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From the editor's desk

It's been just over two years since I became editor of Berita RSC and I must say that it has been a singular pleasure to have served with two Presidents – previously Ronald Quay and now Andrew Bryan Perera.

Coincidentally and by some historic accident, the three of us come from the same great school – the Victoria Institution.

And the similarity does not end there. We all share the same passion for transparency, accountability and good governance at the Club which we have grown to love over the years.

Towards this end, the two leaders, one after another, set in motion processes that would ensure the Club's long-term sustainability.

This past year particularly, Bryan and Vice President (Citizen) Nadeswaran, have taken us on a journey that has definitely raised the Club's reputation, transparency and accountability by several notches.

Their actions, conviction and that of their like-minded GC and various committees has sustained the Club's image as a reputable, financially sustainable, transparent and service-filled second home for all members.

We have been free recently from financial upheavels, thanks to rigorous Tender Board rules and regulations, prudent fiscal management and tight policing of processes and practices to plug any financial leakage.

Under Bryan, Nadeswaran and the GC's stewardship, the Club's profitability is now assured - therefore by extension, its future. (please see the President's message for financial details).

Clearly, the renovation and upgrading works are very visible at the Kiara Annex

and the Dataran premise. This is another sign that profits are being put to good egalitarian use and our valuable Kiara premise is managed quietly, but surely by the Vice President.

What a lucky bunch we are to be blessed with two Club premises when other key social Clubs in KL have only one each!!!

Sports sections are regular and meaty contributors to the Berita RSC and it is a pleasure to have been on the receiving end as editor.

The fact that they are a key element of the Club and are working with its leadership to enhance transparency and accountability is commendable.

It was therefore no mean feat when the RSC was recognised and became recipient last year of the renowned IOC award for fostering "Sport as a School of Life" in Malaysia.

While food and beverage services have improved vastly, in my opinion prices still remain high, for a social Club where eating and drinking is a core activity and revenue earner. The incoming leadership must do something about this.

Talking about the upcoming AGM, the election and the incoming leadership, it is my humble observation that the initial winds of change first blew into the Club about three years ago when Ronnie Quay was elected President. Apparently the majority of the Club membership was happy with what he and his GC did, they gave him a second term.

Now the winds of change this past year, under Bryan and Nadeswaran, have gained greater force and momentum and have transformed into a hurricane.

I say this because these gentlemen have launched a crusade against unnecessary



spending, moved to foster profitability, goaded some to share equally with ALL members benefits the Club receives from suppliers, and established a Tender Board to never allow "deals under the table" to prevail.

It is good to see a comprehensive list of new and the usual contenders standing for office.

Members appear to have taken a strong stance in recent elections to popularly vote in leaders prepared to sacrifice their time, talent and sometimes even money and influence for the good of the Club.

They will vote wisely for sure.

I have always enjoyed being a member of this great Club for over two decades and also acting as the Editor of Berita RSC.

My sincere hope is that members have found the magazine useful and a pleasant read as well.

The production of the Berita on a regular basis certainly would not have been possible if not for the kind and great assistance of Editorial Committee member cum photographer Terry Thiva and dedicated RSC staffer, Mr Kannes.

Best wishes and happy clubbing to all.

Rajan Moses
Editor
Berita RSC

president's message

Milestones, tasks completed and financial resilience

Dear Fellow Members,

It's that time of the year when the Club's Annual General Meeting will be held (on 29th of June, 2014) and it will only be fitting that I share with you the way I saw the Club achieve its milestones under my stewardship in my first term as President.

At the start of my tenure as President, I prioritized the need for several bold and new initiatives to elevate the Club to even higher levels. Accordingly, the work agenda for the next twelve months was aligned to three objectives. First, to increase revenue streams through new initiatives. This included the creation of value added food and beverage promotions, improved quality menus and service levels at affordable prices. Second, to enforce stringent controls on the procurement of goods and services to enable the Club to benefit from competitive pricing. Third, to effectively manage the Club's expenditure through prudent fiscal policies to ensure financial sustainability.

As a starting point, all General Committee ("GC") Members executed a Code of Ethics wherein we pledged to uphold the principles of good governance, financial integrity, accountability and transparency in managing the Club's affairs. As a consequence of this pledge, the much improved financial performance of the Club for the year ended 31st December, 2013 was largely attributable to the implementation of prudent and painstaking financial measures and policies, tightened controls for the procurement of goods and services and the closer scrutiny of all sports related expenditure. Members

will be pleased to note that for the financial year ended 31st December, 2013, the Club achieved a net surplus of RM1,144,403, after deducting the charge for depreciation and taxation as compared to RM348,607 for the previous financial year ended 31st December, 2012. It is imperative for members to be mindful that sufficient surpluses ought to be achieved annually, to enable future General Committees the ability and opportunity to plough back the same for capital enhancement of the Club's assets.

