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### **Editorial**

### **Our Sporting and Social Heritage**

s the RSC celebrates its 132nd anniversary this year, our President and his General Committee are certainly continuing the journey of seizing emerging sporting and social opportunities to firmly hold on to our fine heritage as a premier sporting and social club. This is borne out by several social events and the flurry of sporting activities.

The Club's festive spirit continued with two evenings of celebrations. The first as presented on page 18, was the colourful Tamil New Year evening on 11th April 2015 which featured South Indian cuisine, music and cultural dance performances. This was matched by the Vaisakhi Night on 24th April which extended beyond the colours of Punjab with Bangra dances, North Indian Fare and a free flow of the usual beverages to lift the event to new heights.

Moving on to sports, we congratulate the Rugby Section for picking itself up and recruiting a new set of approved Sports Members. Its participation in the Selangor Rugby Union 2015 season's league is certainly a giant step forward considering the very short team rebuilding period.

Our footballers have also done us proud in their match with the Hong

Kong Football Club. The reality that the game was revived after a hiatus of 38 years is a further testimony of the Convenors' commitment to reinforce our Club's rich sporting traditions.

The RSC's Junior Badminton Training Program is a supportive example of our Club's role as an incubator of sporting talent. The Program which commenced in October 2014, has been well received and is running smoothly with training conducted by ex-national badminton players.

Life Members, with their invaluable contributions to the Club's growth and development are undoubtedly, a cornerstone of the RSC. The good news is that their numbers are increasing, and as presented on page 7, they would shortly account for the majority of Club membership. It is encouraging that more young professionals, including members' children, are joining the Club as these would contribute to a more balanced demographic profile.

As reported by David Siew on page 10 our Clubs human resources are now benefitting from team building, training and development to lift proficiency and enhance productivity levels. Undoubtedly critical for the Club's progress in these challenging times, the engagement of a professional firm for developing our human capital is the best way forward.

This issue also has good news on Kiara which is now better looking, safer and cleaner. As reported by Tony TC on page 9 much refurbishment, replacement and maintenance work has been done both internally and externally.

Understandably in addition to infrastructure and physical facilities, a Club must have the social space, entertainment, good food and beverages to promote good clubbing and R. Shanmugam elaborates on this on page 11.

We extend our congratulations to Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Mani Jegathesan "Asia's fastest man" and Puan Sri who celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary at the RSC. While he is widely regarded as a sports icon and a world renowned medical researcher, little did we know about his deft movements on the dance floor and we thank Chris Syer for sharing this with us.

### Professor Dr. A Selvanathan Thomas Cherian

### **President's Message**

### **Achievements to Date**

Dear Fellow Members,

s now that my term as the President draws closer, it is timely to take stock of the achievements of the current General Committee, I am indeed happy to report that despite challenging circumstances, several projects aimed at providing members with new value added facilities and services were successfully completed. Consequently, several more members are now patronizing the food and beverage outlets at Dataran and Kiara.

Furthermore, all members now benefit from the new beverages contracts between the Club and the two main breweries. The introduction of "Happy Hours" on a daily basis has made it possible to maintain the prices of beverage at competitive levels. Although the breweries have increased their respective prices on two occasions, we are still maintaining prices at current levels pending a review of the impact on the Club's financials.

The management accounts for the year ended 31st December 2014 are now being audited. The good news is that the unaudited results indicate a respectable and healthy net financial surplus largely due to the implementation of tight budgetary controls on all

spending.

The measures taken included the revision of the By-laws governing sports expenditure to ensure that the General Committee only approves requests that justify financial assistance. In this regard it is the policy of the General Committee to decide on requests from Sports Sections for financial assistance on a case by case basis and no longer provide "lump sum" allocations. This is consistent with the financial strategies that were introduced to provide for financial sustainability which requires best practices and financial discipline.

It is noteworthy that while the cost of maintaining and managing all our sports facilities and infrastructure are borne by the entire membership of the Club, only twenty four percent of the Club's ordinary members are members of the Sports Sections.

Although only a minority of them are active in both outdoor and indoor sports, they have upheld the sporting traditions of our Club by doing well in competitions and nurturing sporting talent. I commend the Convenors of the Rugby, Badminton, Football, Cricket, Tennis and Swimming Sections for the initiatives taken to establish and well manage their respective junior



development programs.

All the Sports Sections held their Annual General Meetings in March and in early April. Consequently, several new Convenors and Committee Members have come onboard. I congratulate them on their election and am confident that they would build on the contributions made by the respective out-going Committees.

Moving on, members may have noted that several capital enhancement projects have either been completed or are nearing completion at Dataran and Kiara. The significant ones were the erection of the exit Guard House, the re-surfacing of roads, the renovation of the Cellar Bar at Dataran, a new Cricket Score Board, roof repairs, replacement of leaking glass panels and rubber gaskets forming the Sky Light slanting roof and the tinting of the said panels at Kiara. Tenders will be called soon for several other approved projects which await implementation.

