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Editorial

A promising 2015

The intertwining periods since the last issue of the Berita in December 2014 was a festive one with the Christmas celebrations, the welcoming of 2015 and the Chinese New Year. It also featured the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on December 14, several sporting and Club events as well as an Introduction Night.

At the EGM, the GC presented the Budget, covering operational and capital expenditure for the financial year 2015. As it was passed without much debate, this can be taken as a clear indicator that members concurred with the measures taken by the President, the Finance Committee and the GC for sound and disciplined financial governance.

The positive sentiments of the House also emerged during the deliberations on the GC's Resolution to streamline tender procedures, inclusive of appropriate checks and balances, to enable the Club to procure goods and services at best prices and with best practices. Fully appreciative of the merits of the motion, members adopted it as presented, without amendment.

Another plus for the GC was the unanimous adoption of the motion to allow the eligible children of members to join the Club through a 50% reduction of the entrance fee. The Membership Report in page 7 of this issue elaborates on this welcome and timely initiative.

The final GC motion was the Kiara Development Plan with its dual purpose of providing additional sporting

facilities and creating new revenue generating assets, including food & beverage outlets, to cater to the Club's swelling membership in particular the younger members. The general feeling of the House was that the Kiara Development was justified and indeed necessary. However, some members sought clarification on the status of the process to register the lease in the name of the Club. Consequently it was agreed that the resolution be kept in abeyance pending the completion of the lease registration process. The President elaborates on this in his message in page 4.

The Introduction Night held on 23 January in the Ballroom witnessed the admission of 26 new members who were accompanied by their proposers and seconders. In keeping with the Club's rich traditions, the evening was characterised by fine fare and excellent entertainment. Significantly a sizeable number of the newly elected members were young professionals and we look forward to their fruitful contributions to the Club.

Equally noteworthy was the spate of sporting activities. The Soccer Section successfully hosted the 10th Annual Dato' Chu Ah Nge International Junior Soccer Tournament. Held at Kiara on 6th & 7th of December 2014, it drew the participation of fourteen top teams from Malaysia and Singapore. This event clearly manifested the RSC's continuing commitment to supporting junior sports development.

Our Club also travelled to Bangkok for the RSBC Inter-port match on 9

January 2015 after an absence of three years. The RSC emerged as victors with our Garry Tan being awarded the Man of the Match award.

Our Squash players also did well in the Tanglin Clubs 16th International Doubles Tournament 2015 in Singapore. Despite the steep competition from the teams that came from five other participating countries, our players emerged as the main event Plate Champions and the Masters Plate Champions. The Squash section has certainly also done the Club proud.

Indeed the RSC has started 2015 well with healthy financials, increased membership, greater patronage of its food and beverage outlets as well successes in the sporting arena. The outlook therefore is most promising.

Happy Clubbing & Gong Xi Fa Chai to all our Chinese Members.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

President's message

Our financials remain healthy

The year 2014 certainly went by so swiftly. As we traverse the first quarter of 2015, I am acutely conscious of the imperative of building on the gains achieved during the last 20 months of my Presidency since this is pivotal for our Club's long term sustainability. Understandably we will have to continue to overcome strong headwinds and possible pockets of resistance to the moves that are necessary to ensure that our Club stays abreast of the growing needs and expectations of our diversified membership base.

A pertinent case in point is the Resolution on the Bukit Kiara Development Plan which was tabled at the Club's last EGM on 14 December 2014. Members will recall that the Resolution was the outcome of the June 2014 AGM that mandated the General Committee to establish an ad-hoc committee of experienced professionals to evaluate options and offer recommendations for the orderly development of Kiara. The rationale was two-fold. First to provide the required sports and other facilities to attract the patronage of younger members who are joining the Club in greater numbers. The second was the reality that the Club's revenue sources are operating at maximum levels and therefore pin-points the need for new revenue generating outlets for the Club to remain financially sustainable. For this purpose Kiara was considered to be the best positioned for any future capital expenditure to create additional revenue generating assets.

In line with the mandate from the House, the ad-hoc committee presented

detailed drawings, financial projections and a business plan which was made available to all members. Surprisingly the December EGM decided to defer the adoption of the Resolution pending the registration of the land lease in the name of the RSC. This was despite the assurance that your General Committee is giving priority attention to expedite the consent application by the Datuk Bandar to the Wilayah Land Office. Notwithstanding I remain optimistic that for pragmatic demand driven considerations, members will give the green light for the development of Kiara in the foreseeable future.

More so with the unanimous adoption, by the 14 December EGM, of the Resolution to permit eligible members' children, between the ages of 21 and 30 years, to join the Club but only paying half the entrance fee and the refundable deposit. Currently there are almost a thousand eligible children of members who can immediately take advantage of this incentive. While we anticipate a surge of applications, we have to address the emerging issue of creating additional capacity and new facilities to accommodate the influx of new younger members.

In this regard I express my deep appreciation to Professor Dr A Selvanathan, the Chairman of the Membership Committee and his team, comprising Mr Jayasingam, Mr Naren Gill and Mr Amarjit Singh Sidhu, for spearheading the young membership initiative.

On an equally happy note, The Club's unaudited financial results for the year



ending 31st December, 2014 indicated that the Club's financials remain strong and stable. This was as a consequence of implementing stringent and vigorous measures in managing the Club overall expenditure and in particular the oversight of sports expenditure.

Members will have noticed several renovation, upgrading and restoration works at both Dataran and Kiara. The resurfacing of the roads, the upgrading of the Steam Room and the Card Room, the repairs to the roof from the Food Court to the Long Bar, and the Exit Security Guard Post in Dataran have either been completed or are in progress. At Kiara, the entire roof is currently undergoing massive restoration works and the building of the Cricket Score Board is progressing well. Members will be pleased to learn that the Cellar Bar at Dataran has been extensively renovated by Carlsberg Malaysia who are also sponsoring the costs of the Cricket Score Board at the Kiara grounds. I thank Carlsberg Malaysia for this.

The next step is to refurbish the Pavilion and Oval Bars at Kiara. At the time of writing, interior designers have submitted proposals for the exercise and the target date for work completion is end March this year. Guinness Anchor Berhad are meeting the full capital costs

President's message

of the refurbishments and I also thank them for this.

