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DEAR MEMBERS,



I now start the second half of my term as your President. It is a fortuitous time as we recently enjoyed the Christmas festive season, rejoiced the advent of 2017, celebrated Pongal and welcomed the Year of the Rooster. It is therefore a good time to reflect and realistically take stock of achievements to date as well as to identify the tasks ahead.

Your General Committee had two immediate priorities when we took office. Foremost, was to secure an extension of our lease for Dataran. This was an imperative as the lease was slated to expire on 30th November 2027 – only 10 years from today. Your GC worked tirelessly to expedite the process and the outcome exceeded expectations as our Government has graciously granted a lease extension of a further 60 years. Simply put, the RSC will remain as an icon of our nation at least until 2077.

We are now negotiating with the Government for the payment of a nominal premium and we are optimistic in obtaining this given

our multi-faceted roles in sports development, tourism and service to the community. I am also happy to report that we have made much progress on the transfer of our title for the Kiara Sports and we anticipate the conversion in the next few months.

Our second priority, was to place our Club on a firm financial footing. It was critical for your GC to address the deficit RM1.4 million forecasted by the earlier GC since a failure to do so would have resulted in the Club being bankrupt within five years. Although it was a daunting challenge, we have, as stated in the Budget EGM held in December 2016, succeeded in reversing the earlier accumulated losses and as for 2017 we have actually budgeted a profit. This is manifested by the Club placing RM500,000.00 into a fixed deposit account for 2017. By doing so, we have terminated the financially unhealthy past practices of drawing down and depleting our Club's very limited financial reserves.

Yes, we are finally back in "the black" but we did not approach the issue by raising prices: We did the converse by reducing prices. Indeed, our beer prices are among the cheapest in town. This combined with new affordable dishes in our menus increased patronage and revenues. The Chinese Restaurant, benefiting from a new caterer, is now another a major revenue source for the Club.

Concurrently your Finance Sub-Committee introduced stringent financial and procurement procedures.

Consequently, our bills for the purchase of our groceries have been reduced. Our liqueur stocks have also been reduced thus freeing up funds for working capital and improving our bottom line.

I thank members for their positive feedback. This indicates that we are well on track to achieving the twin goals of long term sustainability and meeting the expectation of all our members. While we are reassured by this, we remain mindful of the importance on building on the momentum gained and to address the challenges that remain. Among them, is to shore up our reserves to meet the costs of undertaking urgent capital works such as fixing our age old plumbing and electrical wiring. These, together with refurbishment works and enhancements, were kept on hold due to the uncertainty of the lease extension.

The Club is now organising some fantastic events like the Chinese New Year ball on 11th February and the Pongal Night on 26th February. I urge you all to make an effort to attend these events and maximize the use of our Bars and Restaurant facilities. After all the RSC is your Club and its continuing success also hinges on your greater patronage.

Happy Chinese New Year and best wishes for a prosperous 2017!

Mr. Poovi Maniam
President

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank the President and the General Committee for asking me to take the role of the Vice President and hope that I can justify their confidence in me. I could not be more pleased to be serving the Royal Selangor Club (RSC).

Now that the General Committee is back in full swing and noting that the Club has managed to obtain another 60 years for our lease, a number of renovations and repairs that had for long been held at bay due to the lease extension issue, will now have to be looked into.

The Dataran building requires some major renovation work and as a start the Capex items for 2017 are currently being worked on. Repairs to the Gents toilet located at the Lobby entrance of Dataran, a lift from the car park to the Ballroom, the floor at the Verandah Restaurant, repairs to the squash court flooring and a new walkway from the Chinese Restaurant to the Ballroom have been approved for our Dataran Complex. At Kiara we have repairs to be done for the perimeter drains located at the Car park area and a much needed facelift to the entrance steps to the Lobby. All of these works along with upkeep and maintenance of the entire facility including upgrading of our electrical systems, water system and the like will keep us busy for quite some time.

On the social front a number of social events are being organised and we hope to see more patronage

from our members for these functions, especially in terms of bringing along family and friends to attend these events.

We have about 40 new members who will be joining the Club February this year. Welcome to all our new members and we hope that you enjoy the friendly culture, the camaraderie and fellowship that are the mainstay of the RSC. You have over nineteen Sports Sections to choose from and numerous activities that you and your family can participate in. It is my fervent hope that you will immerse yourselves in the activities of the Club.

On the F&B front a number of promotions are ongoing and there are numerous options available for members. Specific mention is to be made on our price for Carlsberg draught, which at RM6.80 per pint is, I believe, the least expensive in Malaysia! The Whisky of the Month Promotion will be ongoing for 2017 and our 10% off on pouring brands will continue till end February 2017. Our Chinese Restaurant will have their weekly and monthly promotions as well. At the time of writing the commencement of the Indian Stall at Kiara is almost complete and will kick off by mid February 2017. We are still going through the tender process for the Japanese Stall that is currently vacant at the Verandah Restaurant in our Dataran complex.

May I take this opportunity to wish one and all a very Happy and Prosperous 2017



Mr. S A Raju
Vice President

EDITORIAL



Our Club starts 2017 and welcomes the Year of the Rooster with much rejoicing and celebration as we have overcome the two fundamental issues that threatened its survival.

The first was the unpalatable reality of vacating Dataran by 2026 – only 9 years away. Thanks to the tenacious and catalytic efforts of our President and his General Committee the Government has granted a 60 year lease until 2016. This welcome announcement enables the Club to implement a number of wide ranging initiatives for its long term betterment. Equally important, it provides the opportunity for members' children and grandchildren to maintain the Club's importance as a national symbol and institution.

The second - is the long awaited financial stability of the Club. As announced by the President at the Budget EGM held on 18th December 2016, the current Committee inherited the deficit of RM1.4 million. Undoubtedly if left unchecked, the trend would have resulted in the Club becoming insolvent within 5 years.

We are informed the Finance Com-

mittee after conducting an independent audit to determine actual financial status, took measures necessary to reduce costs, stop leakages, renegotiate suppliers' contracts and generate new revenue streams. They have succeeded admirably in reversing the earlier accumulated losses and contrary to earlier practises, have shored the Club's reserves by setting aside RM500,000 into a fixed deposit account!

Members who attended the last EGM will recall that the Budget for 2017 received the unanimous support of the House. Since the four tabled Resolutions received similar support, this clearly indicates that the President and the General Committee are back on track for ensuring the sustainability of the Club.

This edition of the Berita highlights the President's message where he modestly reports on the achievements to date on several fronts. Another interesting read is Professor Dr A. Selvanathan's second article on the history of the Club which focuses on the post-independence era.

In keeping with its sporting traditions the Club organized, in recent months, several tournaments in Rugby, Billiards, tennis, Darts and Football among others. The Dato' Chu Ah Ngee Soccer Tournament held on 3rd December 2016 attracted a record number of participants.

Throughout its long history, our Club has always been known for its good entertainment, food and fine wine. The traditional New Year's

Eve Ball was held at Dataran and, as reported in page 31, more than 300 formally attired members and their spouses ushered in the New Year with much cheer and merriment.

In response to members' demands, The Club again played host to Kabali. Featuring the superstar Rajinikanth, many of scenes for this most watched Indian movie globally, were shot in the Club in March 2016. A Kabali evening featuring Malaysia's own Rajinikanth was held with the packed crowd on 30th November 2016.

On the food front, members would have noticed that our beer prices are now the lowest in town. Our food prices have also been reduced resulting in the full patronage of the various outlets. Our reopened Chinese Restaurant, with a new caterer, has received accolades from members for its exquisite Chinese cuisine.

Readers would note that this edition of the Berita has some changes. The genesis of this is the constructive comments from all readers and I thank all of them for this. I also thank the Sports Sections for their contributions as well as the General Manager and his team of dedicated staff for meeting publication timelines.

Thank you.

Mr. Alan Netto
Editor

GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year's celebration with plenty of time to spend with family and friends. And now that the 'holiday season' is past, it is time to look forward to the Chinese New Year ("CNY") celebrations, which will be early this year at the end of January.

Having 'googled' people born in The Year of the Rooster, I note that they are very observant, hardworking, resourceful, courageous, talented, confident, active, amusing and popular amongst friends. Roosters are talkative, outspoken, frank, open, honest, and loyal individuals. Roosters are also happiest when they are with friends, in a social context. They enjoy the spotlight and will exhibit their charm at any occasion. However, they can be a little sensitive, and feel stressed and moody at times. This definition just about covers 95% of our members. It would appear then that we are Club of Roosters!

2017 will be another busy year for the Club. The General Committee has been working closely with Management to evaluate and identify key components for both the Club's Strategic Plan and the coming year's operations. Two major renovation works, the flooring at the Verandah Restaurant and part of the Food Court area and the renovation to the Gents toilet at the Dataran Lobby entrance will be undertaken in February. A number of Capex works which were approved at the EGM in December 2016 will commence and be completed as scheduled. In the case of the Verandah Flooring renovations, the restaurant will be temporarily moved up to the Cocktail Lounge for an estimated period of 5 weeks while the renovation takes place.

There have been a number of changes in the past 6 months amongst executive staff. Due to this a number of changes have been made and executive staff have been redeployed as well as given multi-tasking duties to ensure that management numbers are kept as lean as possible while services are kept at the highest levels. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at the RSC for a job well done. More importantly I would like to record a big Thank You from all the staff at the Club to our members who contributed towards the staff bonus.

We are always looking into ways to improve communications to better keep members informed of happenings at the Club. To this extent more TV screens will be added in due course in both Club Houses apprising members of upcoming events and other information. Our website is also updated weekly and provides numerous levels of information.