The issuance of e-billing of mem-

### **President's Message**

ber's monthly statements has gone online, the Club has discontinued the issuance and posting of montly statement of accounts to members since 1st April 2015. Details of outstanding balances can be retrieved from the accounts office, receptionist counters, kiosk at the lobbies at Dataran & Kiara and via online through web portal and moblie apps. Understandably, these measures have reduced the Club's rising administrative and operational costs. The Club's Annual General Meeting now draws closer and I urge all members to make it a point to attend in order to take ownership of several matters that will be tabled for deliberation. Significant gains have been achieved on all fronts, both from an administrative and financial perspectives. It is therefore imperative that the next General Committee elected into office endeavors to build on this platform to ensure continued financial sustainability. To conclude, I look forward to all members taking full advantage of our Club's many facilities and social activities in the spirit of happy clubbing.

### Bryan Perera

President



The spreuced up skylight slanting roof at Kiara

### **The General Manager's Update**

Greetings! Members enjoyed two festive functions that were held in our Club's ballroom. First, our Hindu Members celebrated the Tamil New Year. Decorated with banana trees and colourful Indian decorations, Members and friends enjoyed the South Indian food prepared by Chef Rama. The whole crowd enjoyed the entertaining dancers and melodic singers and much credit must be given to organising Chairman Mr CS Nathan.

The Vaisakhi night was held the following week on 24th April. Organised by Mr Hacharan Singh, all the guests were treated to an evening of great entertainment and authentic Punjabi food complete with chapattis.

Members at Dataran will have noticed that the roads in our car park have been repayed and we have a new guard house at our exit gate. We will commence resurfacing our basement carpark in the next two months.

Food lovers can enjoy our New Zealand black mussel promotion prepared by our Chef Aziz. You can try the mussels in Chinese Kum Heong style, Creamy Creole Mussels or Spicy Sicilian style.

Whisky drinkers are enjoying the trendiest whisky in town. It is the Single grain whisky Haig Club which has superstar David Beckham as its ambassador. The purchase of the bottle also comes with a complimentary classy whisky flask. Order your bottle today as we have limited stocks.

Stout lovers also have something to celebrate. We now have Connors drought stout available at the Cellar Bar and Pavillion Bar. Every Monday you can celebrate with "a buy one free one "promotion. Come and try the fastest growing stout in Malaysia.



For our Life Members, please note 26th May 2015 in your diary as we will be having our annual life Members night at our Dataran Ballroom. It will be the time to catch up with other fellow Life Members you have not seen for a long time. With good food and good entertainment, it should be a very nostalgic night.

Kevyn lee General Manager



### **Membership Update**

### **Enlarging Club Membership**

embers will be happy to note that our newly upgrad ed information system permits us to readily update our Membership records. There were a total of 12,420 members as at 31st March 2015 and they comprised Ordinary, Life, Privilege, Honorary, Lady, Visiting, Invited, Sports and Temporary Members.

Of these, 1840 were Life Members as compared to 3466 Ordinary Members. However a trend analysis, as shown below, points to a sharp increase of Llife Members over the next decade with a spike of an additional 584 life members in 2016. Significantly by 2019, less than 4 years from now, Life Members are expected to account for the majority of the membership and their numbers in percentage terms will register sharp increases annually.

Understandably there would be an attendant implications which require the Club to introduce new measures to cater to the changing needs of the enlarged Life Membership category. In parallel, new initiatives are also required to increase revenue streams



to offset the reduced monthly subscriptions paid by Life Members.

This pin points the urgent need for changing the membership demo-



### **Membership Update**

graphic profile, and the Membership Sub Committee has implemented three pertinent initiatives.

The first was to reach out to new graduates and to offer them special terms, to enable them to join the Club with the opportunity of transiting to Ordinary Membership at a later stage.

The second was the Resolution adopted at the December 2014 EGM to permit the entry of qualified members' children to join the Club by paying only half of the current entrance fee, with option of paying the reduced entrance fee of RM6250 by way of 6 monthly installments. I am now pleased to report that following receipt of the approval of the Registrar of Societies, three eligible applicants, Mr Sandesh Kabir Singh, Mr Gavin Rajpal Singh Seine and Mr Stephen Samric Singh Seine have since become temporary members. I welcome them as pioneers of the new membership enlargement initiative. The Membership Department is now processing several more applications under this scheme and will elaborate in June Berita's issue.

The third was to reduce the admission process as time and increase the frequency of Interview and Introduction Nights. A total of 10 interviews involving 92 candidates were held in the period August 2014 to April 8th 2015. Three Introduction Nights, were held on 13th October 2014, 23rd January 2015 and 19th March 2015 respectively with total of 82 Temporary Members being accepted by the General Committee as Ordinary Members. Another Introduction Night has been scheduled on 29th May 2015, with the expected participation of another 45 Temporary Members.

I thank my colleagues, in the Membership Committee, Mr P Jayasingham Mr Amarjit Singh Sidhu and Mr Naren Gill for their invaluable contributions and the Staff of the Membership Department for their support services.