Dear fellow Members, I complete my two year term as your President on 28th June 2015 with the firm belief, that the Club's governance regimes must always remain intact to sustain the Club's growth momentum. It is therefore vital that the future committees that are elected to office, commit themselves to at least maintaining if not escalating the progress made under my watch. In this context I invite members with patience, dedication and commitment to team

work to offer themselves for office at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting in June, this year.

On that note I urge all members to continue patronising the several F & B outlets both at Dataran & Kiara. We have installed additional Astro channels for the screening of World Sports events at the Club. Live entertainment is now available at both Dataran & Kiara, the re-opened Chinese Restaurant is well patronised and more Club events are being planned for your happy clubbing.

Finally a very Happy New Year to all our Chinese members.

Happy Clubbing!

**BRYAN PERERA
President.**



From the General Manager's Desk

Refurbishing the Club's facilities

Greetings to all members,
To all our Chinese members we would like to wish them a very Prosperous Chinese New Year. The club have been busy with upgrading projects. Contractors have been busy cleaning and repairing the roofs at Kiara and also the Long Bar at Dataran. This will solve all the leaking problems that we have faced in the past.

The card room at Dataran is also going through an upgrade with new flooring, wallpaper and doors. This will make the card room the perfect venue to hold functions up to 100 people

Our old favourite bar Cellar have been given a fresh new look by Carlsberg our sponsors. Members are happy that they have a new and trendy place to drink and enjoy their Karaoke sessions.

Food lovers have been enjoying the

Yee Sang and Mushroom promotion at Kiara coffee house and Dataran Verandah. The mushroom dishes are simply delicious.

For Malt Whisky drinkers we have the award winning Nikka Taketsuru from Japan. Members can enjoy the non aged and 17 year old blends.

Wine drinkers are enjoying our new House wine Alto Los Romeros from Chile. The grape varieties are Camanere (Red) and Sauvignon Blanc (White). For the more discerning wine drinker we have Cranswick Lakefield from Australia as the Wine of the Month. The two varieties available are Cabernet Merlot (Red) and Chardonnay (White). These wines are perfect for casual drinking or paired with a meal.

Our New Years Eve Ball was a big success with more than 200 member



and friends attending this event. They enjoyed the 5 course western set dinner and danced the night away with the Purnama and Valiants bands performing that night. Many ladies came beautifully dressed in the best evening gowns and Masquerades.

Kevyn Lee
General Manager

WHAT'S NEW AT THE RSC!



BARBER SHOP
(DATARAN)
11.00am to 8.00pm (Mon – Sat)



UMI CORNER, MALAY FOOD STALL
FOOD COURT, (DATARAN)
12.00 noon to 10.00pm (Mon-Fri)



FAMILY SUNDAY CURRY LUNCH
FOOD COURT, (DATARAN)
11.00am to 3.00pm (Sundays)

Membership Chairman's update

INCENTIVES FOR THE ENTRY OF MEMBER'S CHILDREN TO THE CLUB

Members are increasing acknowledging that the sustainability and future of our Club hinges on consistent larger inflows of young members. Mindful of this, at the EGM held on 14 December 2014, they unanimously adopted the Resolution that permits member's children, aged between 21 and 30 years to join the Club by only paying half the current entrance fee. As an added incentive they could opt to pay the reduced entrance fee of RM6,250.00 by way of six monthly instalments. The current refundable deposit requirement of RM5,000.00 however remains unchanged.

Although this scheme will be limited to the children of members of 5 years standing and more, our records indicate that almost 1,000 children of eligible members can now opt to join the Club as Ordinary Members.

The approval of the adopted Resolution by the Registrar of Societies ("ROS")

is imminent. At least 300 eligible children are expected to take advantage of the new scheme. The majority are in the professional and management categories. Understandably, this is bound to be challenging and time consuming exercise, since each new applicant must also be interviewed together with the proposer and seconder.

The Membership Department is ready to accept and process the anticipated surge of applications. However, admission will be conditional upon ROS acceptance of the Resolution.

Our records, also show that an average of 200 members' children would qualify for this new scheme in each of the nine years. This is an encouraging prospect as the forecasted newly admitted members would halt if not reverse the current disconcerting demographics of the Club. While it is evident that the enlarged membership would lead to greater patronage of the Club and increase revenue streams,



the Club has to provide the facilities and services that are incongruence with the expectations of the young members.

Undoubtedly, the new members would also have to adhere strictly to the Constitutional Rules of the Club and observe the dress codes that apply to the different outlets in the Club, special occasions, functions and events. Understandably, some could be unclear about what the different dress codes mean. Accordingly, the Membership Department has prepared a guide, as shown in the Table below for the benefit of all members.

PROFESSOR DR. A SELVANATHAN
Membership Chairman

Dress Codes Guide from Casual to Black Tie

Dress Code Types	MEN	WOMEN
Black Tie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black tuxedo jacket and matching trousers Formal (piqué or pleated front) white shirt Shirt studs and cuff links Black bow tie (silk, satin, or twill) Black cummerbund to match tie, or a vest Black patent shoes and black dress socks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal (floor length) evening gown Dressy cocktail dress National Dress Traditional costumes
Formal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dark suit Dress shirt and tie Long Sleeves batik Leather dress shoes and dark dress socks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suit Dress with optional jacket Heels, low or high
Smart Casual*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blazer (optional) with slacks or khakis Dress shirt, casual button-down shirt, with tie (Optional) Loafers or loafer-style shoes, and socks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skirt, khakis, or pants Open-collar shirt, knit shirt or sweater Dress
Casual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khakis or good jeans T-shirt, polo shirt, turtleneck Casual button-down shirt and/or sweater Loafers, sneakers (with or without socks), sandals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long or short skirt Khakis or nice jeans T-shirt, polo shirt, turtleneck Casual button-down blouse

Notice

Issuance of E-Statement

Members will recall that, in the December 2014 edition of Berita RSC, the President informed all Members of the General Committee's decision to issue E-statement of Accounts with effect from 1st April 2015.

Accordingly the Club will stop the practice of issuing paper statements after that date. Understandably some Members may still prefer to receive "the Traditional Paper Statement" and they can do so by collecting them at the Accounts Office subject to the payment of an administrative fee of RM3 for each statement.

The E-statement, which is the electronic delivery of a statement of accounts and related information, would benefit Members as well as the Club. Members would no longer have to wait for their monthly statements to arrive through

the post. The Club on its part will save on postal charges which are a sizeable amount.

