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LSCOBA SF Year of Dragon Spring Dinner 2024

Ambrose Lee (98)

LSCOBA SF Dragon Year Spring Dinner 2024

三藩市喇沙舊生會龍年春茗

On March 2nd, we came together to celebrate the year of Dragon at Koi Palace in Dublin.

This is, after 4 years, we finally got together to celebrate the Chinese New Year! This is our first spring dinner ever since the outbreak of the COVID-19.



三藩市喇沙舊生會全人祝各位龍年行大運！萬事如意！身體健康！🥰🧧🎉

The beginning



Our reception opened at 6pm in a cozy yet private room of the restaurant.

At 7pm, we started off by singing our school song



This little girl sang our school song without even looking at the lyrics. 😊



Kudos to her dad, Bernard Cheng '03!

Connecting with LSCOBAS (HK)



During the dinner, we dialed out to the LSCOBAS (HK) President Calvin Mak '01

Thank you, Calvin, for connecting with us in the early morning of Hong Kong and giving us the update of our alma mater and the LSCOBAS (HK).

The Lucky Draw



Congratulations to all those who won the prizes in our dinner! 🥳🎉🎊

It was a fun night full of laughter and joy! Thank you for coming to our Dragon Year Spring Dinner! You had made our dinner much merrier!

We would like to thank our wine sponsor Vincent Lui '90, our photographer Derek Choy '93, and Gerald Chan '90 for securing the venue.

Also, special thanks Memie & Ephrem Fung '76 for helping out at the reception; Chris Ngai '78 for preparing the venue; And to Andrew Sien '63, George Law '66, Ephrem Fung '76, Homer Yau '85, Ambrose Lee '98, David Tong '01 and all the committee that helped and sponsored our dinner.

LSCOBA SF President Homer Yau '85 and his committee



Wish you all a blissful year of Dragon!! 🥰🎉🍷🐉

See you in our next event!

More pictures can be found at our official chapter Facebook page.

[LSCOBASF Dragon Year Spring Dinner Official Album](#)

Yours in La Salle,

LSCOBA SF Bay Area Chapter

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New York Tri-states CNY Dinner 2024

Andy Szeto (79)

Old boys in New York Tri-states area celebrated 2024 Year of the Dragon Chinese New Year.

On February 17, old boys in the New York Tri-states area got together at Orchard Restaurant in Garden City, New York, to celebrate the 2024 Year of the Dragon. That was the second Chinese New Year celebration since the pandemic. The banquet started at noon and lasted for several hours. We have old boys whose graduation spanning over fifty years from early sixties. Needless to say, the dishes were excellent, as they were specifically prepared for the La Salle boys because the owner of the restaurant was also a La Salle boy himself, Jimmy Ng. Good food. Good wine. Good time. What a good start of the year of Dragon.





Hong Kong D1 Athletic Meet

Calvin Mak (01) / Hermann Chu (81)

8 March 2024

A memorable day for many Lasallians.



First time since COVID that many old boys can enter the Wanchai Stadium to cheer for our homegrown athletes. Great to hand out 100 pieces of special edition of OBA towels to Brothers, old boys, teachers and students. A good opportunity to establish direct communication with the sports teachers and coaches as well.



各學校的熱血啦啦隊是造就學界比賽熱烈氣氛不可或缺的功臣。整個看臺旗海飄揚，吶喊聲不絕於耳。這，就是青春！



衝線是拍攝徑賽一個不可或缺的重要時刻。至於相片震撼否，就非常依賴運動員的表情及肢體語言配合，其次便是如何決定拍攝角度及納入甚麼背景。最重要的是：衝線後才是拍攝的開始



跨欄項目可算是個人拍攝田徑的首要目標，因為一個字：型！至於拍攝手法，本人傾向選擇直路，至於角度選擇，可謂五花八門，由上至下任君選擇。

Photos & captions by Hermann Chu (Sportsoho)

A New Book by Rev. Brother Patrick Tierney

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Introducing the Author



I believe I fell in love with words by listening to storytellers and recitations. This was before the age of high tech took off and I just let my imagination soar.