From Left: Mr Kuldip Singh (Proposer), Mr Stephen Seine, Membership Chairman, Mr Gavin Seine, Ms Harjeet Kaur (Seconder)

Professor Dr. A Selvanathan Membership Chairman

### **Kiara Update**



embers will have observed that several refurbishment activities have been completed or are underway. This was the outcome of the General Committee's commitment to improve the facilities at Kiara which is increasingly becoming the preferred members' location for clubbing and sporting activities.

At the outset, there was much consultation with members and these generated several useful suggestions and comments. They pointed to the need for a more beautiful, cleaner and safer Kiara with well-maintained facilities and equipment in good working order.

A maintenance audit revealed several shortcomings and defects which required immediate rectifications. This was brought to the attention of the General Committee which approved the required budgetary allocations.

Several maintenance activities were therefore undertaken by our in-house maintenance team. All the doors at Kiara were repainted as well as the

### A Better Looking, Safer and Cleaner Kiara

ceiling at the Coffee House and the Pavilion. A Perspex (acrylic) glass roof was installed below the Oval.

The parking area was spruced up with new lights and landscaped with flowering plants. The car park lines were repainted to provide larger spaces and all the manholes and grease traps were chemically washed. Shoe racks were fabricated for the Male changing rooms and an air water spray gun was installed at the field.

Following requests from members, an industrial fan was installed in the Pavilion terrace and a CCTV system at the security post. The perimeter along the lobby drive way was also painted.

Following the necessary approvals from the Tender Board, contractors were appointed to refurbish the Male and Female sauna rooms and this included the replacement of the heater and control panels. The leaks in the Skylights roof glass panel were also rectified.

Two additional air conditioners were installed at the Dewan Tan Sri Hamzah and a tempered glass door was provided for the Male shower room. The ageing and broken roof tiles were refurbished and the security barrier boom gate and control panels were replaced. All the manholes were vacuumed, sludged and chemically cleaned. The air conditioner compressor room behind the kitchen was reconstructed and reinforced. Two pumps were installed. These were a water pump for the toilets and a tube well pump for the field water tank. Other external works included the realignment and strengthening of the tennis courts.

The CAPEX for 2015 also includes renovation works with the principal ones being a new ceiling stretching from the Kiara roof to the lobby; the replacement of the retaining wall and the Perimeter drain.

Works in the pipeline include tinted film for the skylight roof glass panels, a brick wall partition and suspended ceiling above the banana leaf food outlet. The intention is to also to relocate the existing CCTV to the security post and install a new 16 channel decoder.

Much of the work in progress are expected to be completed by end June 2015 and Kiara would certainly be better looking, safer and cleaner.

Tony TC Chairman Kiara House

### **HR Update**



ith the coming on board of three prominent practitioners in HR Laws. Procedures and Practices, the HR Sub Committee was formed in July 2014.

The HR Department is very focused on team building, lifting the level of proficiency and efficiency amongst the staff members. To this end, as a progressive Club, we have continuously evaluated, identified new training and developed methods to utilize manpower resources effectively.

### **Walking The Talk**

We have carried out several inhouse training programs for members of staff in F&B, the Front Line Departments. To date 40 members of staff have attended the various external training programs to upgrade their skills and capabilities. The high point out of these training programs is that one of our Executives will be graduating with a Diploma in Hotel Management in mid year.

Providing training programs for our staff to improve their skills is HR's top priority. To walk the talk, we have now engaged the services of mfQAsia to train members of our staff comprising 32 Management Staff, 83 Unionised Staff, 19 Contract Kitchen Staff and 67 Part Time Staff.

Besides providing training opportunities to staff members, their welfare is also an important issue. We have a Staff Loan Fund to assist staff, on a case to case basis, who are in dire need of some financial assistance with easy repayment terms. We also organize Quarterly Staff gatherings to boost their morale and recognize their hard work. At these gatherings, members of staff whose birthdays' fall within that quarter is celebrated and presented with a memento. An Incentive Award is also presented to staff who have not gone on Medical Leave.

The Annual Staff Dinner & Dance 2015, themed "Bollywood", held on 30 April 2015, was well attended. Please stay on this page for more news on HR activities in the next issue.

Happy Clubbing!

David Siew Chairman Human Resources



### **Kiara Entertainment and F&B Update**

### Annual Report, Kiara (House) Entertainment and F&B

Tam pleased to inform members that a larger number of members are now patronizing Kiara, particularly the Oval.

A crowd puller is the live music with jazz, golden oldies, rock and roll and current hits appeal to both the younger and senior members of the Club. The Oval is therefore packed every Friday evening with members coming in after dinning in the coffee house. This is a clear indication that there is a demand from members for more entertainment at Kiara.

Plans are underway to engage the Perfect Mate duet to perform and details will be announced after arrangements have been finalized.

Good music would have to be matched with appropriate surroundings. Since the Oval is showing the signs of age, the General Committee has decided to refurbish it for a more modern look that would appeal to both the younger and senior members. At the time of writing this report, contracts for the upgrading of The Oval have been issued and Members will benefit from an Oval with a fresh look.