In order to take advantage of this new service, Members have to sign up for an E-statement. This could be done by sending a request via e-mail to the Membership Department at mship@rscweb.org.my. Alternatively they can sign up personally at the Membership Department.

It is important that Members notify the staff of the Membership Office of any change in their email address after they start to receive E-statements. If the need arises, Members can contact the Membership Office at 03-26927166 or via e-mail at mship@rscweb.org.my or by fax at 03-26924724/ 03-26927793.

HOUSE POURING WINES



Alto Los Romeros Sauvignon Blanc

Fresh, crisp Sau Blanc from Vale Central has an abundance of citrus and melon flavors with a hint of herbs and long finish

RM 9.00+ (Glass)

RM 45.00+ (Bottle)

Alto Los Romeros Carmenere

Full, soft, ripe blackberry and damson fruit, set apart from the norm by subtle earthy, smoky notes, redolent of toast. Rounded yet firm tannins frame the thick and juicy fruit.

RM 9.00+ (Glass)

RM 45.00+ (Bottle)



THE FINAL QUARTER

■ BY CAPT. ONG TW.



Tripartite at Penang Swimming Club

The much talked-about Tripartite Event in The Penang Swimming-Club was a successful outing for Dancesport Section RSC on 18th October 2014. Singapore Recreation Club will be the next host for the event, followed by RSC in 2016.

Dancesport Gala Ball was held on 29th November 2014. This Grand Event was a huge success. Attendance was overwhelming with 17 tables of participants. Western food was served and a live band was in attendance. Mr. Lim BH (our Convenor) and his partner rendered a fantastic Paso Doble dance routine. Mr. Chuah Tong Yong and his friends performed a preview of Mama Mia (the block buster Abba musical). Mr. Lim Kok Hing and his gang did a Cha Cha dance presentation. Both the President (Mr Brian Perera), Sports Chairman (Mr Khong Chee Seng) accompanied by their spouses, were present to grace the occasion.

The 27th December 2014 event was "Hot Chilli Pepper Nite". Mr Lim BH (our Convenor) invited all Sections' Con-



Mr & Mrs Lim--Fantastic Paso Doble

venors for this event. Buffet style, Asian

food was served. Everyone danced to the compact disc music for the night.

The 25th January 2015 event was Dancesport "The Grand Fellowship Night". Members attended FREE while guests paid RM12. Substantial refreshments were served and as usual, compact disc music for dancing was provided by Capt Ong TW. Everyone danced past closing time.

Dancesport ushered in the year of the GOAT with pomp and style on 22nd February 2015. There were 12 tables of Members and guests. A live band played dance music and specially selected Chinese New Year music. Lion Dance and Choi San Yeh were in attendance to greet and deliver prosperity greetings to Members and guests. CNY set menu with Yee San and a specially prepared stew duck were served. Vice President Mr. R Nadeswaran, Sports Chairman Mr. Khong Chee Seng and spouse were

sports... dancesport

present. There was a vivid display of Chinese Traditions and Culture by Dancesport members and friends celebrating the year of the Goat. Gong Xi Fa Cai to all Members and friends.

Looking back, our Convenor and his Committee have accomplished much for the RSC Dancesport Section throughout the year. We have staged all

monthly events allocated to us including Fellowship Nights and Sunday Tea Dances. Line dances were conducted at the Kiara Annex. The present Team has demonstrated good and bold leadership and also committed a lot of their time and energy in performing their duties.

In conclusion I would like to put on record, a word of thanks and appreciation to the present Dancesport Committee for their relentless effort and hard work. I would also like to extend my best wishes to the next committee for all their future undertaking.



Ballroom Dancing CNY

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CHINESE RESTAURANT

@ RSC Dataran



sports... **darts**

Darts Diva's

■ BY SUE PAUSER (DARTS SECTION SECRETARY)

The darts section had their 2014 Annual Darts Championship on the 30th & 31st January 2015. The singles were held on Friday 30th January and the doubles were on Saturday 31st January 2015. Due to the overwhelming response, four additional dart boards were installed in the Hash Heritage Room.

The atmosphere in both Hash Bar & Hash Heritage Room was tense as no darter wanted to miss this once in a year golden opportunity to be the darts champion. Despite the full concentration and focus on the championship to emerge as 2014 Darts Diva's, the darters had lots of fun, laughter and cracked jokes for a very lively and funfilled atmosphere throughout the championship.

At the end of the day two championship on Saturday 31st evening, all section members enjoyed to a wonderful and entertaining New Year's Fellow-

ship Nite at The Long Bar Terrace. Drink coupons, food and live band entertainment were organized for the section members. The evening started with live band entertainment, followed by a speech from the President Mr. Andrew Bryan Perera and the award of prizes to all winners by the President and Sports Chairman Mr. Khong Chee Seng.

The celebrations went on till the wee hours as everyone was dancing to the music and in a New Year's celebration mood. Some of the Angels eventually took over the entertainment by singing beautiful songs.

Overall, it was a great evening of fun celebrating and having fun socializing and partying all night long.

RSC 2014 ANNUAL DARTS CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS

Ladies Singles Champion -Ms. Connie Runner Up -Ms. Sue Pauser
Men Singles Champion -Mr. Raju Runner Up -C Farouk
Ladies Doubles Champions -Ms. Farrah & Mdm. Eng Runner Up -Ms. Prema & Ms. Pushpa
Men Doubles Champions -Mr. Peru & Mr. Selva Runner Up -Mr. Raju & Mr. Raj
Mix Doubles Champions -Ms. Prema & Mr. Raju Runner Up -Ms. Letha & Mr. Selva



RSC Annual Darts Championship Participants – Ladies team

Deepavali Fellowship Nite 2014

■ BY SUE PAUSER (DARTS SECTION SECRETARY)

Darters are never short of reasons to party and celebrate. The darts section organized the 2014 Deepavali Fellowship Nite at the Card Room on Friday 28th November 2014. All section members were encouraged to participate in the festival of lights celebration and dressed in Indian traditional fare accordingly.

The atmosphere in the card room was very inviting and brought everyone into the festive mood as it was beautifully decorated for the Deepavali celebration. Upon registration all section members were given sweets (ladoo) as how it is cel-

ebrated at home by offering sweets to all guest. Lots of entertainment, authentic Indian food and free flow of beer was awaiting for all section members.