Our beer prices for the past 6 months have been one of the most competitive in the country which is due to our negotiations with the breweries. Unfortunately the deal with Heineken ended in December 2016 and for Carlsberg 31st January 2017 will be the last day when beer is sold at RM7.50. We are continuing our negotiations with the breweries and hope to be able to convince them for less expensive rates to keep our beer prices as competitive as possible. At the time of writing we have negotiated with Carlsberg and will be selling Carlsberg Draught at RM6.80!. About the lowest price offered for a pint of beer. A number of liquor discounts were offered in the second half of 2016 and we will continue this trend



as we are constantly negotiating with our suppliers on reduced pricing in order to be able to pass on the lower rates to our members. Look out for our Whisky of the month sales.

On the F&B side the Chinese Restaurant has had rave reviews and I am happy to note that is well patronised on a daily basis. The Indian Stall at Kiara closed on December 19th and at the time of writing we have almost completed the procedures for sourcing and confirming a new operator to serve Indian cuisine at Kiara. Operators for the Japanese stall at Dataran are also being sourced and we hope to have this running by mid to end February.

2017 promises to be a great year both in terms of our social activities and sports. We remain committed to finding ways to better serve all of you and making the Club an indispensable part of our Members' lives.

Wishing you the very best in the upcoming "Year of the Rooster"!

Mr. Ramesh Menon
General Manager

THE RSC HASH 25TH ANNIVERSARY “ STARS IN THE JUNGLE”



The RSC Hash 25th Anniversary held at the ballroom on 30/9/16, received hashers from all over the country including Sarawak, Sabah and Singapore.

After hot snacks, the runners were flagged off at 5.30pm by the Chairman of the Malaysian Hash Council and Sports Chairman. With the runners back at 6.30pm, the traditional “Hash Circle” was held at the Tea Garden with boisterous hash songs and “sinners” sitting on ice.

The Ballroom was transformed in line with the theme and Guests of Honor, Y.A.M Tunku Tan Sri Imran ibni Almarhum Tuanku Ja’afar, accompanied by Dato Nora Marzuki, Dato Sieh Kok Chi and VIP’s were ushered amidst much fanfare by the Organising Commit-

tee and the theme dressed finalists to the tune of “Who Let the Dogs Out”.

The speeches and cake cutting followed through with the visiting grand masters and current/past Convenors being honored with mementos.

After a sumptuous dinner, a comical skit “Tarzan, the Tree Top Swinger” kept the audience in stitches. The hyper active “George of the Jungle”, echoing his infamous “Ooeeeeooooeeo ”, literally swung onto the stage, sparring with Tarzan and then swinging away with his sweetheart, Jane while Tarzan was left bemused with the “beautiful” Gorilla.

Next, the eight theme dressed final-

ists displayed their talent, swinging away to the hot numbers by DJ Bone which kept the awed audience tapping to the ‘infectious’ beat. It was hilarious and kept the audience clamouring for more.

After a short break, a witty mix of class and humour themed “The 1990s, the Best Decade Ever“, a rendition of the 1990’s era kept the audience in fits of laughter and giggles bringing back memories of the good old times.

The skit reminiscing Gen Y to the tune of “Don’t Worry Be Happy”, Designer Babies with “La Bomba Hippo”, Nelson Mandela rocking to ‘Jailhouse Rock’. Then Dolly the Sheep grooved to “Good Golly Miss Dolly” while Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky were a comic

class above, complete with bodyguards to the tune of “Mission Impossible”. Next, a theme close to our hearts - Save Our Forests wafted with the calm and melodious jungle sounds and flute by Leo Rojas, soothing the audience who were then suddenly jolted by the destruction of our jungles to the mesmerising Earth Song by Michael Jackson. The famed Girl Power, Wonder Bra and our very own Twin Towers with “Wau Bulan Dikir Barat” hyped the rhythm and finally, LGBTs celebrating the uplifting of the Mental disorder tag to the Chinese Remix “Lockup” and the evergreen Bhangra got everybody joining the cast on the dance floor.

It was a “Wow” evening that brought the house down with laughter, dancing and a standing ovation, which true to its meaning was described as “An epic that turned into a runaway success”.

A special token of appreciation was presented by Co-Chairman, Gasman to Speedy and Nerin for their immense contributions in making the event a success.

It was certainly a memorable and fun filled evening ending with loads of laughter, great fellowship and dancing that continued until the wee hours.

The Organising Committee headed by Speedy and Gasman records a heartfelt thank you to the Sponsors, Heneiken Malaysia, President Mr. Poovi Maniam, General Committee and Staff of the RSC, Nerin and the cast of 22 RSC hashers for making the 25th Anniversary a runaway success.

On On.
Speedy



INTERPORT HOCKEY – RSC VS PENANG SPORTS CLUB



The RSC Hockey Team paid a visit to the Penang Sports Club (PSC) for the Annual Inter port Hockey match on 18th June 2016. The team led by the convenor, Dato Poon Fook Loke was a mixture of veterans and young sports members.

The game commenced in the cool evening on a heavy pitch due to the rainfall experienced earlier in the day. The slow pitch suited the RSC team especially the ‘veterans’ who preferred to play on grass fields. The PSC took the upper hand, having a home field advantage, and

began controlling the game. RSC fought back hard but started to cave in as PSC took the lead through a snap shot goal by their Captain. RSC changed the line-up, brought in the, younger, faster, players and continued the fight and even lead during the 1st half with a score of 2-1.

A rejuvenated PSC team came in in the 2nd half, all guns blazing, and although we did put up a good fight PSC won the game 3-2. They had avenged their defeat in 2015.

After the game the RSC team were feted to food and drinks and the ritual of exchanging mementos by the two Clubs took place as well. An integral part of this Hockey game is the ‘Boat race’ which takes place after the hockey game. A chance for RSC to win a trophy, or so we thought, but it was not to be as PSC emerged the victors in the Boat Race as well.

More than the sport itself, it was the camaraderie, fraternisation and fellowship between the two Clubs and their members that was the highlight of this event. The Hockey Section must be congratulated for organizing this event and continuing the tradition of having competitive but fun sports with sister clubs.



THE RSC SQUASH CONQUERS ALL

SINGAPORE CRICKET CLUB

The 'Interport' between the SCC and the RSC was held in RSC on 20 August 2016, for the Chiam Tiow San Trophy. Both teams fielded young players, each represented by 9 players.

RSC fielded one of their strongest teams, with Andrea Lee (the current Asian Junior Champion), Andrew Lee (current Sukma Silver Medalist),

Mary Lee (previous Malaysian Woman champion) and Ng Jo Wen (current MPPJ Division 1 champion).

In the nine matches, RSC showed its dominance and won with awhopping score of 8 -1. With this victory we managed to win back the Chiam Tiow San Trophy.

During the presentation dinner, we also invited one of our junior members, Ng Eain Yow, to show his newly won World Junior Squash Trophy. Clearly our dominance in squash is well secured.



PENANG SPORTS CLUB

Racquetball or Squash 57 competition was held in Penang Sports Club on 11 & 12 November 2016. RSC is the defending champion. There were 8 participating teams in the Masters Category and 6 teams in the Veteran category.

RSC 1, comprising of Chris Teoh, Lim Kim Jim, Edward Teo and Francis Gan were seeded 1, where else RSC 2, comprising of Lim Jit Uei, Dennis Tan, Max Ng and Chris Low was unseeded. In the semi finals, RSC 1 managed to defeat



PSC and RSC 2 defeated Sri York 1. In the finals RSC 1 emerged as champion with a 3 – 0 score over RSC 2. We managed to defend our title and have won this trophy for the 5th time.



DANCESPORT



In our much anticipated Tripartite Interport, was on Saturday, 24th September, 2016. We were hosts to the Dancesport Section of the Penang Swimming Club and the Singapore Recreation Club.

The Tripartite was incorporated 7 years ago with each Dancesport Section of the 3 Clubs taking turns to host the annual event.

Members and guests came dressed to the theme of "ASIAN DELIGHTS." The Dancesport committee did an excellent job in making this event a fun night of dancing, fellowship and good food aided ably by the free flow of wine and beer.

Performances were aplenty. Our member KY Wong, and partners

performed a Tango and a Waltz, KH Lim and Audrey did a Samba, and a line dance medley was led by Lily and Irene. PSC performances were a Belly Dance and a Medley of Latin by Serene Kang and Cheah Lay Ean. SRC surprised us with an impromptu performance of a contemporary sassy dance by Noraini and Polly. We are all looking forward to our trip to Penang with PSC as our host for the year 2017.

Halloween Night was on Saturday, 22nd of October, 2016 with members and guests dressed to the occasion. The Gala Ball, with the theme "DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER" was on the 3rd December, 2016. Our appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. BH Lim for their performance, a medley of Latin dances. It wasn't

only a night of dancing, but a fun 'game' event, initiated by Cze Yan which brought much laughter and glee. Six sporting male members and guests took to the floor with a 'gun' in hand, enacted a 2 minute James Bond's cool hunt of his enemy.

2016 ended with a Christmas Eve Party where everyone came in Christmassy colour attire. Christmas carols were joyfully sung by all and a countdown to a "Merry Christmas" accompanied by handshakes and hugs ended the night of dancing and fellowship.

Mr. YS Chan
Convenor

JAGUAR TO THE FORE



Just when the Guinness Sponsorship of the section is hanging in the balance along comes Jaguar together with Land Rover and Sisma Auto, filling in the vacuum very nicely

The sponsorship handover ceremony was held in Kiara with our Sports Chairman and the MD of Sisma Auto Syed Khalil...for an annual fee Sisma Auto will brand the grandstands with Jaguar, Land Rover and Sisma Auto livery. So if you are intending to buy a super great car ...please check out the Jaguar or Land Rover first.