I believe I fell in love with the written word when I was preparing for my O Level exams and had to do some research. The library became a comfortable place.

One of my brothers was a born storyteller with an astounding memory for local lore and especially for the telling detail. His influence pervades "Fresh and Green."

My career has been in teaching, teaching in Hong Kong. School administration also fell my way. Now, in the glorious years of retirement, the names and associated stories of the persons who appear in this book come easily to mind. As do my adventures with the animal and insect world.

My memories are still fresh and green, as green as the fields of my beloved country.

Brother Patrick Tierney FSC

A new book titled "Fresh & Green," written by Brother Patrick, is now available on the bookshelves of Joint Publishing, Chung Hwa Book Co., and The Commercial Press. Additionally, you have the convenience of ordering it through the HKTVMALL online shop. The book is priced at \$150.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to delve into the pages of "Fresh & Green" and show your support for Brother Patrick.

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Toronto Chapter Spring Dinner

Kevin Kwok (88)



The Toronto Chapter 2024 Louis Pomeroy Memorial Mah Jong Tournament and Spring Dinner were held on 10 March 2024, at NKS Banquet Hall (帝豪名宴), with more than 48 MJ players at 7 competing tables and 5 non-competing tables, and a total of 212 old boys and guests for dinner. It was an exciting and joyous occasion indeed;

Two retired teachers, Mr. Joseph Yu (1961), and Mr. Shum Mow Kee were with us, Ms. Carlie Yip who taught at LSPS, also joined our dinner.

The mahjong competition was fierce and lasted the entire afternoon. The Louis Pomeroy Memorial Trophy was presented by our chapter president, Kevin Kwok (1988), to the highest-scoring old boy, Gregory Chen (62).







We want to sincerely thank our chapter director, Ambrose Cheung (1969), who secured a good deal with the restaurant. He is the best floor manager.

Several old boys sponsored lucky draw prizes. Overall, about 1 of 2 attendees won prizes, and we could not be more thankful. Among them, Dr. William Chan (1969) prepared 12 grand prizes.

Our Chapter would also like to thank all the members of the organizing committee namely, Danny Au Yeung (67), Ambrose Cheung (69), Ken Wong (90), Raymond Dau (91), Chris Fong (94), Michael Kong (94), Alex Tsoi (2016) and Kenny Fong (2017).





Background of Louis Pomeroy Memorial Mah Jong Tournament

At the February 2011 Board meeting, the Chapter directors voted unanimously to name henceforth the chapter's annual spring mahjong tournament the Louis Pomeroy Memorial Trophy Mahjong Tournament in honor and memory of Louis Pomeroy (1941), who left us peacefully on February 1, 2011. Louis was one of the most senior old boys of the Toronto Chapter, and a very loyal one, too. He served as 1st V.P. on the LSCOBA(HK) Committee in the mid-1960s, and was an incumbent director (2009-2011) of the Toronto Chapter. The mahjong tournament was his favorite chapter event.

Upcoming Toronto Chapter Annual General Meeting

Kevin Kwok (88)

Please be informed that the HKLSOBA - Toronto Annual General Meeting 2024 and the Dinner will be held on:

Date: May 15, 2024 (Wednesday)

Venue: Casa Deluz Banquet Hall 豪門宴 - 1571 Sandhurst Circle, Scarborough, Ontario

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Cost for dinner: TBD

AGM agenda:

1. Confirmation of quorum
2. President's report
3. Financial Report
4. New Business
5. Adjournment

Please email kevinkwok26@gmail.com by May 10, 2024, and indicate your attendance at the dinner and meeting; free of charge for attending the meeting only.

LSCOBA HK Spring Dinner 2024

Calvin Mak (01)

In the evening (following the Wanchai athletics meet), it's an awesome turnout to fill 64 tables at the LSCOBA spring dinner, a record high number. As mentioned in my speech, I am really glad to fulfil the mission to connect old boys of different background and generations. In particular, honored to have retired teachers, 10 OBA past presidents, LSC Foundation chairman, LSCAC and LSPS chairman for their attendance and support.