Darts Angels took the center stage as there was a surprise announcement for best dress saree for the evening. The judges had a difficult time making a decision to pick the best looking angel in saree for the evening as all angels looked gorgeous in their sarees.

After a long discussion a joint decision was made to declare the best Deepavali Saree Queen to Ms. Shirley and runner up was Ms. Joanne, Joint 3rd

to 5th placing were Ms. Sue Pauser, Ms. Sujitra & Ms. Farrah.

RSC President Mr. Andrew Bryan Perera took the opportunity to join in in the celebration and also wished everyone Happy Deepavali in his speech. The party continued with lots of beautiful Hindi and Tamil songs by the entertainers through out the night.

The Darts section would like to thank all donors and sponsors who have made the Deepavali Fellowship Nite possible including the RSC for the free flow of beer for the night.



Farewell 2014

■ BY CHARLES LIM



With the 2014 year end closing in, the RSC hockey section managed to organise 2 final friendly matches on 23rd and 30th December 2014. With all the expected feasting during this festive season, it was a good opportunity to sweat it out and last chance for some hockey this year!

The pre-Christmas match was played against our favourite opponent and friends, the MAS Air Crew. In the spirit of the 12 days of Christmas, our friendly opponent 'gifted' us with 12

goals with the game ending 12-1 in our favour. Nicky Poon scored a couple of goals, including a reverse stick screamer from a tight angle and a penalty corner drag flick, whilst Charles managed to squeeze in 2 goals.

Thank you MAS Crew!

This was followed by a small makan at the stadium, thanks to Bobby Ho for the scrumptious spicy chicken curry and roast duck, sponsored by James Sia.

The final friendly match of the year

was played against another friendly opponent, Prodigy, which did not end in our favour as we lost narrowly 1-2, despite the valiant effort from Bernard Gomez and Sambu (who had to unearth his hockey stick from somewhere in his storeroom and put on a brand new pair of hockey shoes!)

However, this did not stop the post-match activities, as we had a wonderful pre-new year celebration at the stadium with lots of makan and drinks, and more importantly the company of friends.

This time, we had the privilege of Jay's home-cooked beehoon, and Paulina's crab curry, in addition to Audrey's chicken curry and again, the ever popular roast duck, sponsored this time by Charles Lim, washed down with a couple of cold Carlsbergs.

A big thank you to Dato' Poon Fook Loke for organising most of our games this year, and our hardworking convenor, James Sia, who's always there behind the scenes getting things done to keep the section going.

Farewell 2014, Hello 2015

Hello 2015 and to our first game of the year!

The team saw some usual and unusual suspects turning up to sweat it out.... And it was obvious some of the guys really needed to lose some of their festive season 'gains'.

Our opponent for the night was the Royal Malaysian Police Sikh SA. With plenty of action at both ends of the field, the result was 5-5 at the end of the night.

Welcome 2015 and happy hockeying everyone!



Introduction Night for 26 new Members

■ BY PROFESSOR DR A. SELVANATHAN

The RSC held its first Introduction Night for 2015 on 23rd January, in the Ballroom in Dataran. In keeping with the traditions of fine fare, free flowing drinks and live music, the 26 member elects were welcomed by the President, the General Committee Members, their families, friends and their peers.

In his welcoming remarks, The President, Mr. Andrew Bryan Perera outlined the Clubs' 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.

Prof. Dr A Selvanathan, the Chairman of the Membership Sub-Committee, then recommended that all the 26 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 Second, then obtained the signature of each of the General Committee Members.

The General Committee at its subsequent meeting on 28th January 2015 formally endorsed and conferred Ordinary Membership to all the new members.

The New Members, General Committee and Membership Sub Committee



1st Row Left To Right - Mr. P. Jayasingam, Prof. Dr. A Selvanathan, Richard Lau, Mr. Jack Cheah, Mr. Khong Chee Seng, Mr. Ramjan Din, Mr. R. Shamugam, Mr. Tony T C, Mr. David Siew, Mr. R. Nadeswaran, Mr. Andrew Bryan Perera, President, Mr. Amarjit Singh Sidhu and Mr. Naren Gill

2nd Row Left To Right - Mr Robert Philip Sune Fernandez, Ms. Lim Ee Mae, Mrs. S. Maheswary, Mr. Mun Chee Yin, Mr. Janathanan Govintha, Mr. Suresh Narian Singh Sidhu, Mr. Roger Irvine, Mr. Arun Ponnambalam, Dato' N. Kumaresan, Dato' Emmanuel Erwin Raj, Mr. Muthuvel Ramasamy, Mr. Suresh Tibrewal, Mrs. Janice Chan Wing Tsz, Mr. Ng Aik Joe

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RSC ORDINARY MEMBERS – ELECTED IN JANUARY 2015



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10th Annual Dato Chu Ah Nge International Junior Soccer Tournament

■ BY KUBERAN AND MICHAEL SIVA

On the 6th and 7th of December 2014, Royal Selangor Club held its 10th annual Dato Chu Ah Nge International Junior Soccer Tournament. We were lucky to have fine weather throughout the two days for it allowed a huge crowd to attend the tournament. As it was the school holidays, my friends and I made plans to watch and cheer for the RSC teams. We felt they were capable of going deep into the tournament in most of the age groups because they had been training hard under the experienced coaches at RSC.

The much anticipated tournament had a total 14 teams taking part across 5 age groups namely U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16. As in previous years, top teams from Malaysia and Singapore joined us at the RSC Bukit Kiara Sports Annexe for an exciting weekend of soccer. The atmosphere throughout the tournament was carnival-like with music, food stalls on the field and lots of people seemed to be having a good time while they cheered on their teams. As a spectator, I felt the tournament was a success because it went on like clockwork. There were no obvious delays between matches and the teams I spoke to all had

glowing remarks about the organization of the tournament.

The highlight of the tournament for us was when the RSC U-12 team overcame a poor start to turn in two inspiring performances in the semis and finals to be crowned Champions. They started the second day brightly and showed both incredible team work and tough mental strength to beat CIMB YFA in the semis and JSSL Arsenal in the finals by a comfortable margin. However, there can only be one winner in a match and it was nice to see team managers and parents comforting and giving words of encouragement to their players who were bitterly disappointed to lose.