The House at the AGM held on 15th December, 2013 emphasized the need to enhance the capability and integrity of the entire financial and operating systems of the Club. I am glad to report that the systems have been procured and commissioned and currently the F&B operating systems have gone live. It is envisaged that membership, event & sports management systems shall be operational shortly.

The Club's earlier decision to manage its kitchen in-house, as opposed to outsourcing has continued to drive the Club's food revenues significantly. With regular food promotions and new menus, the beverage sales for the twelve months period ending 31st December, 2013 was RM2,474,030 as compared to RM1,273,42 for the previous year ended 31st December, 2012.

Significantly, all our banqueting outlets have been well patronized for private functions. In order to increase capacity and generate revenues, the assets of the Club, where necessary, have undergone renovation, refurbishment works, replacement,



renewals and facelifts.

I am also pleased to report that the ambience and various facilities at both Dataran and Kiara have been greatly enhanced. These upgrades have resulted in better men's changing room & shower facilities, new lockers in the ladies wash rooms, the air conditioning systems at the Multi-Purpose Hall, re-varnished tables at the Pavilion Terrace, resurfaced roads at Kiara, repaired roofs at Dataran, new carpets at the Ballroom, Cocktail Lounge, President's Room and the stairway leading to the Ballroom, the three renovated Squash Courts at Dataran, the complete upholstery of the seats at the Cocktail Lounge.

In Kiara, the aged cricket nets have been replaced and the façade fronting the field have been repainted. I am indeed grateful to Dr. Ranjit Singh Malhi, the Chairman of House & Security for rendering his time & commitment in overseeing a large part of upgrades at Kiara. My special thanks to Mr. Vincent Thambyrajah for his professional input and expertise pertaining to the improvements to the Men Shower Rooms and the road works at Kiara.

From a sports perspective, the Club's sporting calendar was filled by several regional and international events. These

president's message

included the annual Cricket Carnival, the Soccer Sevens, 50th edition of the Jonah's Jones Rugby Sevens, Hash Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Run, Inter Club Dart Tournament, the 2014 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Run, the Golf Section's annual Golf Championship, the Open Chess tournament, the annual Squash Championship and the several other events held by Sports Sections including home and away inter-part matches with Affiliated Clubs. It is also commendable to note of the initiatives and commitment of certain sports sections for their professionalism in organizing Junior Sports activities for Members' children.

The Club underpinned by its sporting heritage, will continue to remain as a national sports bastion and this was further reinforced when it was the recipient of the prestigious global 2013 International Olympic Committee's Trophy themed "150 years, Pierre de Coubertin" Sport as a School

of Life. The General Committee on its part was committed to ensure that all sports sections were supported adequately in all their activities and in conformity with the Club's financial policies and By-Laws.

Apart from sports, several entertainment events were organized by the Management team and these were well patronized regularly by members. I am indeed grateful to Mr. CS Nathan, Mr. Harcharan Singh, Mdm Pash, Mdm Amrit Kaur, Mdm Julie Hoh & Mr. Jeff Teo for volunteering to assist in the organization of some of these entertainment events.

Last but not the least, my admiration to the General Manager, Mr. Kevyn Lee & his management team for driving the policies of the General Committee and in particular to Ms Nitya for extending administrative and secretarial support to me. To all members of the Club who had graciously

accepted appointments to serve in the Finance, Human Resource & Membership Sub-Committees, the Tender Board & the Editorial Committee, my salutations to all of you. You have contributed significantly to the wellbeing of the Club.

Finally, dear members my task as President could not have been accomplished if not for the passion, commitment and invaluable contributions of Vice-President, Mr. Nadeswaran and all members of the General Committee. As consequence, I was able to lead and collectively, we overcame the several challenges to effectively implement the agenda for positive change. To all of you, my grateful thanks and appreciation.

Happy Clubbing!!

Andrew Bryan Perera
President

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AGENDA

1. President's Address.
2. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 June 2013.
3. To confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meetings held on 15 December 2013
4. To receive the Annual Report for the year under review.
5. To receive, and if approved, pass the statement of accounts for the year ended on 31 December 2013.
6. To elect External Auditors and fix their remuneration.
7. To elect by secret ballot the following office bearers:-
 - i) The President
 - ii) The Vice-President
 - iii) The Sports Chairman
 - iv) Seven (7) Members of the General Committee
 - v) The Chairman of the Disciplinary Board
 - vi) Two Members of the Disciplinary Board
8. To elect two Honorary Internal Auditors from the floor.
9. To confirm the Sports Committee
10. To receive and approve the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Club.
11. To transact any other business of which due notice in accordance with Rule 26.2 shall have been given.
12. Announcement of results of the election.