Tagged by Peter McChoy

World Cup 1974 -Total Football (part 1)

Danny Leung (71)

For the first time the 1974 edition of the world cup was fully broadcasted in color by HKTVB. All the games were delay broadcast except for the final live game between the two nations that best signified an era of **Total Football**.

Total Football

The concept **Total Football** was originated by the Austrian Wunderteam of the 30's and the Hungarian Olympics winner and World Cup runners up team of the 50's. It is a system used to unlock the most defensive pattern by interchanging players at will through fluid buildup. Defenders become attackers and vice versa to drag out the opponents with the closest player filling up any spaces left behind. This system requires skills, intelligence, collective understanding and constant moving of the player involved. Total Football was brought into a small football club Ajax of Holland in 1965 by an ex-player Rinus Michels. Michels turned this perpetual motion concept into success as Ajax won the European Cup 3 times and runners up title once from 1969 to 1973. He would later become the coach for Barcelona in 1973 and Holland in the 1974 World Cup. On top of utilizing both long and short plays, the Dutch would slow down into possession and suddenly strike like lightning. Their offside trap was second to none as Holland deployed it intelligently and effectively to frustrate the advancing opponents. The players were fast, powerful with their sliding tackle often stretched to the legal limit. We saw the first glimpse of a total team pressing style to win the ball back, which was eventually adapted successfully by Sacchi's AC Milan, Pep's Bracelona, Lobanovskyi of Dynamo Kiev and USSR, and Germany's Gegenpressing (Counter Pressing) coaches in Dortmund, Bayern, Liverpool and Chelsea. While employing a high defensive line, goalkeeper Jongbloed, who played as an outfield player during his earlier days, was given the task to rush out of the penalty box and tackle should the offside trap fail. The Dutch team that went to the World Cup had 7 players selected each from Ajax and Feyenoord. Names such as Haan a midfield converted sweeper, Neeskens a box to box fighter, van Hanegem with his razor sharp passing, Rensenbrink and Rep the speedy wingers, Suurbier and Krol the attacking full backs, Jansen and Rijsbergen the defensive experts; are legendary. Both Ajax and Holland were orchestrated on the pitch by their captain, Johan Cruyff. Cruyff was the striker in a mobile 4-3-3 formation but he had no fixed position. He was all over the pitch tackling; setting up the tempo; distributing play; dribbling around his marker and scoring some fascinating goals; a true **Total Footballer**.

The Winner – West Germany

W. Germany captured its first European Nation Cup two years earlier with breathtaking soccer. Being the host, expectations were high for W. Germany with extreme pressure mounting from the media and fans. A few months before the tournament, the team lost its form and lost to Brazil and Argentina in friendly games. The pre-tournament training was long and hard which caused a lot of complaints inside the camp. Players were not allowed to spend time with their spouses during the entire campaign. They were also discontented about the bonus structure which was luckily settled before the tournament.

Coach – Helmut Schoen was there to steer the ship after successful tournaments in 1966, 70 and 72. A strong believer in attacking soccer and a game changer, Schoen was flexible to adjust his tactics during the game. He was shell shocked after an unexpected first round defeat against his neighbors across the Wall, East Germany. After his captain Beckenbauer stepped in to stabilize the morale, Schoen regained his tactical sense and marched his team on to win the final.



Boot camp

Tactics – The 4-3-3 formation was maintained to make the best use of the width. The core team composed of seven Bayern Munich, current European Cup champion and five Borussia Mönchengladbach players, the two most successful Bundesliga teams during that era. The team built up with ball possession and quick passing just like in a basketball game. The tactics, though not as vigorous, was a mini version of Total Football. The team had the deepest squad among all the sixteen contestants and the rotation of players after the first round helped to maximize the performance.