In the U-8 category JSSL Wilshire emerged champions and Assumption came in second. It was nice to see the youngsters getting involved and showing their passion for the sport at such a young age. For the U-10's it was a hard fought battle between CIMB YFA and ISA Singapore as CIMB YFA clinched the title by a whisker with a score of 1-0. CIMB YFA faced off against KLYS in the 2 versus 2 situation and the win favoured to CIMB YFA. Assumption's one and only goal proved vital as they

beat a strong CIMB YFA team to take first place in the U-16 category supporters were as vocal and supportive as ever, standing by their team and rallying them onwards. Frequently, the emcee for the tournament could be heard coaxing the teams' supporters to cheer loudly for their players. The cheering was loudest during the finals and occasionally it turned into cries of disbelief at certain unpopular decisions by the referee.

During the prize giving ceremony, Deputy Minister of Education and Higher Learning, Y.B. P. Kamalanathan in his speech encouraged the youth to stay active, to play any sport with passion and urged those present to appreciate the modern facilities the government has so generously provided.

In true sporting spirit, although visibly disappointed, the losing teams were seen applauding the winning teams during the prize giving ceremony. Out of all the teams, CIMB YFA truly deserved being crowned overall champions having displayed great team spirit, discipline and passion throughout the tournament.

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YB Kamal, RSC President, Dato' Chu, and Club officials with RSC U-12 team who emerged champions in the U-12 category

A Thriller in Bangkok

■ BY KAVIL SINGH



Just before kick-off and raring to go!

A squad of 20 section members left for Bangkok on 09 Jan 2015 to play the annual RSC vs RBSC Inter-port match for the General Viraj Vanijaka Cup after an absence of 3 years.

There was much excitement from the RBSC officials to see our players back at their ground and we were given a warm welcome as usual. The Inter-port was a night match with adequate lighting

played at RBSC main club ground on 10th January.

It was a nail biting match with RSC leading 3-0 at half time and only for RBSC to score all 3 goals within 20 minutes after restart and with five minutes remaining, Garry Tan scored the all-important goal for a 4-3 victory for RSC to retain the trophy. The match could have gone either way as both teams were

equally matched. Garry Tan was also accorded the man of the match award.

The fellowship that followed after the match for which RBSC is renowned for is something RSC needs to reciprocate when RBSC visits us sometime in December 2015.

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Awards

Best Goalkeeper-Kieran Tan of RSC Under 12.

Man of the Match-Devesh Raja of RSC.

We had an opportunity to speak to some of the head coaches of the participating teams. Newcomers, Football Passion Singapore coach Suresh said, "This is our first trip to this tournament and we are pleased we did well in all categories especially in the U-16 category". When asked if they enjoyed the tournament, he said "The tournament was organised well and we will definitely be coming back next year". Football Talent Asia coach Massimo said that his team had played well but had no luck for the first few matches. He said Football Talent Asia will surely be back next year to compete for the title.

RSC juniors do us proud



RSC Under 12 boys at Interzone Carnival

Four RSC boys were selected to participate in the 2014 Under 12 MILO/MCA/MSSM Inter Zone Carnival held at the Kinrara Oval in November 2014. The boys were Xavier Ariam, Sharveen Surendran, Karthik Vinayaga and Linges. The carnival

is an annual event whereby 50 boys are selected from all over Malaysia to participate. The players were placed under 4 zones, namely North, South, East & Central Zone. The teams then played 20 overs matches in a league format with North Zone becoming the eventual winners. Sharveen Surendran was also awarded the Most Promising Player in the Carnival.

RSC retains Just Awesome championship

The Under-15 cricket carnival themed "JUST AWESOME CRICKET" saw 7 teams playing a 12-overs competition which was held on 29th and 30th November at the Ipoh Padang. The tournament was first played in 2013 at the Kinrara Oval which saw RSC taking the championship.

In the tournament this year, the organizers had restricted players who have represented Malaysia at any age group levels from participating. Therefore RSC could not field 4 of its players and had to rely on a much younger team

comprising of mostly Under 12 players.

RSC was grouped in Group A together with Perak Cricket Development Squad, Global Indian International School and Malaysian Angels. Malaysian Angels was the only all women's team comprising players from the Malaysian Armed Forces. There was no age restriction for the women's team. In the group matches, RSC defeated Malaysian Angels by 9 wickets, defeated Global Indian International School by 23 runs and Perak Cricket Development Squad by 3 wickets. RSC top the group and was to face Perak Cricket Academy who topped Group B in the final. However due to bad weather, the finals had to be called off and both teams were declared as joint champions.

Other than the Challenge Trophy and medals for the winners and runners-up, medals were also presented for individual achievements. Sharveen Surendran was awarded the Best Bowler for his 6 wickets in the tournament and Tyler Lewis was awarded the Most Promising Player for his all round performance.

Overall the youngsters played very



sports... **cricket**

well throughout the tournament and managed to retain the championship in the absence of many of the senior boys. The youngsters showed great commitment and fighting spirit throughout the tournament under the captaincy of Arjoon Thillainathan

RSC Boys join KL Juniors on tour of Sri Lanka

Kuala Lumpur Cricket Association awarded its players for winning the U19 tournament at the beginning of 2014 with a tour to Sri Lanka from 11th to 21st December. The players consist of mostly RSC boys which included Pavendeep, Virandeep, Niroshan De Silva, Nalin De Silva, Thejas, Dhillip Thiagu Roshan Senna, Saifullah Malik, Kosyan Indran, Sanjei Subanantha, Praveen Surendran and Kishen Yoges.

The teams played 5 days of cricket in



both Kandy and Colombo. The team gained invaluable experience playing against top notch teams. The boys also had the opportunity to watch Sri Lanka play England in a friendly one day inter-

national game in Kandy.

RSC Wine Committee's pick

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INTER-CLUB KARAOKE COMPETITION

The 2014 Annual inter-Club Karaoke Competition was hosted by the Royal Lake Club (RLC), as was pre-determined by rotation among the participating clubs. The last time RLC hosted the competition was 3 years ago. This year's competition was extra special as 2014 was the 20th anniversary of the Inter-Club Competition since its inception in 1994.

The Participating Clubs in this year's competition were :

1. Raintree Club (RTC),
2. Kelab Golf Negara Subang (KGNS),
3. Royal Selangor Club (RSC),
4. Royal Lake Club (RLC), and
5. Royal Commonwealth Society (RCS).