Following feedback from Members, a new caterer, Chandra Cuisine was contracted to operate the Banana Leaf stall. The response from members has exceeded expectations particularly



during the weekends.

It is evident that good music and good food would lead to more Members patronizing the Club . Thus more should be done.

R.Shanmugam Chairman Kiara F&B & Entertainment



### **Introduction Night for 25 new Members**

BY PROFESSOR DR. A. SELVANATHAN

The RSC held its second Introduction Night this year on 19th of March, in the Ballroom Dataran. In keeping with the traditions of fine fare, free flowing drinks and live music, the 25 Member elects were welcomed by the President, the General Committee, their families, friends and peers.

In his welcoming remarks, The President, Mr Andrew Bryan Perera outlined the Club's long and rich history and its pivotal contributions to sports in the national and international arenas. He called on the new entrants to always meet the high expectations of the Club and to build on its standing as the premier Club in the country. The new members were also urged to strictly abide by the Constitutional Rules of the Club.

The Chairman of the Membership Sub-Committee Professor Dr. A Selvanathan, then recommended that all the 25 Member elects be accepted by the General Committee as Ordinary Members since they had the requisite, personal and professional attributes. Each candidate accompanied by his/ her Proposer and Seconder, then had to obtain the signature of each of the General Committee.

At its subsequent meeting on 25th March 2015, the General Committee formally endorsed and conferred Ordinary Membership to all the new members.

### The New Members, General Committee and Membership Committee



**1st Row Left To Right** - Amarjit Singh Sidhu P Jayasingam, Prof Dr A Selvanathan, Richard Lau, R Shamugam, Ramjan Din, David Siew, Tony T C, R Nadeswaran, Andrew Bryan Perera (President)

**2nd Row Left To Right** - Dato' Agilan a/l P Ratnam, Datuk Subramaniam Pillai, M R Jose, S Euvaraj, Govindasamy a/l Ramiah Thaver, Liew Yuen Keong, Keshminder Singh, Jan Hofstede, Ramesh a/l N Puranachandran, Byun Sang Ho, Cynthia Manonmani, R Puvaneswari, Deborah Nicole Danker

**3rd Row Left To Right** – Lim Beng Huat, Chinnakaruppu a/l Thanikodi, Sivagasan a/l Kangasu, S Ramaswamy Vicknesh, Haridaran Ravindra Dass, Logaraj a/l Dorai Rajoo, Vijay Kumar Ganason, Thiyagarajah a/l V Sinnathamby, Maruthoor Chathiyath Sajiv, Thevandran a/l K Ragavan

### **RSC Ordinary Members (Elected in March 2015)**



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HARIDARAN RAVINDRA DASS FLIGHT ENGINEER

MALINDO AIRWAYS



MARUTHOOR CHATHIYATH SAJIV DIRECTOR/CEO MICRODIUM DISTRIBUTION SDN.BHD



M R JOSE DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND OPERATIONS MCTEC CORPORATION SDN BHD



CHINNAKARUPPU A/L THANIKODI MANAGING DIRECTOR MHM MAJU PLANTATION



LOGARAJ A/L DORAI RAJOO OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE DELIVERY MANAGER HSBC

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HULS TRANSMISSION SDN BHD



LIEW YUEN KEONG GENERAL MANAGER

PARKLIN VENTURE REALITY SDN BHD

### **RSC Ordinary Members (Elected in March 2015)**



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JAN HOFSTEDE PRESIDENT/MANAGING DIRECTOR BD ASIA (HQ) SDN BHD



RAMESH A/L N PURANACHANDRAN PARTNER MESSRS RAMESH YUM & CO



BYUN SANG HO DIRECTOR KIM S MART



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DEBORAH NICOLE DANKER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA



MOHANADASS KANAGASABAI MANAGING PARTNER MOHANADASS PARTNERSHIP

### **NEW ELECTED SPORTS MEMBERS**

### **BADMINTON SECTION**

MOHD FARID BIN NASLIM

### **RUGBY SECTION**

AMIR HAFIZUDDIN BIN MARKOM

ABDUL HADI BIN ABDUL RAZAK

AMIR BIN KAMAL HAMIDON

MUHAMMAD AMIRUL ASYRAF BIN MALEK

MUHAMMAD SYAMMIR BIN SAHAK

MOHD AZMAN BIN MOHD SUAH

### **A Giant Step Forward !**

BY RICHARD DUTTON

ell where do we start! After a somewhat traumatic 2014 the Section has picked itself up, dusted it's self off and started all over again! We are actively recruiting more Section members to help us with our endeavours and now have about 160 plus supporters -THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

We also have 34 "approved" Sports Members as players and are still recruiting.

The guys have performed extremely well given that they are just getting to know each other so to speak! It all augers very well for next season!

We are re-registered with the MRU and participating in the Selangor Rugby Union 2015 season's league.