X Factors

- Franz Beckenbauer invented the attacking libero or sweeper role with intelligent buildup from the back at Bayern Munich and the national team in the early 70's. The media called him **Der Kaiser** for his calm, elegant and imperious movement on the field. His vision and leadership were pivotal in winning the World Cup.
- Sepp Maier, the goalkeeper, had amended his errors four years ago and brilliantly commanded in his penalty box. His point blank double saves against Poland and some heart stopping ones from Holland showed his excellent positioning and reflexes.
- Wolfgang Overath, the midfield general with his clever left foot, was preferred instead of the creative but erratic Gunter Netzer, a star in the European Nation Cup. The loss vs E. Germany justified this selection as Netzer played poorly in that game.
- Gerd Mueller was criticized as over the hill but he came back with four crucial goals in the tournament. His total fourteen goals in thirteen World Cup games would become a record until Ronaldo of Brazil broke it in 2006. His goal ratio per international match of 1.096 has remained a phenomenon.
- Jurgen Grabowski was one of the key factors in beating England in the 1970 quarter final game. He continued to terrorize his opponents with his mesmerizing dribbling and ball control skills.

Young Guns

- Paul Breitner, a two-footed player with dashing run on the flank, would play as left back to accommodate Vogts on the right. He chalked up 3 goals with 2 long range screamers and a penalty in the final with his right foot, another Total Footballer.
- Uli Hoeness, the speedy midfielder, formed a great partnership with his Bayern Munich team mate Mueller. Their one-two passing was eye pleasing to watch.
- Rainer Bonhof, a midfielder, was brought into the team in the second round. His powerful run and energy revitalized the stagnant German team after the early stage.

Unsung Heroes

– Right back Berti Vogts, nicknamed **Der Terrier**, would shine with his man marking skills. He was assigned to mark Cruyff in the final. In the training session, Schoen had Vogts marked over another playmaker Netzer as a dress rehearsal but he failed miserably! In the final game, other than the opening minute when Cruyff cruised around him effortlessly, Vogts had the Dutch maestro under full control.

- While Der Kaiser received all the glory for organizing and leading the buildup, center back Schwarzenbeck swept diligently all the dirty work left in his absence.

Noticeable absence – England, after eliminated by a thrilling W. Germany display in the quarter final of the 1972 European Nation Cup, made little notes to the evolvement of the new football trend. In the World Cup qualifying group, Poland won the first game 2-0 as their speed overwhelmed the ageing Bobby Moore. England had to win to qualify in the return leg at Wembley. In a night of astonishing misses and hard luck from England, Poland survived with a 1-1 draw. England had an amazing 39 goal attempts and Poland had 2. The woodwork, the double digit saves by goalkeeper Tomaszewski nicknamed **The Clown** for his colorful jersey, and some last ditching clearance all contributed to England's failure. The main culprit was Ramsey, who relied too long on his old guards and failed to reinvent the tactics after his early success. England played panic football instead of building up patiently to draw out the massive defensive wall, a tactics not accustomed to their traditional hit and run style of play. Ramsey looked shell shock as England missed glorious chances and only brought in a meaningless substitute Kevin Hector two minutes before time. Ramsey was sacked a few months later.

Surprise packages – A number of European teams made up the grading. Sweden with its outstanding goalkeeper Hellstrom, busy winger Sandberg and the four goals tall striker Edstrom was very competitive. The team was ranked fifth place in the overall final standing. Yugoslavia's ball controlling skills with midfielder Bogicevic and winger Dzajic caught many eyes. Both teams did not go through the second group stage as they were undone by the vastly superior Germans and Poles. Scotland, eliminated by Brazil in the first round through an inferior goal difference of one, would hold its head high. Bremner's near miss from two yards vs Brazil was agonizing. The team with Harvey, Dalglish, Bremner, Lorimer and Jordan was courageous and truly deserved more. The veteran Dennis Law, **The King**, made his only world cup appearance against Zaire. (to be continue)



Scotland captain

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