This year, RSC was represented by soloists Ms Audrey Lee, Ms Chow Xian Hui, Mr Leong Kim Meng and Ms Melisa Wang. Ms Chow and Mr Leong also doubled up as RSC's duet. A contingent of friends, relatives and well wishers from RSC were at the RLC in support of our 4 contestants.

The competition was held at RLC's Ballroom, which was packed to its capacity, and was preceded by a scrumptious 8 course dinner. The night was competently handled by the emcee for the night, Ms Annette Ng.

Before the food & fun began, foremost were the formalities ... Opening speeches by RLC's Mr Kam Heng Chew, the Organising Chairman and Mr Bob Yong, the Karaoke Convenor, were interspersed with messages touching on clubbing - "Camaraderie first and foremost, competition taking 2nd place in importance", coupled with contestants being exhorted to "aim for the stars and sing their best to win the Challenge Trophy".

Then came the introduction of the Judges for the Competition, each of whom were accomplished personages in the music industry in their own

rights, namely :

Ms Rebecca Yau, Chief Judge, a graduate in music with a Bachelor of Orchestral Music from the Royal London College of Music, a Diploma in Audiotech and was previously involved in the Sony Search for Young Talents;

Ms H W Gan, a staff of USCI's Institute of Music, teaching Contemporary Music and a vocal instructor;

Mr Hupsy Rivera - who is a band performer, a singing assessor, and an alumni of the Trinity Guild Hall

The Judging criteria were explained as follows :

Soloist - Vocals 40%, Tempo 30%, Clarity & Diction 20%, Dressing & Showmanship 10%

Duet - Vocals 30%, Harmony 20 %, Clarity & Diction 20%, Tempo 20%, Dressing & Showmanship 10%

The judges results were to be scrutinized by 3 Scrutineers, 1 each from RCS, KGNS and RLC.

After dinner out of the way, with appetites for food whetted, the karaoke competition began, to appease the ears of the audience who were looking forward to an evening of high standards of vocal entertainment from a group of amateur, but no less accomplished singers.

Before we knew it, all 20 soloists and 5 duets had belted their numbers. There was an Intermission for results to be tabulated and scrutinized. The audience clearly had shown their appreciation to the crowd favourites, with our very own young talent Melisa being in the forefront, judging by the applause she garnered after her performance and the number of well-wishes she received from her fans from both RSC and other competing clubs alike.

After entertainment by guest singers Mr Robin, who belted out Elvis favourites "Don't Be Cruel" and "Hound Dog"; and Ms Janice Zanelle Ong, who flawlessly rendered "The Greatest Love Of All" and a Siti Nurhaliza number, the time came for the much awaited announcement of results and prize giving.

Before that, were the presentation of mementoes to the judges, the convenors of the participating clubs and the Organising Committee. A warm accolade of appreciation was given to the emcee for her splendid job of masterfully steering the programme for the night.

The results were announced with the overall champion being RLC, with 2nd placing going to RSC.

1st prize winner for the Solo category was Mr Christopher Lee of RLC, with 2nd prize going to Ms Melissa Wang of RSC, who score was just a mere 2 points behind the winner.

1st prize winner for the Duet category went to RLC's Ms Wendy Ong & Mr Richard Yeo, with Mr Leong Kim Meng & Ms Chow from RSC again playing bridesmaid.

When the results were announced, there were clearly groans of anguish and ill-suppressed unpleasant surprise among the RSC group, who had higher expectations for the placing of their own contestants. However, the results were final but yet, it roused RSC's competitive spirit to give a better fight to wrestle the Challenge Trophy from RLC in 2015, when the turn comes for RSC to host the inter-club competition. Right away from the wrapping up of the 2014 competition, plans were underway to gather a strong team for RSC, to mount a challenge to wrest the championship back to RSC through an unassailable and convincing win. Such was the fighting spirit of the Spotted Dog!

12TH SQUASH TIGER TROPHY TOURNAMENT 2014

■ BY MIKE SOO

The tournament kicked off on 1st to 6th December 2014 with the maximum of 16 teams participating. Armed Forces put up two strong teams this year with the intention of winning the Tournament. Teams are participating more competitively as they recruit younger players into their teams.

As ever the evergreen RSC Team of aging stars managed to fend off the younger and very competitive players to achieve a credible Fourth placing in the main event.

Champions were Team Nusmetro, 2nd placing Armed Forces Tiger followed by Adicool.

The Grand Dinner and Prize Giving was held on the Saturday nite with the Purnama Band entertaining the crowd of about 120pax.



TANGLIN CLUB 16TH INT.DOUBLES TOURNAMENT 2015

■ BY MIKE SOO

The 16th edition was held on 29th Jan-1st Feb where six countries participated namely Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, New South Wales and Singapore.

A total of 64 pairs from six different countries squash out in this annual event.

RSC sent three pairs to this very competitive tournament where the strongest and fittest survive.

The pair of Lim Kim Jim and Andrew Lee battled thru six pairs and emerged as main event Plate Champions.

The pair of Mike Soo and Francis Gan representing RSC veterans emerged as the Masters Plate Champions.

The RSC Squash Section has always committed to participating at the highest level where HONOUR and GLORY for Royal Selangor Club is the Priority!



RSC V1 in the finals against the seasoned pair of Tanglin Club.

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Date: 31 Dec 2015

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Venue: GRAND BALLROOM

Dec
18

CHRISTMAS ROCK & ROLL 2015

Date: 18 Dec 2015

Time: 07:00pm - 12:00pm

Venue: LONG BAR

Nov
28

DEEPAVALI BALL 2015

Date: 28 Nov 2015

Time: 07:00pm - 12:00pm

Venue: GRAND BALLROOM

Oct
09

OKTOBERFEST 2015

Date: 09 Oct 2015

Time: 07:00pm - 11:00pm

Venue: LONG BAR

Jun
13

PRESIDENT'S BALL 2015

Date: 13 Jun 2015

Time: 07:00pm - 12:00pm

Venue: GRAND BALLROOM

Apr
24

VAISAKHI NIGHT 2015

Date: 24 Apr 2015

Time: 07:00pm - 12:00pm

Venue: GRAND BALLROOM

Feb
13

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Date: 13 Feb 2015 - 29 Mar 2015

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Personality... **Professor Dr Satwant Singh Dhaliwal**

The Sikh who almost became Vice-Chancellor of UM!