We have been keeping ourselves busy. In October we made the trip to RBSC, albeit not an official game, as the host were advised not to hold any official functions, due to unfortunate demise of the King. The airline was not too friendly and would not refund our fees but would allow us a postponement of dates at a penalty of RM 250 per passenger on a proviso that the travel date is confirmed. RBSC could not get us that confirmation. Now we were caught in a Catch 22 situation....

don't go....lose all money (RM 8900)...or go ... but no official game. RBSC came to the rescue, come they said, we shall play you in a friendly match but cannot play host to any celebratory functions. And so we went and the Thais being Thais laid out a scrumptious meal and made sure our thirst were quenched for 2 days...with "tar pow" beverages the order of the day.



Then in December and to wrap up the year We gave blood !!!!

Our Hash Section held their annual blood donation campaign and an appeal was made to other sections to help. Ten from the rugby section responded to the appeal but only seven contributed, the other three veins were clogged up for the medical team to extract anything but alcohol...it was blood they wanted not alcohol Duhhhh !

2016 has been a year of mixed fortunes, we had a great run in the league ending up third in the table. We beat a visiting team from Singapore, we managed to give young players playing opportunities in the few friendlies that were organized. Our weekend tournaments were left much to desired, the section will have to take a hard and fast look at that.

Our social activities were as usual innovative, this year we bonded well with the Billiards section with the annual "Winners Cup" and also with Hash, it was a shame we couldn't find the right dates to play soccer with the football section and hope to do that sometime next year.

A bit of a buzz was created when we went on a fund raising campaign in order to pay for the RBSC annual commitment. All in all it's been a great year for the section and there are already plans to make 2017 even better.

Rugby Section
Young...Vibrant...Exciting

DARTS

Sivaruben R Balasekaran

Let me first take this opportunity to wish everyone especially those from the Darts Section a **Happy and Prosperous New Year**. How time flies. It felt like only yesterday I was having my black velvet in the Long Bar ushering 2016 and I was doing the same thing yet again only this time it was 2017.

RSC 7th INTER CLUB DARTS TOURNAMENT 2016

The RSC 7th Inter club Edition was held on the 14th – 16th October 2016. Organizing the event in RSC Kiara was a first for the committee. It was a good exposure though for the darters of other clubs that RSC had another club premise in the form of the RSC Kiara Sports Annexe.

The RSC Darts Section had this time around organized what we had called a all Royal teams affair. As the name suggest only the Royal Clubs were invited to participate in our Interclub Darts Tournament including:

- ▶ Royal Lake Club
- ▶ Royal Klang Club
- ▶ Royal Sungei Ujong Club
- ▶ Royal Port Dickson Yacht Club
- ▶ Royal Ipoh Club

The event commenced on the 14th October 2016 with the Captains Meeting. This time around to make the event more competitive the Tournament was conducted in a round robin/ league manner where all the teams played each other. The winner was then to be announced after all the games were played.

The food provided was sumptuous. Something which all teams had always commended our club for and

there were no exception this time around. The dinner held at the swimming pool was an excellent choice by the committee. The deco and the atmosphere were simply splendid. God was kind enough to ensure that rain did not spoil our fantastic dinner and dance. The party went on until wee hours.

Darters were back to business on early Sunday morning and the position/standings of the league were ever changing. In fact no teams were guaranteed of their position until the final game concluded. It was a nail biting final games where the outcome would determine the end result.

RPDYC Sirusa from Royal Port Dickson Yacht Club emerged as Champions while RIC Darters from Royal Ipoh Club emerged as the runners up. The 3rd and 4th place was RPDYC Olde Nook from Royal Port Dickson Yacht Club and RSC Dalmatians from Royal Selangor Club respectively.

We take this opportunity to thank the Organising Committee members for a job well done and the GC members who took time off to support our Tournament.



RPDYC INTERCLUB DARTS TOURNAMENT 2016

The Royal Port Dickson Yacht Club traditionally hosts the last Interclub of the Darting calendar year. You normally see darters bring along their family as it is usually held during the school holiday season. This is when you see families of darters get together.

RSC were represented by 2 teams namely the RSC Dalmatians and the RSC Tigers. There were 4 groups with 5 teams. And the top 2 teams of each group to qualify to the Winner's pool. It was a nail biting time for RSC Dalmatians as they were pushed to the Plate Pool by a mere leg.

That being said, the RSC Dalmatian went through to the finals of the Plate Pool going against Kelab Aman. And what a game it turned out to be. We lost the 4some going down 0-1. It was 2-2 after the 1st singles, Raju winning 2-1. 4-3 after the 1st Doubles. S.A Raju and Sivaruben giving us another 2-1 win, 6-4 after the 2nd Single, Selva winning it 2-1 as well. The 2nd Doubles, M.Selva and Johnny gave us the winning point by yet another 2-1 win and making us the Plate Pool Champion of the final Interclub Darts Tournament 2016.

The Winner's Pool saw a nail biting event. The game was between the PJ Club, the defending Champions, for 2 years and the Selangor Recreation Club. The PJ Club was down 6-2 to much of everyone's shock. The PJ Club produced a miracle result winning the 2nd Doubles and 3rd Singles without giving a leg and forced a foursome finally emerging victorious. A moment to be cherished for the PJ Club as they get to retain the trophy for 3 wins.

We also take this opportunity once again to wish all Happy New Year and to the Chinese Gong Xi Fa Cai in advance.



**‘PLAYING DARTS IS NOT A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH.
IT IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT’**

TEAKWONDO

Teakwondo grading was held on the 23rd of October 2016 in DTSH Bukit Kiara.

We had a good number of participants out of which, we had one who was upgraded to Black Belt. 5 students were upgraded to yellow belt and 20 of them to green belt.

There was a good turnout of parents, who had gathered to witness their kids performance.

A n enjoyable high tea was served for 50 paxs.

We are in the process of introducing Adults for sparring.

Those interested please contact the sports office for further details

Mr. K.M.Devan
Convenor



THE RSC HASH DEEPAVALI RUN

The Hash Section has a unique tradition to host an 'Open House' festival run for the 4 major festivals, an event fully sponsored by the hosting community. On 25th November 2016, the Indian Connection hosted the Deepavali Celebration run at Dataran Merdeka.

After hot samosas and masala tea, the runners set off at 6.00pm on the trail towards the JKR headquarters, circling back towards Padang Merbok and into the long forgotten jungle trail behind the small kampung. A check and a "pusing" later, emerging at the engineers mess, the trail snaked around Tugu Negara, crossed into the Lake Gardens and passed the National Mosque, onto the home trail.

Dinner was held at the Cardroom which was decorated in a sea of colorful sarees, toranam, fairy lights, hanging decorative items and the Kuthu Vilakku in the middle of the Kolam. The tables scattered with spices, traditional Indian sweets and murukku complemented the hashers and guests wearing colourful traditional Indian attire while some were dressed in the bright yellow Deepavali T-shirts.

The program started with a short skit, "Ramayana", giving an insight of Deepavali which marks the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. This was aptly summed up at the end of the skit when all lights were switched off and five beautiful ladies in traditional dress weaved their way through the darkness with lighted lamps to light the Kuthu Vilakku. It was a sight to behold.

The Organising Chairman, Vijayan made the opening speech followed by the Club President who commended the grand effort of the Indian Connection in organising the event. On downs of the hares, co hares and Organising Committee were then followed by dinner, a sumptuous spread of mouth watering indian dishes.

After dinner, the traditional toranam making contest, the hilarious saree and dhoti dress up and boat race was fun followed by dancing which ended past midnight.

The Organising committee thanks the President, Mr Poovi Maniam for his presence to grace the occasion, En Dollah and his boys from House-keeping, En Wan and Shidan for the décor and backdrop and the Hindu members who contributed generously towards the event.

Kudos to the Indian Connection for an exciting and fun filled evening.

On On
Mr. Vijayan Doraisamy



THE RSC JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2016



On the 26th of November 2016, the RSC Tennis Section held a junior tournament that was participated by the members' children. Players were placed into two different categories. The first category was for the younger children who carried out several basic drills; such as forehand, backhand, serve, and rallies. The second category consisted of teenaged-children who played a round-robin style, followed by the semi-finals and finals. Breakfast and lunch were served with refreshing drinks for the players and parents.

A total of six girls qualified in the second category and they were randomly placed into two groups. For each game, the first player to reach 4 games is declared the winner. Kim, Dhanya and Sanya-

preet were placed in group A and as for group B, it was S. Dhanyaa, Rebecca and Azsvina. In group A, Kimberly managed to pull off two wins and as for Dhanya, she won her match against Sanyapreet, leaving her in third place with 2 losses. In group B, Azsvina managed to secure a spot in the semifinals after winning a tough tie-breaker battle with Dhanyaa and defeating Rebecca. As for Rebecca, she lost to Dhanyaa as well.

In the 1st semifinals, Kim defeated S. Dhanyaa 4-0. In the other semis, Azsvina defeated Dhanya also by the same margin. In the finals, Kim emerged as the champion after defeating Azsvina 4-1. In the 3rd/4th placing, S. Dhanyaa beat Dhanya 4-1 also. Rebecca managed to defeat Sanyapreet 4-1, coming in 5th and 6th respectively.

However, there were only 2 boys, Liron and Akilan who qualified to play in this section. As a result, their match progressed immediately to the finals with Liron winning in 2 sets; 6-2, 7-6(4).

I would like to record our gratitude and thanks to the following persons; Mr. Siva (Tennis Convenor), Mr. Ernest (Secretary), Mr. Gui (Captain), Mr. Pandian & Mr. Nat (Coaches) and the Parents and Players for the commitment to the section.