BY ORDER OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

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Kevyn Lee
General Manager/Secretary
19 May 2014

Note:
At the Annual General Meeting:
1. Registration of members will open at 9.00 a.m. on 29 June 2014 and close at 2.00 p.m.
2. Voting will commence at 11.30 a.m. and close at 2.30 p.m.
3. Nomination Form shall be available commencing from 10.00 a.m. on 29 May 2014.
4. Nomination of Candidates for election shall be in writing on the prescribed form (which may be obtained from the General Manager's Office) and shall be submitted to the General Manager/Secretary by 12.00 noon on 8 June 2014.

Vice President's message

ON the PC at home is a folder labelled "Kiara". It contains over 200 email messages sent and received on matters related to the Bukit Kiara Annexe. The common factor is that the senders and recipients are the same – Kevyn Lee (General Manager), Mahendran (Kiara Manager), Bryan Perra (President), Dr Ranjit Singh Malhi (Chairman, House & Security) and Kong Chee Seng (Chairman, Entertainment cum Sports Chairman).

The series of correspondences is a reflection of the effort put into the upkeep and maintenance of the Bukit Kiara Annexe. It is also a reflection of the contributions of both Ranjit and Khong who have been instrumental in the maintenance, appearance – aesthetically and physical; and keeping to the budgets and keeping costs to the minimum.

From the re-varnishing of the chairs and tables outside the Pavilion to finding permanent solutions to leaks, it was team work.

At many a time, Ranjit could be seen striding around the complex, and in a way of sorts, accepted the re-surfacing of the car park as his "baby".

After the job was awarded by the Tender Board, it was Ranjit who ensured that the contractor kept to his schedule. Checking the weather forecast to speaking to the contractor's engineers, Ranjit managed them all. At the time of writing, the painting of the parking bays had started and should have been completed when you read this, with a proviso – weather permitting.

Khong worked with the sports sections explaining the policies related to funding and use of facilities, a challenge which he

Team work makes Kiara a better place



cherished and accomplished.

The past 11 months have been a challenge for the three of us who look after Kiara and there's every reason to have a sense of déjà vu that so much has been achieved in such a short time.

One of the first tasks that was undertaken was to change the appearance and condition of the men's changing room. We added new lockers, removed the wooden flooring and plugged the leaks above the showers.

But there's much more to be done. On the Kiara roof, we have been merely doing "patch up" jobs to leaks and the broken tiles. The permanent fix, so to speak, will come after work on the roof in the main club is completed.

There's much more to be done. We were hands-on but never micro-managed and left it to the staff to carry out their tasks according to the maintenance schedule. We have changed mind-sets of staff who have now taken "ownership" of the outlets where they work.

It would grudgingly be accepted that service, especially in the coffee house has improved, but with so much fluidity in staff movements, it will always be an uphill task.

Being dependent on part-time waiting staff has its problems. Having provided them good training, we can only stand and watch as they are "poached" by hotels and restaurants.

It has been a continuous struggle for Mahendran, and F&B Manager, Nor Amiza Zakaria and their team of supervisors, especially on weekends, when the restaurants are packed to the brim.

Nevertheless, their efforts have been acknowledged that it is known are giving their best in such circumstances, especially with limited manpower.

In conclusion, I would like to say thanks to the staff at the Kiara staff, many of whom have walked to the extra mile to enhance service in the Annexe.

R. Nadeswaran

From the General Manager

Smashing new squash courts delight players

Greetings to all members,

Our new squash courts are now in use with new floorings and walls. Together with the darting area and Hash bar we are giving the section an upgraded. We hope to complete the Billiards, Hash Room and Card Room by early June.

May was a busy month at the Ballroom as three major functions were held. They were the Introduction Night (16th May), Life Members Night (22nd May) and Sport Awards Night (30th May). Served by our own Kitchen Department these were memorable events with lots of good food and camaraderie.

We hosted the Presidents Ball on 14th June 2014. With a delicious 4-course Western Set and entertainment by Blink 2 band, It was a great night.

We have awarded our computer Software

and Hardware purchase to the successful bidder Accsus Technologies. We will start implementing the new computer system in June. As we are running both the old and the new systems simultaneously, there will be some delays as we iron out teething problems and also staff familiarise themselves. We request members' patience during this transition period.

Healthy and delicious Venison is the new promotion for the Verandah and Kiara Coffeehouse. Try it Kong Poh, Sizzling, Goulash or BBQ and enjoy its delicious texture and taste.

Whisky lovers are spoilt for choice this month. Cutty Sark a famous premium scotch whisky is now available at RM180+ (12-year-old) per bottle. From the land of the rising sun we have Hibeki blended whisky at RM300+ (12-year-old). This Japanese Suntory whisky also comes with 2 free exclusive whisky glasses.



Finally the time has also come for our AGM and elections. The nomination forms were released on 29th May 2014 and closing date for submission was 8th June 2014.

Thank you
Kevyn Lee
General Manager



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club events...President's Ball

Fun, frolic and tradition at President's Ball 2014

On Saturday, June 14, 2014, a large crowd of members and guests, dressed in their finest, packed the Ballroom at the Dataran Merdeka clubhouse to celebrate the traditional President's Ball.