■ BY SLEDGEHAMMER



Professor at 35, his ground-breaking work in Science was far ahead of its time

When my enigmatic and soft spoken uncle passed away recently, aged 82, little did I expect it would set me off on an all consuming journey to trace his life.

My beloved uncle is Professor Dr Satwant Singh Dhaliwal: a leader and teacher, one who never hungered for the limelight but was revered nonetheless by his family, friends and fellow academics from around the world. Yes, he never made it as Vice-Chancellor of University of Malaysia, but he did serve as Acting Vice-Chancellor for a while. Son of a retired postmaster in Teluk Anson (now Teluk Intan), he worked his way to the upper echelons of academic greatness in his lifetime.

Datuk A Nelson, who was Satwant's varsity mate adds, "When I first met him he had the gait of an army general! We got along famously and stayed together at the newly opened Dunearn Road Hostel in 1953. An upstanding gentleman, he was a great scholar who was ferociously dedicated to his passion for science. He did not compromise on standards. Many fellow students were jealous of him because he was a very bright spark. We had lecturers from all over the world and the University of Malaya was regarded among the top 20 in the world then!"

Celebrated historian and Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Khoo Kay Kim who is four years his junior remembers Professor Dhaliwal clearly during their school days, "He was always so brilliant and a top student, from ACS Teluk Anson to his days at the University of Malaya in Singapore to Professor of Genetics at the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur."

At 23, after earning his B.Sc. First Class Honours in Zoology, Satwant was one of two Sikhs awarded the Shell Research Fellowship at the University of Malaya (UM) in Singapore. In early 1957, for the first time in Malaya, the Queen's Scholarships were awarded to two Sikhs: Chatar Singh Data (aged 27) and Satwant Singh Dhaliwal (aged 24); Chatar in Physics and Satwant in Zoology. Satwant was preparing his thesis on the genetics of Malayan rats for his Master of Science degree in Systematics & Genetics.

That same year, on Vaisakhi day, the two were honoured by the proud Sikh community before their departure to UK by the Naujawan Sikh Association at a grand farewell party.

Eventually, he completed his doctorate at University of Edinburgh obtaining a Ph.D in Genetics, a first for a Malaysian!

His thesis was on Mutation Studies on Mouse Tumour Cells.

Ex Business Times Bureau Chief for Malaysia, S Jayasankaran who did Genetics for a year under Prof Dhaliwal says, "He was regarded by many of his peers as a world-class geneticist."

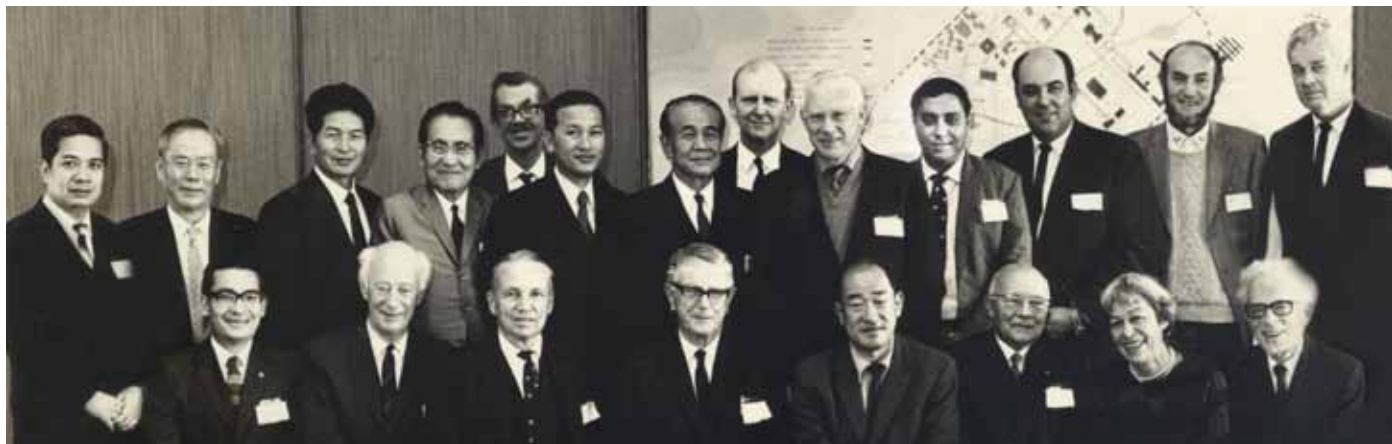
Member of Parliament for Subang YBR. Sivarasa who was also his student shares, "I was the beneficiary of his dedication to excellence as he worked tirelessly to put the Department of Genetics at University Malaya on a solid footing." Sivarasa went on to pursue law at Oxford University as a Rhodes scholar.

Quite a few illustrious students crossed his path and his generous nature endeared him to many including Puan Sri Professor Dr Suraiya Hani, daughter of our third Prime Minister the late Tun Hussein bin Dato' Onn.

Lord Gathorne Cranbrook, the 5th Earl of Cranbrook (County of Kent) who was a colleague of Prof Dhaliwal at University of Malaya emailed last week, "Prof Dhaliwal's discipline in genetics was complementary to mine (zoology). But we shared supervision of some of the best students, including the late Dr Ho Coy Choke and Prof Yong Hoi Sen. Satwant was always a convivial mem-



From left - comrades at the University of Malaya (Singapore): Jegadeva, Sockalingam, Satwant, Bachan Singh, Joga Singh



Professor Dhaliwal, standing fourth from right, during the Pacific Science Congress in Canberra.

ber of the small group of lecturers in those days. I have nothing but happy memories of that formative time in my career as one of a friendly team of staff, among who Prof Dhaliwal was a significant figure, charged with leading the discipline of genetics.”

Another colleague, Professor Dr Jose Furtado also emailed, “Satwant’s academic achievements were there for all to see. For us, he was the organizer of hockey games and a social life that was the envy of many in the University. Even the then Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Alexander Oppenheim (just before Prof Ungku Aziz’s term as VC) understood a bit of boisterous behaviour as long as productive work got done - and that was a remarkable feature of Satwant: after a late night he was up early in his lab or giving lectures. Eccentricity is tolerated in British universities but not in many other places.”

For the uninitiated, Sir Alexander Oppenheim was a top global mathematician and had formulated the now famous Oppenheim Conjecture.

All along, he relished his academic career at the University of Malaya and chose to stay with UM in Malaysia when the University was separated from Singapore in January 1962. But he was only 32 and quickly discovered you had to be 35 to get a professorship at Universiti Malaya, so waited another three years even though he was already travelling the world on behalf of the nation.