Kimberly Gui

THE RSC VS RPDYC INTERCLUB GAME

The journey to Port Dickson on Saturday, December 3rd was long and tiring due to heavy traffic; but we managed to reach RPDYC on time. Upon arrival, we were welcomed by old friends and tea, served with scrumptious curry puffs and sandwiches.

A group photo was taken in the glorious weather and beautiful sea backdrop to kick-off the games. The matches began with the men's doubles. Gui & Jason played the first pair, followed by Ernest & Chan. Our third pair was Gui & Siva. The final pair was Jason & Chan. Most of the matches was competitive with a few going the full distance of a long and intense game. RPDYC won the men's doubles with a score line of 3 to 1.

Our first Ladies pair of Jenny Boey & Liza won their match. However, Kim & Yen our junior pair lost to sisters Ajir Nirmala & Loges. It was definitely a great experience for Kim & Yen. The score line was then 4-2 in favour of RPDYC.



The remaining three mixed doubles matches were crucial and we had to win all three to emerge victorious for the best of 9 matches. Jenny Boey & Ernest played as the first pair with Gui & Kim, the second pair. Both RSC pairs won their matches, making the score line 4-4.

Siva & Liza played in the deciding match. The match was competitive and Siva & Liza managed to win the decider, RSC winning 5-4 against RPDYC.

Dinner was held in the SiRusa Rest Restaurant. With the ritual thank you speeches and mementos exchange. An excellent dinner followed with beers flowing and a sumptuous dessert to match. All the players and guests enjoyed the festivities of the evening.

Kimberly Gui
Andrew Gui
Captain RSC Tennis Section



THE RSC BILLIARDS ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The RCS Billiards Annual Championship took place with a new format last year, with the knock-out draws taking place over one month, culminating in a finals day on Saturday 3rd December. Section members battled it out across Snooker, 9-ball and 8-ball tournaments consisting of both singles and doubles. The Billiards section, which is one of RSC's most traditional and long standing sections, held a prize-giving dinner with the club President Mr Poovimaniam, Sports Chairman Mr. Hacharan Singh and Billiards convenor Mr. Terry Thiva who were on hand to present the prizes to the winners.

Winners are detailed below:

| SNOOKER DOUBLES | SNOOKER MEN SINGLE | SNOOKER HANDICAP |
|--|--|--|
| CHAMPION : William / Geoffery | CHAMPION : Jonathan Yip RUNNER UP : Ashwath | CHAMPION : Ashwath RUNNER UP : William Wong |
| AP 9 BALL MEN SINGLES | AP 9 BALL LADIES SINGLES | AP 8 BALL MIXED DOUBLES |
| CHAMPION : Kevin Ong RUNNER UP : Lovi | CHAMPION : Joanne RUNNER UP : Asha | CHAMPION : Alwin / Asha RUNNER UP : White Raja / Rita |
| AP 8 BALL MEN SINGLES | AP 8 BALL LADIES SINGLES | AP 8 BALL MEN DOUBLES |
| CHAMPION : Jonathan Yip RUNNER UP : Kevin Ong | CHAMPION : Letha RUNNER UP : Joanne | CHAMPION : Geoffery / Alwin RUNNER UP : Seeni / Eddy |



RSC SQUASH RETAINS TIGHER TROPHY

The Tiger Trophy Competition was held on 14th December till 17th December 2016. This year, the competition was by invitation, with a total of 10 teams participating with each team consisting of 5 players and one team manager. The competition was an introduction to the game of 'Squash 57', which was introduced by Mr. KK Chee of Penang Sports Club (PSC) the national coordinator for Squash 57.

RSC was represented by Samuel Chan, Mark Low, Jaafar Sadiq, Max Ng and Dennis Tan. Our team displayed true grit and passion and emerged as champions, beating team Orange (Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club) in the finals.

In the grand dinner/prize presentation, all the teams were treated to a grand dinner, with prizes given away by our President and Sports Chairman.

Overall it was an eventful September to December 2016 for the Squash Section with wins in:

Raintree Club Jumbo Doubles: Runners Up in the Open category (Mark Low and Samuel Chan) and Champions Veteran Category (Edward Teo and Francis Gan).

Lake Club Racquetball competition: Champion.

Singapore Cricket Club: Interport, winning back the Chiam Tiow San Trophy.

Asian Squash Tournament: Lim Kim Jim, Champion in the Asian Veteran 40 – 50 years old category, in Dalian-China.

Penang Sports Club Racquetball tournament: Champion and Runners Up.

Tiger Trophy - Champion

We look forward towards 2017 to win more honours for the club, starting off in January 2017 in the Ohana-SRAM squash league.



SWIM SECTION YEAR END MEET CUM CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday 18th December 2016, the Swim Section held its Year-End Timing event and Christmas party. The events started at 5.00pm with the timing event for 50m and 100m freestyle and breaststroke swimming. The participants put up a good challenge and were handsomely rewarded with the Club's dining vouchers (1st prize RM50, 2nd RM30 and 3rd RM20). Congratulations to our winners: Clifford Michael Dass, Jayshen Ratnadurai, Yashandra Sivaruben, Valerie Michael Dass & Alicia Michael Dass.

The timing event was followed with water-polo and treasure-hunt where the kids scooped up gold coins (50cents) with delight. For the water-polo, the participants reluctantly joined in the game but soon proved to be highly competitive with their aggressive brand of playing clinging on to players arms and pulling the ball right out of their opponents hands. The fun filled game ended with one team edging the other by a mere one goal to win 6 to 5. All participants were rewarded with chocolates courtesy of past convenor Michael Dass and treated to light refreshments.

The evening was followed with a fellowship cum Christmas party. To keep-up with the festive-mood, a two-piece band was invited to render soothing music and songs. A surprise "cake cutting" was coordinated by Kalai for past convenor Michael Dass and the other December born section members.

Please contact the Sports Office: Start of Adult swimming classes in February, indicate your preferred time & day, in order to pick a favourable time.

T. Ratnadurai



HASH MUSINGS - YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE!!

In keeping with the season of giving and sharing, RSC hashers rose again to the call of the National Blood Bank to do their bit of charity before the year ended - on Sat 17th Dec 2016 at the RSC Card Room despite partying late at the Christmas Run – the night before.

A total of over 80 donors – consisting rugby section members, hashers, club members, RSC staff, friends and relatives were present from 10am onwards to do their bit of giving.

Only 50% of the donors who came were eligible to donate as the National Blood Bank had imposed stricter condition recently, which disqualified many eager donors. The most recent condition was on those who had visited Thailand and Singapore in the recent month in view of the Zika virus.

Nevertheless the National Blood Bank was more than happy with the turnout and donation as they had set only 25 -30 as their target. The donors that came were treated to a helping of breakfast and hot beverages sponsored by the club before they could donate.

Some first timers who came expressed delight and excitement at being able to do their bit for the first time and promised to continue. They had been apprehensive until being coaxed to do so....what a relief!!

While blood donation is a life saving matter as it meant saving a life and where every drop counted – there were however some comical



“Pretenders” aka “lobbyist cum politicians” – the likes of the GM, the Terror and Sexy Loong were present to lobby for the donors to give more on their behalf as they were unable to do so for reasons best known to them.

Anyway regardless of the turnout, the organiser wishes to thank the club for its sponsorship, the donors for being present to do their bit and to the eager beavers and the organisers for a well organised event. Till we hound you for your blood again stay healthy, stay fit and have a fun filled year 2017.



moments/observations from the bystanders when the donors came.

“Blood pressure” – Always eager to donate blood but gets rejected as his pressure shoots up when he extends his arm for the test!!

“Joy Juice” – Had a delegation to accompany her while she donated!!

“Violent” - Pressured after a late night and running around, was told to calm down before she could donate!!



THE RSC GRANTED 60 YEARS LEASE EXTENSION

“THIS INSTITUTION SHOULD REMAIN FOREVER”

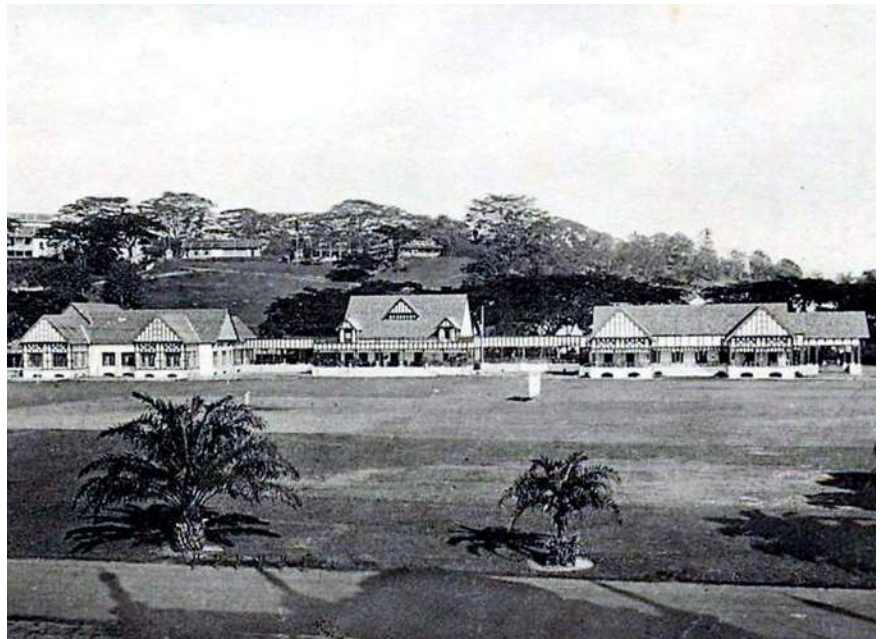
HRH Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah

This article, the second of two, highlights the progression of the Club since Malaysia gained Independence on 31 August 1957 to where the Club is today under the 62nd President, Mr. Poovi Maniam. The earlier article, which appeared in the last issue of the Berita, provided insights into the Club's hallowed history over the period 1884-1957, as a British colonial Club, commencing with the tenure, the first President, John Pickersgill Rodger.