Fittingly, the mood that night reflected the roaring success the Club has come to savour under the leadership of outgoing President, Andrew Bryan Perera, Vice President R. Nadeswaran, the General Committee and sub-committees.

All the symbols of the positive winds of change that have blown through the Club in the recent past stood out that night.

Warm fellowship in the true spirit of clubbing prevailed till the wee hours of the morning. The Ballroom was filled with 26 tables!



The event kicked off with a procession of three past presidents and the current President into the Ballroom, led by a mini Victoria Institution cadet corps band marching in to

the strains of bagpipe music and drums.

Down to earth speeches by the Club's top two leaders were delivered, generous serv-



club events...President's Ball

ings of delicious food was shared, glasses ran over with drinks, our very own Allan Perera had everyone in thousands of stitches with his rib-tickling comedy and hearty dancing capped off a truly enjoyable night.

The President thanked members for giving him the opportunity to serve and lead the Club and being able to reap the fruits of his agenda for change that had been implemented without fear or favour.

“As you will all agree, there is no pleasure without pain. And that’s perhaps the reason why I am offering myself up for re-election,” he said to applause from the floor.

He stressed that his shared values with Vice President, Citizen Nades, had led them to work together closely to foster positive change.

The Vice President said earlier that the shared vision he had with the President, the General Committee and sub-committee members had made it easier to work for a better RSC.

“It was not an impossible task (to bring



the Club a few notches higher), “he said.

“I have been campaigning for similar things through my writing for more than 20 years,” said the man dubbed “Citizen Nades” for his probing newspaper columns and exposes of corruption.

The night would not have been complete and great without the smashing hour that Allan Perera spent, blowing huge doses of laughing gas into the audience with his funny songs, gimmicky costumes and of course the rib-tickling jibes about the Obe-

dient Wives Club that really stood out.

The band in attendance played lively music and succeeded in keeping many ladies and gentlemen honest by drawing them frequently enough to the dance floor.

RSC dinner and bar service was commendable throughout the night, with members and guests wending their way home in the early hours of the morning sufficiently imbibed, well fed with good food and spirits totally recharged.



club events...President's Ball



club events...President's Ball



club events... **Vaisakhi night**

Spectacular Vaisakhi Night



Vaisakhi Night which is usually held in April each year is one of the main Club events that never ceases to amaze patrons with its spectacular programmes and performances.

The exultation continued this year on April 26 when more than 300 members and guests, predominantly Sikhs, congregated at the Grand Ballroom to share moments of merriment in commemoration of the harvest festival.

The President, Mr Andrew Bryan Perera was also present to grace the evening with fellow members and guests in this colourful cultural event.

The sounds of Banghra music reverberated in the ballroom attracting everyone to



club events...**Vaisakhi night**



the dance floor and unified them with the theme of the night "aaja nachle, Vaisakhi ki raat".

All were captivated by the Gidha dance group's traditional Banghra dance. Mr Prem, the vocalist entertained the crowd well with his solo performance.

The event was made complete by the wide array of authentic Punjabi food served to guests.

Overall the event was a big success and deserves commendation. Kudos to Mr Har-charan Singh and his team for organising a splendid entertaining and fun filled evening.



club events...**Vaisakhi night**





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Photo gallery...Life members' night 22 May 2014



Photo gallery...Life members' night 22 May 2014



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Photo gallery...Intro Night 16 May 2014



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Night*



Photo gallery...Intro Night 16 May 2014



Dancesport

New committee off to a flying start

■ BY CAPT. ONG TW

Following the AGM on 22 Mar 2014, the new Committee went into high drive. The first event organised was the “Friday Rendez-vous” on 25 April that went on well with a six-table participation.

Weekly Sunday Tea Dances and Monthly Fellowship nights were also organised and they were well patronised. Unfortunately, some Sunday Tea Dances had to be cancelled as no venues were available (RSC Ballroom not available and Card Room under renovations).

Dancesport is desperately in need of a proper dance floor to carry on its activity!

The “Glittering Mania” event was held on May 24.

Dates tentatively fixed for monthly Dancesport events are: 28 June, 26 July and 30 Aug. The Tripartite Adventure will be in October in Penang.

Jack Cheah, our Convenor, has put in a lot of effort into Dancesport and he expresses the hope that the children of our Section members or RSC members be given the encouragement and support to go for competitive dancing, thereby upgrading Dancesport to a higher level.



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RSC goes Hi-Tech with new IT system

■ BY DATO' KS GOH

At the point of writing this update for the Berita, the new RSC ICT System has gone into a parallel run. Meaning it has gone live and is being used concurrently with the old system or manual system.

The purpose of the parallel run is to ascertain the new system's applications meet their objectives and their data is accurate.

The new system's applications consist Financial Accounting, Purchasing & Inventory, Payroll System, Restaurant Management, Event Management, Sports Facilities Management and Membership Management.