As the youngest Professor in the country, he went on to set up the newly established Faculty of Science, served as Dean of the Faculty of Science, Master of Second College, developed highly acclaimed curriculums and published numerous journals and conference papers.

Professor Dhaliwal was contentious, but never boring!

In the early 1960s, Prof Dhaliwal was invited for lecture tours to the United States under the auspices of the Asia Foundation and the U.S. National Institute of Cancer. He had many sabbaticals doing major research work around the world, was a speaker at UNESCO seminars in Japan, Pacific Science Congress in Canberra and was Malaysia’s regular representative to the Council of Pacific Science Congress for nine years.

In April 1965, Prof Dhaliwal was one of seven lecturers and a librarian who completed a two-week course at the Siputeh Territorial Army (Wataniah) training centre near Ipoh on military tactics and warfare. Graduating as a Sergeant, he quickly rose through the ranks to become Captain and Commanding Officer of the University Infantry Battalion.

In 1980, his research work took him to the Pasteur Institute, Lille and Paris, under a grant from the French government for half a year. In 1981, he was the Organising Chairman of the 4th International Congress of the Society for the Advancement of Breeding Researchers in Asia and Oceania held in Kuala Lumpur.

His ‘unreasonableness’ and disdain for the mundane made him shine like a beacon in the night. He never said much, he didn’t have to, but was clearly a formidable genius. A very large pool of scientists remember him as their teacher.

In the 1970s, Prof Dhaliwal was part of a team of scientific thinkers who worked on part of a paper titled *Codebreakers: Makers of Modern Genetics*. He researched mainly in genetics and how it affected cancer and cancer cells.

Bryan Perera, current President of the Royal Selangor Club recalls, “As a Queen’s

Scholar he was indeed a great tutor and mentor to many of his students while he was Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Science. Many of his students later were admitted as Members of the Royal Selangor Club.”

The man who helped translate scientific terms and names in fields like Zoology, Chemistry and Botany to Bahasa Malaysia for generations of students till this day, remained a legacy till the end.

His place in the annals of scientific accomplishments in Malaysia is undeniable. In the eyes of many global scholars of genetic science Prof Dhaliwal was a giant in science and one of Malaysia’s finest sons.

He was awarded the Kesatria Mangku Negara (KMN) in 1972 by the Yang Di Pertuan Agong at the same ceremony the late Tan Sri Mohamed Rahmat, our previous Minister of Information, was accorded the same.

Carrying on his passion for genetics, Prof Dhaliwal’s grandson Kharan ‘Kurry’ Vanmali recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Genetics at University of Cape Town!

Thank you Uncle... for letting us stand on your shoulders.
For living 25 hours a day.
For letting us walk in your shadows.
For saying No to mediocrity.

And most of all, thank you for being You!

Sledgehammer aka Harmandar Singh aka Ham has been a columnist for The Star for over 10 years, writing on advertising and marketing issues.

obituary...Dr. V. Vaithiyanathan

CLUB STALWART COMPLETES MEMORABLE INNINGS

■ BY PROFESSOR DR. A SELVANATHAN

Dr. V. Vaithiyanathan, a senior Life Member of the RSC passed away unexpectedly on Saturday 21 February 2015. As I reflected on the loss of a close friend since university days, I recalled the wise words of Winston Churchill.

*"We make a living by what we get,
We make a life by what we give."*

Vaithy as he was affectionately known, was by all accounts a value based "giver"; to his family, his patients, and his friends, the cricket world, the RSC and the wider community. He asked for very little in return.

His prized asset and the centre piece of his life was his family. His wife Dhamayanthi, whom I've also known since my university days, was his loving partner, his soul mate and close confidante. His son Dushyan and his daughter Priya who excel, both personally and professionally, were the pride of his life. I know that they looked up to their father as someone that they could really rely upon, someone that they could talk with openly and count on his support regardless of the issue at hand. Vaithi doted on his grandchildren, Tara, Rohan and Sofia who were the lights of his life. His daughter-in-law Shareena reinforced his family's love and admiration for him.

I cannot therefore even begin to imagine the grief and deep sense of loss that Dhama, Priya and Dushyan now face, but they can take solace for continuing to have and support each other at this very difficult and sad time.

Vaithy started life as a doctor in 1964 as a houseman at the General Hospital in Kuala Lumpur and then became the Medical Officer in Banting. He then



started his own practice in Brickfields and patients, from all walks of life, came in droves to benefit from his healing touch.

Despite his heavy work load, he was active in the cricketing arena and his dedication and inimitable leadership style led to his election as the President of the Selangor Cricket Association in 1974. He served 2 terms for a record breaking 32 years. He also was a Vice President of the Malaysian Cricket Association and the Malaysian Team Manager for the ICC Mini World Cup held in Birmingham in 1979. Undoubtedly, the cricket fraternity has lost its doyen as reflected by the recollection of Past President Ronald Quay who was also a Past president of the Federal Territory Cricket Association:

"It was under Vaithy's watch that Selangor won the prestigious MCA cricket league for many seasons. I had the privilege of working closely with him when he served as the Vice President of the Malaysian cricket Association."

Although we had testy moments during meetings we would always adjourn to the bar and continue to enjoy fellowship over a beer or two."

Vaithy joined the RSC almost half a century ago in 1966. He certainly did justice to the Club with his significant patronage, initially, of the Ballroom, the Cocktail Lounge and the Cellar and subsequently Kiara. Given his outgoing exuberant personality and his gregarious nature, Vaithy attracted and garnered a large and diversified circle of friends. Those who knew him well, recall with much cherish and nostalgia, the often excessive merry wining and dining under the pretext of civilized discourse on politics, the economy and sports.

Till the very end, Vaithy took a keen interest in the Club. He made it a point to attend every AGM and EGM to articulate with candour and zeal on how the Club should be run. Indeed at the last EGM in December 2014, it was again a delight to watch Vaithy walk up to the mike and speak on Club affairs in a candid manner.

Yes, a light has gone out. All that his family, friends, patients and fellow members are left with the precious memory of how brightly it burned and the warmth it gave to all of us. Perhaps we can be assuaged by the words of Rabindranath Tagore.

*"A death is not the extinguishing of a light,
but the putting out of the lamp
because the dawn has come."*

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