At dawn on 31st October 1957, the Malaysian flag took centre place over the Union Jack at the Club. Consistent with the high standards of a premier gentlemen's Club, the move forward was smooth and orderly. Some expatriate members, including civil servants planters, took advantage of the benefits of the Malayanisation program and returned to the United Kingdom and Australia. However, a sizeable number became absent members and maintained their ties with the Club.

By 1964, thanks to high rubber and tin prices, Kuala Lumpur was bustling with commercial activity. More Malaysians joined the Club and the Club membership grew to 4000 as compared to only 5 when it was founded.

In the same year there was an historical change of the baton to complete the transition. Tan Sri Taib Andak succeeded Mr. G. Preston as the first Malaysian President of the Club.



The Club also became more Asian in character with a larger number of members who were Malaysian professionals. A significant feature was the somewhat disproportionately large number of lawyers and judges who joined as members. Not surprisingly, the legal battles in the adjacent High Court often spilled over to the always packed Long Bar. The Club regulars included luminaries like Tan Sri Taib Bin Haji, Andak, Tan Sri Khir Johari, Kington Loo, Tan Sri Justice H.S.Ong, Tan Sri Hamzah B. Abu Samah and Datuk Justice Harun Mhd Hashim who all subsequently served as Presidents.

The admission of senior staff from the newly formed diplomatic corps and the Malaysian Armed Forces swelled Membership numbers.

Among them were Tan Sri Razali Ismail who subsequently became Malaysia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Tan Sri Thanabalasingim, who became the first Malaysian Chief of our Navy, Tun Haniff Omar, the former Inspector General of Police and General Zain Mahmud Hashim, the Chief of the Armed Forces.

RSC's Place in the Nation

Our first Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman frequently visited the Club. Likewise, his successor Tun Abdul Razak who was also very close to the Club as reflected by the memorable quote by the current Prime Minister Dato'Seri Mohd. Najib Tun Abdul Razak in 2009.

“My late father always held this institution close to his heart. Being an advocate of the Royal Selangor Club, he knew the significance of the Club and its impact on the history of Malaysian sports as well as the history of the nation.”

Dato' Seri Mohd. Najib Tun Abdul Razak

Disaster hit the Club at around 10.30 p.m. on 20 December, 1970, when the main building was razed in a fire which started from its kitchen. The fire was doused by within an hour, but the damage caused by the fire amounted to M\$1.5 million; far more than the insured amount of M\$1 million. The President and the staff effectively handled the calamity although there was an ongoing children's Christmas party, all the guests and children were safely evacuated and there were no casualties. Surprisingly, 15 hours after the blaze, the Club's Annual Christmas party went on as usual. Since four

of the Club's Bars were destroyed, the Long Bar restricted to men only, was opened to women.

The Club was subjected to another disaster 18 days later. In January 1971, the Club was hit by floods and the Club's premises were submerged for three days. Several records were lost.

The then President, Tan Sri Khir Johari, was quick to submit proposals to Kuala Lumpur City Hall to rebuild with a new wing what was damaged by the fire. However, City Hall was keen on the construction of a civic centre over the site of the Club's field and a search commenced for a new site. Alternative sites were explored in Jalan Duta in Ampang and Damansara but none were found to be suitable. City Hall finally agreed, in July 1978, to the reconstruction of the Club's new building. Built in a similar Mock Tudor style, at a cost of M\$6.5 million, Members readily chipped

in with financial contributions and it was ready for use in December 1980.

Our 100th Anniversary

The year 1984 marked the Club 100th year anniversary. More important, it was awarded the Royal status under the Patronage of the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah who voiced his opinion that *“This institution should remain forever”*. From that day, the Selangor Club would be forever known as the Royal Selangor Club.

Another milestone was the opening of the Kiara Annexe Ground, by His Majesty Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'far Ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman, in 1998. This extension of the Club consists of a cricket and rugby pitch, which double up as a hockey and football field as well as tennis courts, a gymnasium and a swimming pool.



The PADANG

Widely acknowledged as the original Malaysian home of cricket, rugby, hockey and billiards, the RSC carried on its rich tradition as the bastion of Malaysian sport. Its prized jewel was the Padang which had been the focal point of sports in Malaysia for over 75 years. The first game of cricket played on this pitch was in the then Malaya in 1886.

Many cricketing legends have played at the Padang, including Sir Garfield Sobers, Dennis Lillee, the Chappell brothers, Basil D' Oliveira, Tom Graveney. In 1998, cricket moved to the Club's grounds at the Sports Annexe in Bukit Kiara which also hosted cricket greats like Aravinda De Siliva, Brian Lara, Sachin Tendulkar, Ricky Ponting and Muralitharan.

The Padang was also home to Malaysian rugby. In the 1980s, a group of enthusiasts successfully revived the Jonah Jones RSC Rugby Sevens. It currently attracts over 60 teams from around the world annually and the tournament has become one of the premier development tournaments in Malaysia and the region.

Over the years, many state and international sportsmen have come through the ranks of the Club. Among them, Dato Santokh Singh, Dato Dr Alex Delilkan who bowled the perfect first ball to beat the great batsman, Sir Garfield Sobers in 1964, Lall Singh, the only Test cricketer from Malaysia. Dr. Chan Onn Leng, the 'Flying Doctor', Dato Yogeswaran, and Past President Andrew Bryan Perera who played rugby for the country.



Equipped with various sporting facilities, including a gymnasium, a billiards room, and a darts area, the Club hosted a slew of international events for cricket, rugby, football, snooker, hockey and tennis and has done well in competitions. These include the Tri Nations Snooker Tournament, the RSC-Tiger International Soccer 7s. The Dato' Chu Ah Nge International Junior Football Tournament, Rugby's Jonah Jones 7s, the International Hockey 9s, the Hash Anniversary Run.

In keeping with the country's changing times and members' expectations, new sports sections were established over the past 3 decades. Among them was Golf in 1980, Darts in 1884, Musical & Arts in 1998, Motorsports in 1999, Dance Sport in 2000, Table Tennis in 2003, and Badminton in 2004.

Over the years the Club has nurtured several sports and developed numerous talented sportsman. This tradition has been steadfastly maintained and the Club now has

junior development programs in tennis, swimming, football, hockey and badminton.

For decades the Club was also associated with its gastronomic delights. Members have a variety of food choices; Western, Chinese, Indian, Japanese and fusion food and the Club has become a preferred venue for wedding functions and social events. The combination of the ambiance and the affordable prices have contributed to the beverage outlets well patronized.

The history of the Club has to include the outstanding staff and individuals who dedicated their lives to serving the Club. Among them was Joe Spellman who served with distinction as the Manager / Secretary in the early 1950s and again in the late seventies. Life members will recall his high standards of etiquette and decorum and his insistence that Club male members donned a jacket and tie in the dining room after 7pm.



Another notable was Mr. Chew Heck Mitt, better known as “Ah Mit” who holds the record for having been the longest serving staff member. He joined the Club in 1908, became head boy in 1928 and in 1958 he was honoured with a gold watch for his half a century of service to the Club.

On the minus side, the Club has had its share of uncertainty. Besides the fire and the flood, it faced the possibility of relocation bankruptcy and even closure. The Club is now 133 years old. Although the façade shows no signs of ageing and remains as handsome as ever it masks several challenges. The membership is ageing. Heavy capital outlays are required for major electrical, plumbing and interior works. But the Club’s traditional views on principles, sound management and care have enabled it to stay abreast through good times and bad.

Indeed, only last year, the new General Committee, headed by the current President Mr. Poovi Maniam, was faced with the monumental challenge of addressing a carry forward budget deficit of RM1.4 million. Emphasizing on effective governance and financial discipline, the President and his team have commendably reversed the losses incurred by the Club, as reflected in the recent budget. **The Club’s financial situation is stable again as reflected by the current Committee crediting RM 500,000 into a fixed deposit account for the first time after many years.**

The spotted dogs are no longer around; the Padang is no longer with the Club; the external environment may have changed and like all great institutions the Club has to contend with a few prophets of doom—even the odd atypical, blinkered member who harbours the illusion that the Club is in a “crisis mode”.

The situation is otherwise. The Club continues to mean as much to its members today as it did 133 years ago. The intrinsic strengths of the Club and the members’ unwavering commitment towards the Club’s betterment serve to ensure that the Club’s future remains bright.

Indeed, this is reinforced by the Datuk Bandar of Kuala Lumpur, as communicated to the Club on---December 2016, granting a lease extension by another 60 years! This clearly translates into reality the pledge in 2009 by the former Datuk Bandar, Dato’ Ahmad Fuad Ismail that *“We at DBKL, pledge to do our best and ensure that the Royal Selangor Club remains a permanent historical landmark in the heart of the city.”*

This long awaited announcement signalled the successful culmination of an exercise that commenced in 2007, and brought to fruition by the zealous and untiring efforts of President Poovi Maniam.

Although the Club is now negotiating for affordable terms from the Datuk Bandar, the stage is now set for the next generation of members to preserve and maintain the Club’s traditions. In doing so to add to its rich and illustrious history as an icon of the nation!

Professor Dr A. Selvanathan

(The writer acknowledges with appreciation the use of content from the, authoritative works of Dennis De Witt, G. M. Gullick, Lam Seng Fatt and the authors of the “Royal Selangor Club An Icon of the Nation for 125 Years”).