Having played 6 games and won 3 - one of which against, all form was



beating a Malaysian Army side!!! That caused the league table to go into total disarray .....hehehe typically Dog...

Unfortunately, we lost against the KL Saracens last week (the strongest team in the pool) but there was no dis-



grace at all and even they commented that they were surprised at the level of the opposition!

The Section took a giant step to Taiping and established an informal relationship with the famous rugby school, the King Edward V11 with the hope that whenever the kids are in KL studying or looking for jobs that they will consider joining the RSC rugby to continue their Rugby associations.

Together with our very own Maryappan Munian aka Papan who paved the way to the talks, the visit proved to be very positive.

This was further enhanced when the Section hosted the KE Rugby team to a dinner where they were overwhelmed with the hospitality and the introductions to the third half of

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### sports... Rugby



rugby, sadly missing in today's rugby.

KE, not to be outdone or awed by the occasion, joined in the revelry with their school and team songs. Sadly, the occasion had to come to an early end as the boys had a tournament to play the following day.

Looking forward - we will not be holding the Jonah Jones tournament this year as the Section Committee feels that we have enough on our plate for now BUT we intend to resurrect it at some stage in the future. In the meantime we are producing new merchandise for the Section and will be launching it soon. Approvals are awaited from the General Committee.

The Section will be embarking on a series of weekend tournaments beginning with the:

Taiping 10'sMay 30th / 31stNS SevensJune (dates tba)Hadyai SevensSeptember (dates tba)RBSC 10'sNovember 14th / 15th

Penang 10's December (dates tba)

And of course, our big big tour "SRI LANKA" very likely in late November, details will be forthcoming.

On the social scene, a party for all Section members is in the initial stages of planning and will probably coincide with the launch of the merchandise.



### **RSC** Wine Committee's Pick



White peach and tropical fruit notes with a lifted and fruit driven nose. Melon and citrus fruit dominates the palate, with good acidity and a hint of oak on the finish

### RM 55.00+ (Bottle)

CRANSWICK

### Cranswick Lakefield Cabernet Merlot

Full and upfront varietal fruit with spicy aromas on top of sweet overtones. Deep savory currant fruit characters with smooth tannins and vanillin oak. Long and satisfying finish.

RM 55.00+ (Bottle)





### BERITA RSC| APR - MAY 2015 Club events... Indian New Year's Night

### **The Puthandu Celebration**

BY CS NATHAN

11<sup>th</sup> Apríl 2015

Ballroom

The RSC celebrated Puthandu, better known as Tamil New Year on April 11th, at the RSC Ballroom. Well organised by Mr CS Nathan and Mr S Nadarajah, more than 220 Club members, their families and guests together with our President and members of the General Committee enjoyed the celebrity event.

The South Indian cuisine was outstanding and the entertainment which included Sillambattam and Bharathanatyam gave the evening a true South Indian flair.

### BERITA RSC| APR - MAY 2015 Club events... Vaisakhi Night

### **RSC Celebrates Vaisakhi Night in Style**

The RSC celebrated the Vaisakhi festival with colour and style on 24th April 2015. The celebrity crowd included the President, the General Committee, fellow members, their families and guests. Filled with glamour, fun and joy the entertainment to say the least was truly mind blowing. The sumptuous food was the highlight of the night.

Not surprisingly, the packed dancefloor was a swirl of the colours of Punjab. A big thank you to the organising chairman Mr Harcharan Singh, Ms Amarat Kaur Gill and Ms Pergash Kaur.





### BERITA RSC| APR - MAY 2015 Club events... Staff Night

### **Reversal of Roles at the Staff Night**



### sports... Dancesport Our New Team for 2015-2016

BY CAPT. ONG TW

he Dancesport Section elected new Committee at the AGM held on 28th March 2015 which was attended by approximately 80 people inclusive of spouses. The AGM went on smoothly with a speedy election of the following Office Bearers.

1) Convennor: Mr. Y S Chan

2) Secretary: Mr. Peter Choo

3) Treasurer: Capt Ong Tiow Wah

4) Committee Member: Mr, Chuah Tong Yeong

5) Committee Member: Mr. Bob Yong

6) Honorary Auditor: Mr. Lim Boon Hong

7) Honorary Auditor: Mr. Choo Boon Lim

After the AGM which concluded @ 7.30 pm, Section members adjourned to a hearty and sumptuous buffet dinner with a free flow of beer and casual dancing accompanied by CD music till late in the night.

The new team held its first meeting on 8th April 2015 at RSC Dataran. and Michelle Fork was co-opted as a Committee Member to host the Sundays Tea Dances.

The Commitee is now formulating plans to enhance the Section's and inter port events for the coming year.

The new Committee wishes Section members a rewarding year and looks forward to their active participation and support in all activities and future events.