These applications are primarily used by the RSC Management and staff. However,

they will provide information through integration to another set of applications that will allow and provide members interaction, information and self-services.

They are the Web Portal, Mobile App and Information Kiosk.

With these systems, members can access and communicate with RSC virtually via the internet through devices like PCs, Laptops, Smart Phones and also via a Kiosk at the Club's reception.

This opens up many opportunities for innovative services in the future.

As of now some of the new services in the final works include:

EGM/AGM/Others Registration

An effective and simpler attendance,

balloting registration via Membership Card scanning and automatic label printing. Information can then be provided automatically and in real time such as number of attendees for meeting quorum, number of ballots collected, etc.

Guest Invitation and Check-In

Members will be able to invite their guests from the RSC Mobile App to their guest's mobile phone and email. The guest will receive a virtual Invitation with the member's particulars and it is valid only for the day stated. The guest upon arriving at the reception can "check-in" at the Kiosk in the reception lobby by flashing the virtual card. The member will then be notified that their guest has checked-in via the RSC Mobile App. Likewise, members are also to "check-in" so that the guest can be informed that the member is already in the club (and

his whereabouts if required).

Sports/Events/Promotions

Members will be notified of RSC events and various promotions via RSC Mobile App and email. Members can immediately book their choice and will receive confirmation via the same. Members of similar interest can now interact with the club to organise events/sports etc.

Transaction Notifications

Members making purchases at the club will be notified of their transactions via the RSC Mobile App. It will also provide notification when supplementary cards are used. This is similar to credit card companies notifying their cardholders.

Feedback Channel

Members are now able to provide feedback, suggestions or complain directly to RSC on matters relating to facilities, goods, staff services and others via the mobile app. The mobile app has the ability for “all point broadcast” messaging, meaning that if the feedback says that the lift in Kiara is out of service, the club can send this as a broadcast message to all members as a heads-up and when it’s expected to be restored.

And there are many more of such services that can be developed from this new information infrastructure. Some great



ideas are already forthcoming including one about Custody Service for member’s bottle. It shall be discussed and considered.

Since I have gone ahead with the system’s description which impacts and are visible to members first, I shall now return to the club’s affairs.

As described earlier there are 7 main applications used by the RSC Management and staff. The core financial reporting

comes from Finance Accounting Systems (FAS). Therefore the other applications provide the necessary information in realtime to FAS for computation.

A simple brief view of the FAS is by viewing the entire club as consisting of 3 departments — Dataran, Kiara and Sports. All operating businesses fall under Dataran or Kiara while the Sports consists the various sports sections.

Therefore all reporting can be “drilled-down” to each outlet, category, etc and likewise by sections and activities for the Sports.

The Purchasing & Inventory (PIM), Payroll System (PRS), Restaurant Management (POS), Event Management (EMS), Sports Facilities Management (SFM) and Membership Management (MMS) are now properly integrated and centrally controlled systems.

For example Purchasing, all department and Sports can raise their Requisition via PIM. Once the Requisition is completed the system will automatically forward to the Purchasing Department for onward pro-



cessing. The requisitioner is able to track each step of these processes to completion i.e. P.O., D.O., GRN, Payment etc.

The PRS provides realtime information on payroll and its details to the FAS. Each outlet and Sports will now be able to know its HR costs including statutory compliance, overtime etc in its Profit & Loss report. Staff academic qualifications, training history, disciplinary records, benefits, allowances etc are also managed in PRS.

The POS updates the FAS in realtime of each transaction. The FAS in turn provides credit information to validate each order placed whilst the MMS provides and validates member's status via the presented membership card.

SFM manages all sports activities and facilities. It also handles bookings of such facilities via the mobile app for the section members. Sports sections can utilise EMS for events that may require a preliminary budget and P&L report. EMS too has the ability to handle bookings via the mobile app.

The above is a simple walk-through of the applications but the applications are full featured and integrated. In addition, the POS also comes in the form of a mobile app for iPad.

We will have six units of this mobile POS for both the Coffee House in Kiara and Verandah in Dataran. They will enable members to order right at the table. The mobile POS is configurable on the fly to be operational at any outlet.

The POS allows members the flexibility to order from any outlet for F&B of any outlet within the same locale i.e. Kiara or Dataran (not because of system but not practical to deliver across locale) subject to the outlet's terms. Third party contractors will be included after club's F&B outlets are upgraded. Billing is also done at the same ordering outlet. Previous practice requires



and also generate their own bills.

The President and the GM will soon be equipped with an iPad that is online to all the applications. They will receive realtime and periodic reports on the performance of the club. A dashboard showing Performance Information, KPIs, etc will enable them to spot changes/trends in performance and also to drill-in for details when necessary.

On completion, the names that will be in use for the future are; "RSC CMS", CMS stands for Club Management System and this will include all the applications describe above; "RSC" is the mobile app; "RSC WEB"

for the Internet Portal.