THE STROLLERS REUNION CONCERT - "Oh What a Night"

What a night it was ! A multi-talented, multi-racial and multi-cultural group, the icon of Malaysian Pop and Rock music in the 60's, played their hearts out to a sell-out crowd at the Royal Selangor Club Ballroom on 4th November 2016. Music and nostalgia were intertwined on this evening and all of us were taken back to our younger days of bell bottoms and miniskirts!

Songs like "I wanna Thank You" and "Ain't Nothing But A House Party" got all of us thinking that the good old days of the yesteryears means more to us than ever. Even the younger crowd, most of whom accompanied their parents, were dancing to the songs of the 60's and 70's.

Jimmy Oliveiro, Hassan Idris, Billy Chang, Hussien Idris Nan and Azlan, the current line-up for the Strollers, belted out song after song at this reunion concert and kept the crowd on their feet throughout the night and into the wee hours of the morning.



DEEPAVALI BALL

11th November 2016



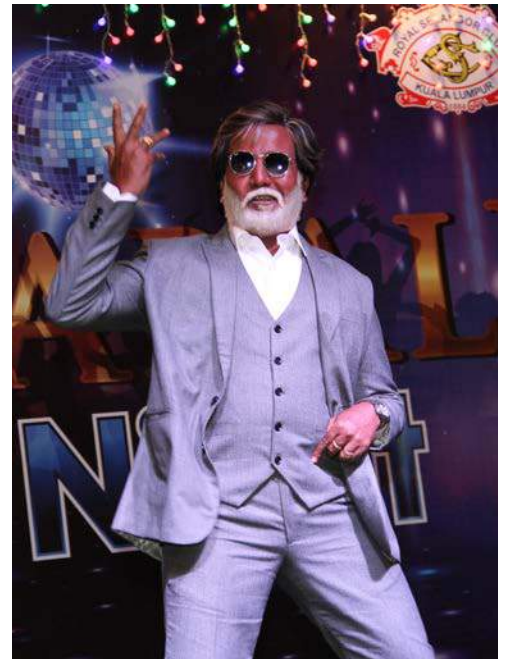
KABALI RETURNS TO THE RSC

Between March 15th - 17th, hundreds of members flocked to the Club to witness the filming of the Indian block buster movie Kabali featuring Indian superstar RajiK-anth. Hoping to catch a glimpse of him, legions of his diehard Malaysian fans gathered on the Padang. Kabali, which premiered worldwide in July 2016 in Asia, Europe and the United States, set box office

records. Consequently, Club was thrust into the global spotlight as several of the scenes featured the Long Bar, the Cocktail Lounge and the Veranda.

Kabali fever returned to the Club on 30th November 2016 with Kabali Suresh Malaysia's own Rajikanth look alike who delighted the packed Ballroom with his foot work, deft

moves and his showmanship. It was certainly a very enjoyable evening and credit must go to the Chairman of the F & B Committee Dato' Margali and Subcommittee member Mr Abdul Fattah who were instrumental in arranging for the Kabali movie to be filmed at the RSC.



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

31st December 2016



Whisky of the Month



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MACALLAN 12 YEARS – FINE OAK

An evolution of Macallan's 12 year old whisky, matured in a combination of sherry and bourbon casks.

Nose: Nectarines, sugared almonds and vanilla toffee. Spicy oak and golden malt lend a good balance to the sweet opening notes.

Palate: Good sherried malt in here, rich and sweet with plump raisins. Developing orange peel notes. Warm oak at the core.

Finish: Quite long with vanilla and sultana.

MACALLAN 12 YEAR OLD DOUBLE CASK

The Macallan 12 Year Old Double Cask has been aged in a combination of American oak and ex-sherry casks. This is a rich whisky which combines fruity citrus and caramel with spicy ginger and nutmeg.

Nose: Classic dried fruit territory, less intense than the Sherry Oak expression. Aromatic butterscotch too.

Palate: Creamy and honeyed with some thick-cut marmalade, cinnamon and warm pastries.

Finish: Fruity with vanilla and sultana.



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ROYAL SELANGOR CLUB

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING ON 18TH DECEMBER 2016**

RESOLUTION 1

A motion proposing for the extension of the tenure of every President from one year (as per current Rule under Article 24.6 of the Constitutional Rules of the Club) to two years.

Decision: Motion was carried.

RESOLUTION 2

Motion proposing to open invitations to companies on a profit sharing basis, for the service of operating, supplying and maintaining the slot machines.

Decision: A special committee to be formed to produce a comprehensive report which is to be presented to the members at a AGM for discussion and approval.

RESOLUTION 3

Dr. Ranjit Singh Mahli (Vice President) and Mr. Kalwant Singh (GC Member) to be removed from office on a vote of no-confidence.

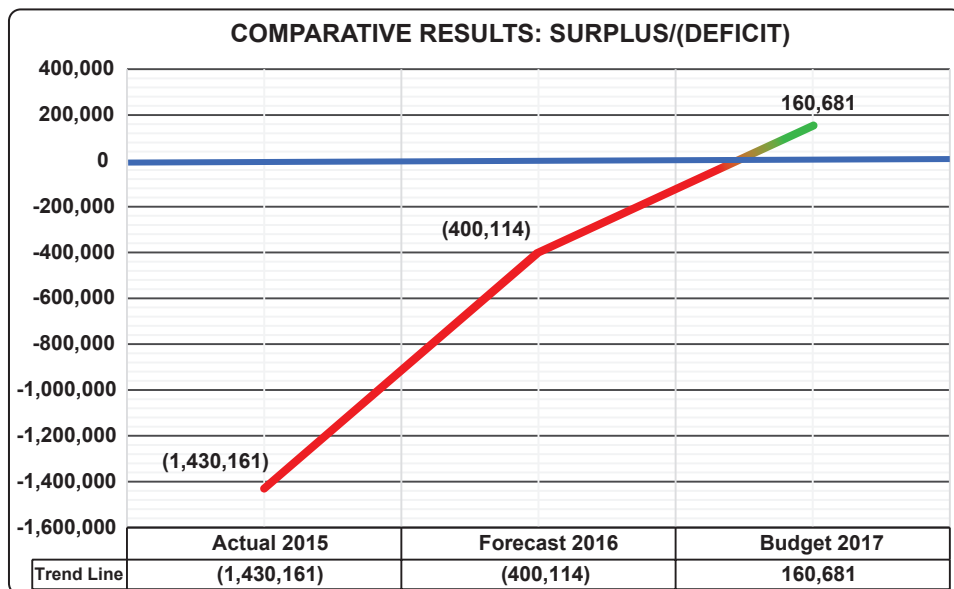
Decision: Motion was carried.

RESOLUTION 4

Proposal to do away with the requirement to audit the sections by the External Auditors thus resulting in total cost savings amounting to some RM 21,400 per annum by the sections.

It was proposed for the Club's Internal Auditors to audit the section accounts.

Decision: Motion was carried.

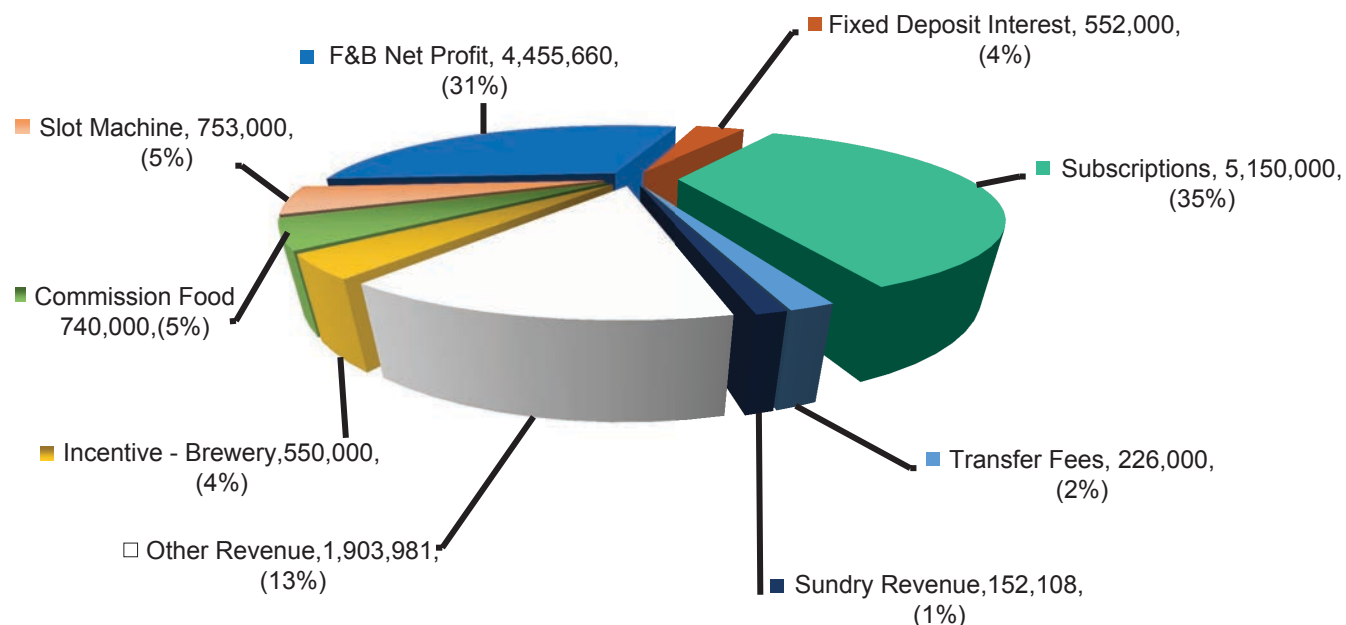


For the year 2017 we are indeed pleased to present a Budget with a surplus of RM160 thousand.