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### Personality... Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Mani Jegathesan

### Forty Six Years On and Still Going Strong

BY CHRIS SYER



Tan Sri Jega: "then and now"

Asia's fastest man and bride celebrate their wedding anniversary at the Royal Selangor Club.

an Sri Datuk Dr Mani Jegathesan, Malaysia's flying doctor whose record 20.92 seconds for the 200 metres achieved at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964 and repeated in the Mexico Olympics in 1968 still stands, showed that he and his lovely wife Lee Hong are still quick on their feet. This was clearly evident when they danced the night away at the Cocktail Lounge to celebrate their 46th Wedding Anniversary on April 10th and having an evening with their "golden oldies" friends Dato' General Ray Chen and his wife Sylvia together with Chris and Ambi Syer.

Indeed their combined marriages have lasted 156 years between them and judging from their performances that evening showed that, whilst always welcoming newer and younger Members, Life Members continue to enjoy the various facilities that our prestigious Club provides. This is reflected by the excellent meal at the recently renovated Bamboo Grove and the ever popular The Alexis with their non-stop rendition of songs from yesteryear which kept everyone on their feet.

Most notably was another action which must be recorded and that was when one of the staff from Kshipra Curry House – Mr Lakshman - found a ring on the floor and together with Captain "Charlie" traced it to Dato General (Rtd) Ray Chen who had not



Lakshman returning the ring to Dato General (Rtd) Ray Chen

noticed that his wedding ring of 57 years had come off whilst he was dancing. This act of honesty is something that must be recorded in the respective staff's personal files as a true credit and fine example of the high standards expected and maintained by the Royal Selangor Club.

### sports... Badminton

### **Our Happy Badminton Juniors**

### **BY PRABHA KARAN**



RC's junior badminton trainees were gifted with attractive RSC Badminton T-shirts from the Badminton Convenor, Mr Prabha Karan on Saturday 18th April 2015.

The Junior Badminton Training Program which commenced in October 2014 has been well received and is running smoothly. The 15 participants in the Program are benefiting from training conducted by ex-National badminton players.

The training sessions are held every Saturday at 3pm at the Petaling Jaya Challenger courts. While the parents are appreciative of the Section's efforts in promoting badminton through this training program, they are understandably calling for the Club to have its own court facilities to permit more children to benefit from the programme.

The Badminton Section membership has in recent months increased to more than 140. Members have their badminton sessions every Wednesday (7pm to 9pm) and Saturday (3pm to 5pm), also at the Petaling Jaya Challenger courts.

Members are requested to contact the Badminton Convenor at 012-2006729 to obtain more information about the Junior Badminton Training Program.

### sports... Swim

### **Change of Guards for the Swim Section**

BY VIJAYAN DORAISAMY



he AGM for the Swim Section was held on the 29th March 2015 at the Dewan Tan Sri Hamzah, Kiara.

We started the evening with a game of Water Polo with the Section members – adults and children- as participants. Some RSC members who came for a swim with their kids were also roped in to join in the fun. After an half hour of "competitive" game the results was close with one team edging the other by 1 goal. Significantly, the aggressive players were the young girls and the strategists were the ladies. All participants were rewarded with a packet of chocolate courtesy of Michael Dass. Light refreshments and sandwiches were served at the end of the event to all present.

The Swim section's AGM was held at the Dewan Tan Sri Hamzah, at 8.00pm The following were elected as the new committee 2015-2016:

> **Convener** Vijayan Doraisamy

**Secretary** Ratnadurai Thambidurai **Treasurer** Kalaichelvan Ganesan

**Committee Members** Sivalingam Sinniah Rajalingam Ramasamy

The AGM placed on record its appreciation for the valuable contribution of the outgoing committee namely: Michael Dass (Convener), Sivalingam Sinniah (Secretary), Vijayan Doraisamy (Treasurer) and Rajalingam Ramasamy and Ratnadurai Thambidurai (Committee Members)

### sports... Soccer

### **Interport With HKFC Resumes After 38 Years**

### BY DAVID ANTHONY

### **RSC Hong Kong Interport**

Beb 27 was indeed a historical day for the RSC Soccer Section 2015 Team as we landed in Hong Kong to play the first Interport match revived after a hiatus of something like 38 years. Our thanks to our Section Convenor Mr Kavil Singh who took the first steps to make this happen.It was a proud moment for everybody in the team having the opportunity to be part of something that has been RSC's tradition for many years but was somehow forgotten along the way.

The team's journey started from KLIA2 at 8.45am, where we all met for breakfast before taking the flight. While on board, most of the happy and excited team members were chatting and laughing throughout the three plus hours journey.



The train to HKFC

We touched down at Hong Kong airport at around lunch time and quickly made our way to the hotel. Later the team went for a sumptuous lunch, courtesy of the Section at a nearby restaurant. The locals were fascinated to see so many different cultural backgrounds enjoying a meal together.

After lunch we went back to our rooms for some rest as the soccer match was just a few hours away. At about 5.30pm the team headed for the Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) which was situated next to the Hong Kong Jockey Club. We were greeted by an impressive facade at the HKFC and treated like VIPs on our arrival.