I hope all members who have already previously registered their emails with the club will immediately activate their new access as soon as you are notified by the club.

For members who have yet to provide their emails please kindly do so (now if possible) as these set of new services are meant for you and it's the new delivery channel for better membership service.



sports... **golf**

The show goes on ... still

■ BY JEFF TEO

Despite being arguably the largest of the Royal Selangor Clubs 20 plus sections, the golf section with close to 500 members, holds the distinction of having the shortest annual general meeting, year after year after year ... To the other sections, this must surely be a cause of envy. Sections know that even if they had wanted to, it was not always easy to keep their annual general meetings short. The reasons are myriad but suffice to say that the growing political competition among members is among the main factor behind protracted



meetings. The golf section has been fortunate in the sense that meetings have been kept short and sweet for as far back as members can remember that is until the latest one



held on March 26, 2014 which saw the trend bucked. This is mainly due to the introduction of a slew of new procedures relating to budget allocation...

This year's meeting was presided by the vice president M Nadeswaran standing in for fortnightold acting Sports Chairman Khong Chee Seng. The meeting began on time but proceedings took an unprecedented hour and a half to come to a close. One overriding matter was the issue of budget allocation. Even as the section was already drawing up plans for the events for the new year allocations due to the

section for the preceding year were still unresolved. If there had been talk that the customary allocations that the sports sections have learnt to expect would be done away with, the presiding chairman M Nadeswaran put paid to the rumours by confirming the fact - club funding will no longer be an entitlement for the



sections. He said for the year 2014, the approved budget for sections had been revised.

He also spelt out a number of new provisions with regard to club allocations. In a nutshell,

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the lump sum allocation from club to sections would be done away with. Allocations from the club to the sections would be given on merit and on a case-to-case basis. Some members voiced their concern over the budget cut saying that uncertainty over funding would render the committee incapable of deciding on whether or not to proceed with its events. The golf section organises 14 games a year eight of which are interclub games. Without a clear indication of the financial assistance it is getting, if any at all, planning for the games would be difficult. Particularly so for golf as the number of participants is always uncertain. The committee added that while game costs could be managed for the section's own games, it was more difficult to estimate costs when it was hosting other clubs. The members offered to accept a lower budget in keeping with the reduced overall sports budget.

At the end of the meeting, a number of assurances were offered, all of which were statements of General Committees empathy. After a great deal of ado about nothing, the meeting went to the next matter i.e the election of the committee for the year. A special accolade was given to the outgoing convenor, Dato Harisharan Singh, who had helmed the section for the last four years. The new committee that was elected was made up of essentially the same team but with some reshuffling of posts. (see list) The rousing welcome accorded to the new committee conveyed the members' appreciation for the team. However, without a clear indication of club funding, the work for the committee would be more trying. But if the assurances made by the presiding chairman at the meeting were anything to go by the section should still be able to get something close to what it requires provided the request meets certain criteria.

Financial aid notwithstanding, the show must go on ...

Quadrangular Inter Club Golf

The first event after the annual general meeting was the Quadrangular Inter Club Golf Championship. The Royal Selangor Club had been invited to join the three-club grouping comprising the Royal Lake Club, Kelab Alam





Shah and the Raintree Club in their golf competition, an annual event that has been going on for years. The inclusion of RSC makes the competition a quadrangular, the first of the series being played on 5 April at the Perangsang Templer Golf Club.

Game day started out beautifully with some 120 golfers - 30 a side, gathering at the Perangsang Templer Golf Club. A heavy rain in the night and early morning provided the much needed assurance that further rain was no longer possible. After all, the trend of the season was heavy afternoon downpours. In the last five months, more than half the afternoons have been characterised by heavy rain. But golfers are an optimistic breed and seriously if concern over rain should be a deterrent to play no golf would have taken place in the last three out of five months.

After a light breakfast and a whole lot of socialising, the players made their way to their buggies and their pairs. A slight confusion resulting from some latecomers was soon overcome once they understood that it was not important to find their original opponents as the event was based on combined team scoring and not on match play format. Once started, the game went smoothly. However the optimism in the weather was found to be misplaced as hardly into the first five holes of the game, a steady drizzle started, growing stronger as the minutes went. Though light, the rain was intense causing considerable discomfort to players.