From the graph you would note that from a deficit of RM1.4 million in 2015, we have forecasted a deficit of RM400 thousand for the year 2016.

We hope that this would be the beginning of a new trend and the club consistently recording a surplus henceforth. However, this calls for increased Sales at all our outlets, prudent cost control measures and efficient financial management.

BUDGET 2017 SOURCES OF INCOME



THE 2017 BUDGET

1. Subscriptions Income is the largest contributor at RM5.150 million which constitute 35% of the Total Source of Income for the Club. We have budgeted for 125 members to join the club during the year 20 17. In 2016 thus far, we have 92 members joining us.

A point to note here is that during the year, 635 members have become Life members and another 38 members have become life members without subscription. (673)

The net impact of this **change in status** is a reduction in income of RM475,440 per annum.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to go on a membership drive to keep the subscription at a healthy level.

Next, is the Net Profit from F&B Outlets at RM4.455 million which

constitute 31% of the Total Income Source.

You will note that the **average percentage of increase** for Sales in the various outlets in comparison to Forecast 20 16, average 3.5%; whereas for Cost of Sales, the average is 2.9%.

2. Other Revenue and Sundry Revenue make up 14% of the Income.

3. Slot Machine and Food Outlets Commission make up 5% each of the Total Income.

4. Incentive received from the Breweries by way of credit notes are being shown as an Income for the year 2017 and 2016 forecast.

The Budgeted credit notes or incentive is RM550 thousand for the year 2017, and RM404 thousand for 20 16 forecast.

Incentives in 2015 amounted to RM167 thousand but were credited directly to Purchase cost of beers and to Sports Section Subsidy Account.

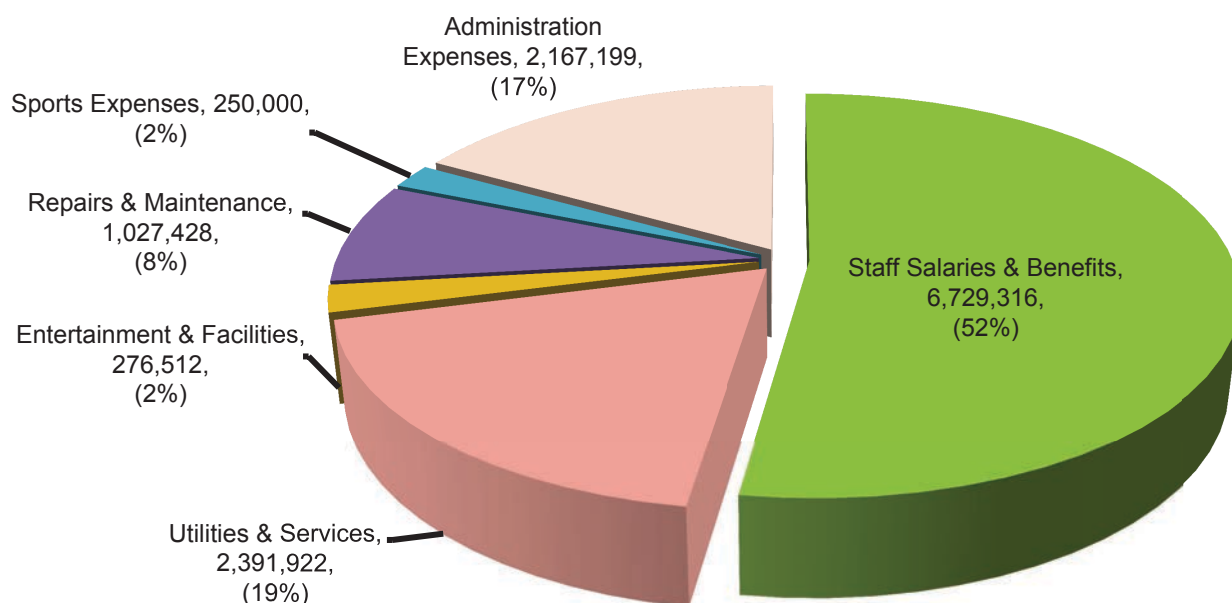
5. For the year 2017 this income and Fixed Deposit Interest constitute 4% each of the Total Income.

6. As for Fixed Deposit, we have budgeted to place an additional RM500 thousand in 2017.

7. Lastly Transfer Fee for new members is budgeted at RM226 thousand or 2% of the budget. This is based on 60 new members becoming members under this scheme.

For 2016 the new members under this scheme stands at 45.

BUDGET 2017 ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE



As for Expenditure, Staff Salaries & Benefits constitute 52% of Total Expenditure. It is the largest expenditure.

It must be mentioned that outsourced House Keeping manpower and F&B outlet guest workers are now classified under administration expenses as provided for. The amount budgeted for 2017 is RM721 thousand.

We have observed that in the past this expenditure has been charged to

Salaries and Wages and in some years to Out Sourced HR Salary under Administration.

Next is Utilities which constitutes 19% of the Total Expenditure, followed by Administration, constituting 17% of the Total Expenditure.

Repairs and Maintenance constitute 8% of the total expenditure. Sport Sections budget under the club will henceforth capture the Financial Assistant provided by the Club and

all maintenance work such as upkeep of Kiara field, Swimming Pool etc., will now be reclassified under this item.

Lastly, Entertainment which constitute 2% of the budget are expenses incurred for the Live Band at both Dataran and Kiara, Astro charges, Photography and Meeting expenses.

COMPARING 2016 FORECAST WITH BUDGET 2017

a) Subscription Income for 2017 shows an increase of RM150,000. This is based on the club increasing its ordinary membership base by 125 members during the year.

During 2016, 92 new members joined the club.

Ordinary members who turned life members during the year and paying subscription is 635 and 38 members without subscription.

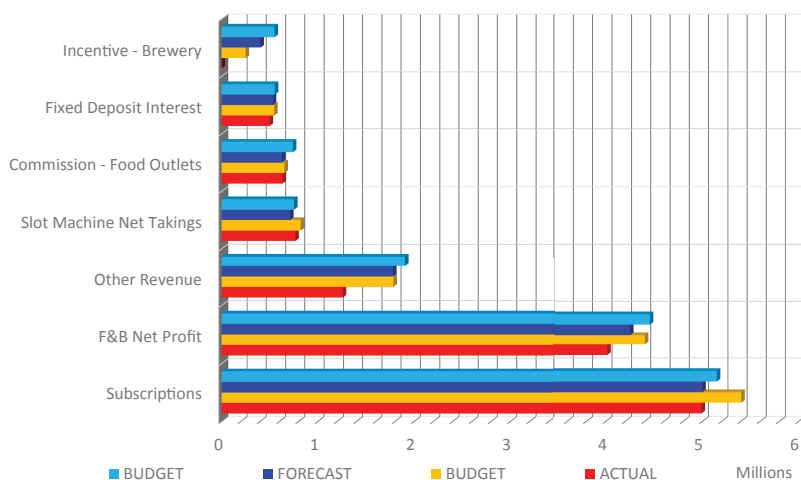
The total life members paying subscription stands at 2113 and those not paying stands at 266. (2379)

Privilege members paying subscription stands at 34 and not paying stands at 19 (53).

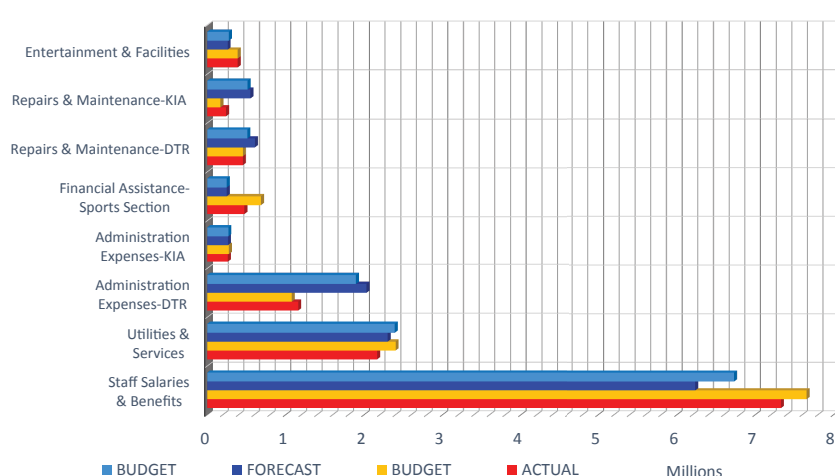
b) For 2017 we anticipate 60 members to transfer their membership to their family/friends.

For the year 2016, 45 new members joined through membership transfer scheme.

COMPARATIVE SOURCES OF INCOME



COMPARATIVE OPERATING EXPENDITURES



THE 2017 BUDGET

Lady member = 139
 Life = 2050
 Life (w/s) = 101
 Ordinary = 2897
 Privilege = 57
 Sports = 82
 Visiting = 1
 5327

c) Rental from Function Rooms is budgeted at 15% increase over forecast.

d) As for Minimum Spending 20% increase is budgeted over forecast.

e) Incentive from Breweries is based on the new contract.

f) Commission from food Outlets. The main increase is from the Chinese restaurant. Based on current trends and actual realised for November and December 2016, it is anticipated the Chinese restaurant shall gross over RM1.2million in sales. At 20% commission the budgeted RM230 thousand is easily achievable.

g) Slot machine NET takings have averaged RM60 thousand a month in 2016. However, the last few months has exceeded RM65 thousand.

h) With regard, Gross F&B Profit, the budgeted increase over 2016 is 4.8%.

