner.

D. Welfare

The Special Committee received several special offers this year, namely, special offer of a movie night by Bravos Pictures, in which fifty members participated; and special promotion offers by Hong Kong Disneyland, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, Mobil 1E & Tea WG, of which details were circulated in the Bar Circulars for members' attention.

Membership:

Rachael Siu (Chairman)
Sabrina Leung (Vice Chairman)
Yvonne Chiu
Charmaine Lo
Joseph Lee
Sebastian Hughes
Helene Ho
Deanna Law
Albert Chan
Patrick Chiu
Victoria Yue
Michelle Clough
Nicole Li (Pupil)
Bryan Lee (Pupil)
Patrick Lau (Pupil)

Rachael Siu
Chairman
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