

An odds-on winner

Jockey Club goes inflight!

The Hong Kong Jockey Club may be famed for its world-class racecourse facilities, but its Clubhouse dining is pretty good too.

That's why, in tandem with its sponsorship of the Hong Kong International Races, the airline is now serving a special inflight Jockey Club menu.

This special promotion runs from 1 December until 30 April 2005. Some 50 Chinese and Western specialties have been selected from the Derby Restaurant & Bar, Fortune Room and Gallop of Happy Valley Clubhouse.

Among them are the renowned Steamed Chicken Balls with Mushrooms and Water Chestnuts 'Chiu Chow' Style, Braised Beef Brisket with Peanuts on a Lotus Leaf, and Pan-fried Turbot with Salsify, Confit of Garlic and Girolle Veloute.

"It was an easy decision to extend our cooperation with the Hong Kong Jockey Club to do a joint food promotion," says Brendan Duffy, Catering Manager - Planning & Development.

"Some of the best-kept secrets in Hong Kong are the restaurants in the Jockey Club's Happy Valley Clubhouse.

"Working together with chefs from the Jockey Club and CPCS we have come up with a selection of dishes I can honestly say are brilliant."

Specially designed menu cards have been produced to let passengers find out more about the Jockey Club chefs.



Cabin crew Jessica Suen and May Ting try one of the dishes from the promotion.

"It's been fun working with the JC and CPCS as both teams are totally committed to the culinary arts," Brendan says, confident that this new campaign will further help to promote the food of Hong Kong to the world.

Cathay Cup to decide championship

The Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Cup is the final leg of the World Series Racing Championship. It will also be the decisive race to determine the championship winner.

Ireland's Sulamani and Germany's Epalo are neck-and-neck in the running with 16 championship points apiece. Nine other horses are close behind with 12.

Points are allocated in each race in the series, and with 12, 6, 4, 3, 2 and 1 points awarded to the first six horses in each event, the title could be anybody's.

Victory also bags the world's richest purse for a 2,000 metre race.

So who to back? "Definitely Rakti from Britain," says CX World's expert track-

side, Nick Li. "It's got the highest international rating. Rakti was also the runner-up in the 2003 Hong Kong Cup."

The World Series Racing Championship links 13 major international races around the world, including the Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe in Paris, the Breeders' Cup Classic at Lone Star Park in Dallas and the Japan Cup in Tokyo.

Last year's winner of the Championship was High Chaparral ridden by world-renowned jockey Frankie Dettori and trained by Ireland's A P O'Brien.

Local runner Silent Witness will also raise loud cheers if it carries off the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Cup to create a record-breaking run of wins.

The horse has so far had 12 unbeaten outings in a row. A Cup win would make it 13.



Ain't Here, ridden by Brett Pebble, won the "Asia's world city Cathay Pacific International Cup Trial" to qualify for the International Races (above). General Manager Marketing Charlie Stewart-Cox joined a presentation after the event (right).



A JOB WELL DONE!

Donald Capps

Mal Robinson, Engineering Manager in Frankfurt, wrote to sing the praises of one of his mechanics, Donald "Chuck" Capps, for going the extra mile.

CX289 arrived in Frankfurt one



day in October with the inflight-entertainment system inoperative in 54 seats in Economy Class. The problem had been occurring for two days so Chuck decided to take a closer look.

He isolated a hardware problem in the computer controlling a specific number of seats - but Frankfurt didn't have the item in stock.

With a full aircraft waiting Chuck wasn't happy to leave the problem for Hong Kong to sort out, so he went out and sourced the part from another airline.

After a number of calls between Hong Kong and the other airline's head office in the States, Chuck managed to get the part on a loan basis.

The installation and testing was finished just 10 minutes before the passengers

started boarding.

"This was an excellent effort which would normally go unnoticed because of the simple fact that the problem was fixed!" say Mal.

Priya Chawla and Aaron Fern

Two new Sales Operations Agents in CX London's Reservations team, each with less than a month's service, received glowing



praise from a television producer recently.

The man was trying to book a flight to Melbourne for his daughter and Priya fixed him up with an Economy Class itinerary as "Business Class was more than I wanted to pay".

He later got a call from Priya telling him about a deal to upgrade to Business Class for one leg of each journey, but when he called back to confirm everything he got through to Aaron.

"I told him I wanted Priya to get the credit for the sale and Aaron said he could deal with the booking and would also tell Priya I had called back to make the booking through her."

The man wrote to praise the "excellent and personal service" from the two newcomers.

Short Finals

Flu jabs for staff

With the head of the World Health Organisation's global influenza programme saying that the world is closer to its next flu pandemic, the time is right for staff to get their CX-subsidised influenza vaccination.

Flu jabs are available for staff and dependents at the bargain price of just HK\$20 per person, compared to the market price of HK\$160 or more.

Vaccinations are available until supplies are exhausted - call QHMS on 8200-7470, the CX Clinic on 2747-2954 or the Benefits Services Centre on 2747-2222 for more details.

Mainland man

The first of Director & Chief Operating Officer Philip Chen's two travel books has been published in Mainland China in simplified Chinese characters.

Philip's books contain collections of the travelogues he has been writing for a Hong Kong newspaper.

All royalties from his books go to charity, and in the Mainland the money will be used to help poor children in Shanxi who cannot afford to go to school.

AY nonstop to HK

Finnair is to start flying non-stop between its Helsinki home and Hong Kong next year, cutting four hours off the current journey time.

Currently, the carrier operates its three weekly services to Hong Kong via Bangkok but it will fly non-stop from 31 May to September.

Frequencies to Bangkok will be retained as at present, with the three services that currently fly on to Hong Kong continuing instead to Singapore.

Funds raised

CX received an award from the Hong Kong Cancer Fund for the generous contribution made by staff for the recent "Pink Revolution" breast cancer awareness day.

A total of HK\$106,000 was donated by staff, and CCD's Olivia Kwan (pictured below, right) received the award at a Pink Revolution gala night.

Staff also donated generously to the Community Chest's Dress Casual Day, contributing a total of HK\$71,508.