We were led to the changing room to get ready for the match. When the team walked out onto the pitch, the cool evening breeze was gently blowing as the game was played at night ( temperature around 18c) More interestingly the pitch was artificial turf and felt fantastic once one got used to playing on it. The seating surrounding the pitch was stadium like with colourful seats. Another fascinating aspect was the horse racing course around the stadium.

Led by our captain Dato Kevin Louis, we started the match with a strongly balanced team as there were 19 players including Mark Toh, a Section member



The teams before kick off

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who is now based in Hong Kong.

Evenly matched during the 1st half, the RSC team conceded a goal just before half time but that did not blunt our spirit. In the second half, Dato Kevin our Captain, Kavil and Vincent restrategized and made some changes to the team and we took to the field with renewed vigour to fight for every ball.

RSC in the 2nd half powered by our experienced midfield made many attacking chances and came close to scoring a few times but the HKFC eventually emerged winner at the final whistle. Though we did not win, everybody in the team was happy as we all had the opportunity to experience a wonderful game and be part of something special.

The team was treated to dinner and drinks where Thurairaj and Tan Sin Choy were voted Man of the Match for various reasons. Our host were indeed very warm and accommodating to RSC and assured us they will make a trip to Kuala Lumpur the next time around.

As usual, many members of the team decided that we wanted to explore the night life. So off we went into the night after thanking our host for taking care of us.

On Saturday, most of us were up ear-



Time for challenge trophy handover



The RSC squad anxious for kick off

ly for breakfast as we decided to go to the outlet stores located at Tung Chung for shopping. It was an eye opener as we've never seen so many outlet stores at one location. Thank goodness the wives were not present.

We went off in different directions later to meet for lunch. Some of us with heavier credit cards, lighter wallets and more shopping bags. We had lunch and headed back to the hotel later but not before stopping for some coffee and toast at a nearby coffee shop.

Later that night, Mark Toh hosted us to dinner and drinks at one of Hong Kong's hip areas. It was a revelation indeed as party goers thronged the streets and bars to party Saturday night away. It was like the "Changkat" of Bukit Bintang, only 5 times bigger and more intense.

Finally, some of us decided it was time to retire for the night but for others it was just the start. So we went back to the hotel while for others, they partied on. Sunday morning's quick rollcall saw everybody back, safe and still asleep.

The team left for the airport at around 10.15am and boarded the flight back to KL at about 12.45.

Indeed it was a meaningful trip for all of us as we had fun as friends and as a team. First Bangkok Interport, now Hong Kong Interport, next PSC Interport away on 23 May and many more Section activities lined up throughout 2015.

### sports... Tennis

### Friendly with Applecross Tennis Club Perth – 10th April 2015

### BY CLARA SAPWELL

Selected members of the RSC Tennis Section went to Applecross for a friendly social game on April 10th at the invitation of the Applecross Tennis Club, Perth Australia. Nine members represented RSC in the friendly matches and they were Nash, Clara, Ruben, Elankovan, Dato Bhaskaran, Toi Seeyen, Ling Hee Leong, Yu Lian and Ling Hee Keat.

The matches played were three mixed double games, three ladies'

doubles games and five men's doubles games. As the grass courts were in excellent condition, both sides displayed the best of tennis. Although the weather posed some challenge with winds and occasional showers, the members of both Clubs managed to complete all the matches and everybody thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere and friendliness offered by the Applecross Club. As expected RSC gracefully lost to Applecross Club. After the games, the RSC members were treated to drinks and food provided by members of Applecross Club. At the dinner, Mr Shaun O'Reilly of Applecross Club and RSC Tennis Section Secretary Dato Bhaskaran exchanged gifts between the two Clubs.

Our thanks to our host, Applecross Tennis Club, for a day of good tennis games, and delicious home cooked and barbequed food.



One Big Family-RSC & Applecross

sports... Tennis

### **New Tennis Section Committee**

BY SIVA AHNANTHAM

the new Tennis Section Committee for the year 2015-2016.

> **Convener** Mr Siva Ahnantham

**Hon. Secretary** Dato Bhaskaran Pillai

> **Captain** Mr Andrew Gui

**Vice-Captain** 

Mr Elankovan

**Hon. Treasurer** Dr Radhakrishnan

Ladies Coordinator Ms Nashim Ahtor

Asst. Secretary Ms Clara Sapwell

We hope that there would more active participation from our 190 Sec-

tion Members. We will be coming up with a Junior Development Program, to produce at least state level if not national players. Any RSC member can recommend/propose potential national/state junior tennis players to represent RSC in the upcoming tournaments' over the next 12 months. Please refer to the Tennis Noticeboard for more information.

We are looking for good players!

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### The Vaisakhi Run

BY VIOLET DEALWISLIM



rue to the "Colours of Punjab", RSC hashers celebrated the second of the celebration runs for the year, in a riot of colours at the Tun Hamzah Hall in conjunction with the Vasakhi festival on Friday 17th April 2015.