2014 Fixtures (June to December)					
Month	Date	Date	Fixture	Venue	status
June	8	Sun	Tan Sri Tunku Imran Trophy	tbc	
Aug	23-26	Sat-Tue	Northern Tour	Taipng/Bkt Kayu Hitam	
Oct	3-4	Fri & Sat	Annual Championship	Kota Permai Golf Club	
Nov			RSC - Malacca Club		
Nov			Singapore Cricket Club		
Dec	13	Sat	RSC vs RBSC	Royal Bangkok Sports Club	

All said, the championship was more social than competitive. Lunch saw a wonderful spread of typical Malay cuisine. It was a wonderful opportunity for members of the four premium clubs in the Klang Valley to make new friends and to catch up with old ones. The prize giving ceremony was a happy affair to give as many players something to remember the day with. There were so many prizes for so many categories that it is no longer important to talk about it. The important thing was that the Royal Selangor Club team did not come in last or first. Royal Lake Club were the champions followed by Kelab Alam Shah. RSC was in a politically correct third place as planned, if one may say so. And that's the way the first quadrangular game went for the Royal Selangor Club which has been given the responsibility to host the games next year. For the knowledge of members, the quadrangular game replaces the traditional RSC-Royal Lake Club Interclub game.

RSC-KRAT Interclub Competition

2014 Golf Section Committee	
Convenor	A Ganesan
Captain	Jeff Teo
Treasurer	G. A Rao
Secretary	Norman Teoh
Committee	Dato' Harisharan
	Dato" Dr Joginder
	Lim Jin Leong
	Jennifer Chia
	Johnny Soon
	Anthony Tong

The interclub golfing series between Royal Selangor Club and Kelab Rekreasi Angkatan Tentera (formerly Kelab Golf Angkatan Tentera) goes back years. For some reason, the games had been discontinued until last year when it was revived. This year was RSC's turn to host the competition. The venue chosen for the game the Kelab Rekreasi Tentera Udara in Shah Alam. On 25 April, each side fielded a full team of 20 players to vie for the challenge trophy which

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was won by KRAT at the inaugural meet a year ago. Weather and course conditions were perfect and play went on smoothly. The game ended with much time to spare, time that was put to good use for golfers to catch up with one another over drinks and light banter. The game was furthest from their mind as golfers from both sides replenished themselves with an endless flow of amber nectar and other rehydrating fluids.

The result of the competition - KRAT were initially declared winners. However the result was overturned upon complaints that one of their players had made some error in scoring. The final result was that RSC was the victor for the year 2014.

RSC - RKKC Interclub Competition

The interclub game with the Royal Kampung Kuantan Club was held at the RKKC course on 10 May 2014. A coach had been arranged to transport RSC golfers to the venue near Kampung Ijok, Kuala Selangor, some 60 kilometers from Kuala Lumpur. The morning started out well with early-comers smoothly loading their golf bags into the waiting bus outside the Bukit Kiara Sports Annexe. Golfers greeted each other adding to the atmosphere that was already bright and chirpy. For some reason cars came to a standstill with the traffic queue rapidly building up. The road was narrow and with one bus parked on the side, there

was no other choice for the approaching cars but to wait. The culprit was a car that was denied entry through the gates of the club. The guard on duty had apparently refused to let it in, claiming that it did not display a valid club sticker. The driver of the car showed a membership card but to no avail as the guards simply refused to budge. The scene was getting ugly. Irate drivers began to honk their cars in the hope that the din would knock some sense into the guard who was not thinking at all or was thinking that the road belonged to some ancestor. Naturally, tempers flared and along with it the din of honking. It took some time, but good sense finally prevailed. Traffic returned to normal.

The little digression over the coach carrying RSC members went along its way to meet its adversaries at the Royal Kampung Kuantan Club. The journey took just under an hour to reach the venue. Registration went without a hitch and soon everyone was sitting down to a simple lunch of fried beehoon and fried rice with some chicken and mutton curry. RKKC is a 9-hole walking course. Young men and even children who live in the surrounding area work as caddies. Some of the children are training to be golfers, while others carry golf bags to make some pocket money. The RKKC committee offers these caddies some fundamental training on safety and etiquette so that they can do the job. This way they learn to be productive in their spare time. It is a small community without access to much economic

opportunity. RKKC, being a major institution in these parts, through the tournaments it arranges does whatever it can in fulfilling its social responsibility.

The weather was wonderful all the way until the last half an hour of the game when a drizzle began to flirt with the course. Thankfully it stayed light and bearable until everybody had finished their game. With the course emptied, and everybody seated in the café, the rain turned into a steady shower.

The result was a foregone conclusion. RKKC looks simple and easy to the onlooker. The test is really in the play. The seemingly generous fairways are really a test of accuracy. Despite their big margins they offer, an error is always lethal, in the golfing sense. The many trees that adorn the wide fairways have other functions other than ornamental or ecological. With the benefit of a more intimate knowledge, it is not surprising that the home team thumped the visitors to the 10 1/2 to 3 1/2 score. For the troopers from RSC, losing was no cause for despair. Losing, or winning for that matter, was something that competitors do. It is either one or the other. But games like these are the platforms for forging friendship and building ties. When that is the aim, how can there be losers? The boisterous cheers that emanated in the clubhouse was proof of a day well spent.