With regard Fixed Deposit, the additional 19 thousand is due to an additional 500 thousand being placed for the budget year.

| ROYAL SELANGOR CLUB | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|---------|
| BUDGET - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 2017 | | | |
| DTR | Item | Justification | (RM) |
| 1 | Lobby Male Washroom | Renovation to make good male toilet. | 50,000 |
| 2 | Passage to Chinese Restaurant. Ladies Changing Room and Toilet - Steam bath | Passage to Chinese Restaurant and Sauna equipment | 60,000 |
| 3 | To re-wire the electrical installation in the Ballroom kitchen | Existing wiring is in non-compliance to the statutory governing rules and regulations and a fire and safety hazard | 35,000 |
| 4 | To renovate the Main Lobby - ceiling and reception counter | 1. Existing ceiling in bad condition 2. Proposed renovation to reception counter will make the area presentable. | 80,000 |
| 5 | Supply and installation of tiled flooring at Verandah and Food Court | Flooring currently requires replacement due to damaged tiles. | 65,000 |
| 6 | Squash Court Flooring | Replacement of flooring including waterproofing and termite treatment for Court No.1 | 40,000 |
| 7 | Construction of Lift to Ballroom | To cater for elderly and handicapped guests and guests on wheelchair. | 250,000 |
| | | Subtotal | 580,000 |
| KIA | Item | Justification | (RM) |
| 1 | Perimeter Drain at Car Park. | Approved in 2015 Budget but not carried out. Perimeter drain has collapsed in certain areas. | 65,000 |
| 2 | Front Entrance Staircase | Replacement of marble for entrance staircase | 40,000 |
| 3 | Tennis Court | Construction of Wall for Tennis Practise | 20,000 |
| 4 | Replacement of PABX system at reception | Current PABX system is obsolete and requires replacement. | 20,000 |
| | | Subtotal | 145,000 |
| | | Grand Total | 725,000 |



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B.A.(MAL), DIP.SOC.SER.ADMIN.(TATA), Dip.Soc.Pol.(HAGUE),MSc.(WIS),D.Phil (OXON).

Collin Abraham became a member of the Royal Selangor Club in 1966. He was a familiar face amongst the staff and patrons of the club for decades, celebrating many joyous occasions at the Club and witnessing its many transformations through the years. Collin Abraham began his career in the Malayan civil service in the 1950s, and later founded the School of Comparative Social Sciences at University Sains Malaysia (USM) in the early

1970's. Post-retirement in 1986, he took up various positions lecturing and consulting, and authored 5 books entitled "Divide and Rule -The Roots of Race Relations in Malaysia", "The Naked Social Order", "Insights into Contemporary Malaysian Issues", "The Finest Hour", and "Social Change and Nation-building in Contemporary Malaysia". He passed away peacefully on 30.12.16 at the age of 84.



OBITUARY

Over the period March 2016 - December 2016, members of the Royal Selangor Club were saddened by the untimely loss of Life of 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



Name : **Mr. Ng Eng Bee**
M/Ship No : **92346**
Date Joined : **01/08/1991**
Deceased date : **08/03/2016**



Name : **Mr. Sivarajah s/o Subramaniam**
M/Ship No : **82494**
Date Joined : **17/11/1981**
Deceased date : **19/03/2016**



Name : **Tan Sri Dato Seri Abdullah Ahmad**
M/Ship No : **09816**
Date Joined : **28/05/1964**
Deceased date : **12/06/2016**



Name : **IR Parminder Singh**
M/Ship No : **94137**
Date Joined : **19/05/1994**
Deceased date : **30/08/2016**



Name : **Mr. Tan Bok Wan**
 M/Ship No : **08968**
 Date Joined : **29/08/1962**
 Deceased date : **05/09/2016**



Name : **Mr. Chin Yew Meng**
 M/Ship No : **10860**
 Date Joined : **06/12/1965**
 Deceased date : **06/10/2016**



Name : **Mr. Chow Chee Ming**
 M/Ship No : **86024**
 Date Joined : **18/01/1986**
 Deceased date : **12/10/2016**



Name : **Mr. Michael Chong Boon Tick**
 M/Ship No : **12958**
 Date Joined : **30/08/1973**
 Deceased date : **14/10/2016**



Name : **Dr. Amrik Singh**
 M/Ship No : **92349**
 Date Joined : **23/08/1991**
 Deceased date : **20/10/2016**



Name : **Mr. Rajah @ Dorairaj Chinniah**
 M/Ship No : **92561**
 Date Joined : **29/04/1992**
 Deceased date : **30/10/2016**



Name : **DR. Nasif Singh**
 M/Ship No : **90102**
 Date Joined : **20/10/1990**
 Deceased date : **02/12/2016**



Name : **Mr. Foo Suan Pooi**
 M/Ship No : **98073**
 Date Joined : **03/11/1998**
 Deceased date : **08/12/2016**



Name : **Dr. A Majid Bin Kassim**
 M/Ship No : **23087**
 Date Joined : **06/08/2003**
 Deceased date : **17/12/2016**



Name : **YBhg. Dato Balwant Singh**
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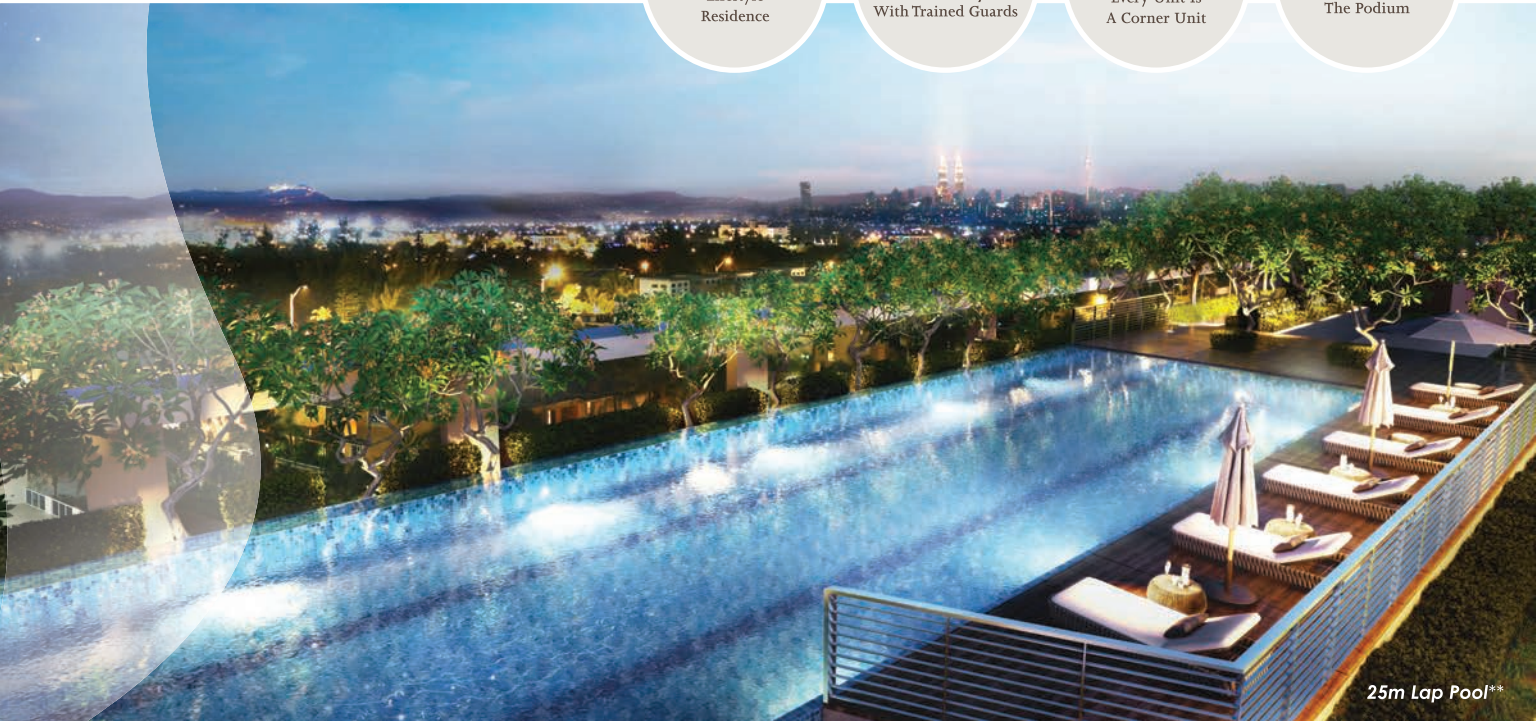


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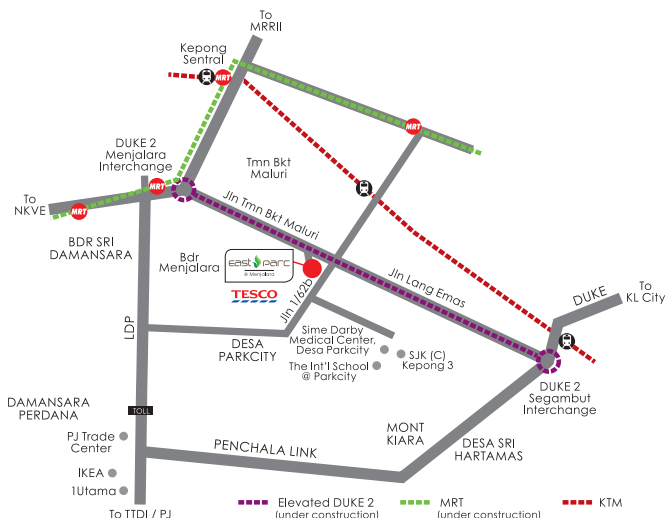
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