Our lady hashers traded their tattered and worn out hashing attire for colourful and contrasting Punjabi Salwar suits, decked with floral designs and jewel motifs complete with multicoloured glass bangles, stunning necklaces, large earrings and matching dupattas while not forgetting the kadhas. The men came attired in traditional Tehmat and Kurta combined with their colourful turbans with some with suave non-sikh hashers took the trouble to don the Punjabi unique headgear called the Pug or Pagdi.

The evening started with the customary hash run at 6pm that took us through the familiar grounds of Kiara Hills and bordering the vicinity of Tmn Tun. We scaled through familiar trails and up hills which were never ending and terrain which we thought we knew too well, making it one of the many long and tedious celebration runs (9km) but when we realized WHO had set the run, we just knew it was just too good to be true!!!

This celebration run took most of us a good two hours to finish, with the hashers returning to collect their freebies and attend the celebration after 8pm.

To compensate for the tough run,

the hashers were treated to a spread of rich Sikh cum Indian cuisine, bhangra dancing and loud dancing music not forgetting the free flow of the amber liquid. Peppered in the program was also a makeover contest where the participating lady hasher had to dress the male partner in a punjabi salwar suit as well as a turban tying ritual. You can imagine the peals of laughter and noise!!! that followed.

Our heartfelt thanks to the OC -Kernail assisted by MC Max, Bupi, Dato Boon, Nerin, Kulvinder, Inderjit, Bachan, and other Sikh hashers for giving us all a sumptuous treat and enjoyable fellowship.

### **ON ON**

### Events Calendar May - December 2015

Event		Dates
Life Members Night	Club Event	26/05/2015
Introduction Night	Club Event	29/05/2015
Taiping 10's	Rugby	30-31/05/2015
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mal-Indo Hash Run, Ipoh.	Hash	5 - 7/6/15
President's Ball	Club Event	13/06/2015
9th Inter-Club Hash Run, Johore Bahru	Hash	20/06/2015
NS Sevens	Rugby	June (dates tba)
Merdeka Pub Crawl Run, Kuala Lumpur	Hash	28/08/2015
South India Super Hash, Kodaikanal, India	Hash	6-9/9/15
15 <sup>th</sup> Pan Asia Hash, Pondicherry	Hash	25-27/9/15
<b>RSC Hash 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Run</b>	Hash	18/09/2015
Hadyai Sevens	Rugby	September (dates tba)
RBSC 10's	Rugby	14-15/11/2015
Deepavali Muhibbah Run	Hash	20/11/2015
Christmas Muhibbah Run	Hash	18/12/2015
Penang 10's	Rugby	December (dates tba)

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### RM 14.00

-Black mussel wokked with Har Lok sauce with sliced baguette

### Sicilian Mussel

### RM 14.00

- Black mussel sautéed with chicken ham, onion, black olive, chilli flakes served with sliced baguette



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### **Obituary**

**O**ver the period July 2014 - April 2015, members of the Royal Selangor Club were saddened by the untimely loss of Life and Senior Members who contributed much in the spirit of good responsible clubbing. On behalf of the President, General Committee, Members and staff, we extend our deepest condolences to their families, loved ones and friends.



15.7.2014 Admitted as an Ordinary Member

on 1.1.1954

2.2.1921 -

MR. JOHN OLD (04788)



12.9.2014 Admitted as an

15.3.1935 -

Ordinary Member on 26.6.1981

TUAN HAJI SHAZALI HASSAN (81152)



IRS. LILIAN YAP (11749)



TUAN HAJI MD YUSOF B SAIDIN (12360)



Admitted as a Privilege Ordinary Member on 21.1.2002

9.11.1927 -

Admitted As

On 24/2/1970

Ordinary Member

1.4.2015



MR. CHAN SIEW YOO! (13578)



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MR. STEVE NATHAN (82208) 1.10.1926 -29.12.2014

Admitted as an Ordinary Member on 10.8.1977

15.9.1932 -15.1.2015

Admitted as an Ordinary Member on 27.7.1965

19.5.1940 -

Admitted as an

on 2.3.4.1998

23.5.1940 -

on 1.6.1982

Admitted as an

Ordinary Member

15.4.2015

Ordinary Member

9.3.2015

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YBHG DATO MUSTAPHA

**AZAHARI BIN MAAROF** 

(20002)



YBHG DATO' ANTHONY LEE SIN CHOY (83441)



YBHG DATO' DR. SIR PETER MOONEY (08131)

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Admitted as an Ordinary Member on 23.10.2001

26.1.1952 -5.2.2015

Admitted as an. Ordinary Member on 2.11.1982

23.12.1957 -29.3.2015

Admitted as an Ordinary Member on 4/8/1983

25.5.1923 -27.4.2015

Admitted as an Ordinary Member on 27.10.1960

### **Sports Convenors 2015-2016**

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	22047		26050
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	91555		91787
HASH	ADOLF	CHESS	DR. WAHID KARIM
	94093		92678
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	90077		94121
SOCCER	KAVIL SINGH	<b>MUSICAL &amp; ARTS</b>	DANIEL TAN
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