The ties between the two clubs go back a long way. When it was just formed years thirty plus years ago, it had not been easy to arrange for interclub arrangement with other golf clubs. Most golf clubs merely raised eyebrows wondering what business it was that RSC, a club without a course, had with golf. More than three decades of wondrous golfing, the RSC golf section is proud to raise a glass to RKKC, our long time friend.



sports... **hockey**



Pengkalan Hulu school children learn hockey skills from RSC players

■ BY CHARLES LIM

On Friday, May 2, 2014 the Hockey Section of Royal Selangor Club led by the Hockey Convenor,

James Sia went to Pengkalan Hulu, Perak to conduct a Hockey Development Program for 2 secondary schools in that area. This is a community project by the Section to help promote and develop ho-

ckey for school children.

There were about 70 school children who attended this programme held at SMK Tun Saban. Present were the Orang Besar Jajahan Hulu Perak Toh Seri Lt Col (Rtd) Shahrudin b Hj Nazari, President of Hulu Perak District Hockey Association, A. Damodaram and a few Committee Members.

After a short speech and explanation by former Malaysian international K. Balasingam, the children (aged between 12 to 18 years old) were divided into 2 groups; boys and girls.

Coaches K. Balasingam, Teh Siew Bee and Teh Siew Heng handled the girls while, S Bakhtiar Atan aka Black, Wong Choon Hin and Max Lal Singh handled the boys.

The four basic activities were hitting and stopping, pushing, dribbling and tackling.



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These coaches explained the drills and followed up by demonstrating and explaining to the children the activity and the techniques to execute.

After that was done it was the turn of the children to carry out the activity. Under the watchful eyes of the coaches, the children went about executing their skill with enthusiasm and thrill.

The two hour coaching programme ended with the children being given a game against the coaches and some others. It was observed that there is definitely some natural talent to be nurtured here.

The OBJ Toh Seri Shahrudin thanked RSC for conducting programme of this nature and hoped that RSC will return to monitor the progress of this initiative.



He also express his appreciation to the efforts put in by the RSC members who travelled to conduct this programme. This self-funded activity was conducted on a vol-

untary basis and we look forward to more volunteers from the Hockey Section, especially former internationals, to participate in future sessions.



sports... darts

Darters celebrate Vaisakhi

Vaisakhi was celebrated by RSC Darters at the Hash Bar on the 16th April with more than 80 section members who came dressed in traditional attire especially the Angels who were looking gorgeous in their modern punjabi outfits.

All section members were treated to sumptuous Punjabi food and drinks. After dinner the games started on blind draw doubles. Most darters eagerly witnessed the draw as all were curious to know who their partner in the game would be.

After a competitive knock out round, the last two doubles to remain standing were Ms. Farrah and Peter George vs Ms. Nerin and Jasbir. Nerin & Jasbir emerged the champions. After the prize giving ceremony many members stayed back and enjoyed the evening socializing and dancing to Punjabi & Tamil music. It was certainly a night to be remembered by most section members.

RSC Darts Section AGM

April 23rd 2014 was the darts section AGM at the Ballroom. Many members turned



up for the AGM. All section members who attended the AGM received a T shirt from the darts section, not forgetting food and drinks sponsored by the section.

It was a very smooth AGM as most section members wanted the previous committee to continue leading the darts section for 2014. The darts section will continue to serve all section members throughout 2014 with interesting and fun-filled activities.

Darts practice and games will go on as

normal every Wednesdays & Fridays at the Hash Bar.

Happy Darting.

The 2014 Darts Section committee members are:

- Convenor* Mr. S.A. Raju
- Secretary* Ms. Sue Pauser
- Treasurer* Mr. Muralidaran
- Committee* Mr. Raj Sivakumar
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club events...**staff party**

RSC Staff have a ball of a time

Traditionally, the Club organises the Annual Staff Dinner for its employees on the eve of Labour Day. For this year, Ladies in Red, Men in Black was the theme and 200 employees with their spouses attended the party which commenced with a welcome speech by the General Manager, Mr. Kevyn Lee, followed by the President's address.

Prior to the Annual Dinner held on 30 April 2014, the Organising Committee comprising Heads of Department together with Union representatives organised indoor/outdoor games where 4 teams, namely Blue, Red, Purple and Yellow took part.

At Darts, Purple emerged champions, Blue won at Soccer while Netball and Tug of War was won by Red.

The Best Employee awards for 2013 were won by Ms Agnes Ong Tok Lee from Accounts, Mr. A.Nadarajah from F & B and En. Mukri Jaafar from Housekeeping. They received a certificate of appreciation, cash of RM 200 and a watch as a token of appreciation. This award was introduced to recog-



nise outstanding service to inspire staff to work harder.

Also on that night, all four teams competed in Karaoke, Group Performance, bread-eating competition and Miss RSC competitions



club events...staff party



were awarded to the contestants. A hidden talent was unearthed when En. Mukri from Red Team won the Karaoke competition while the group performance winner was the Purple team.

Yellow took the honours in bread-eating for males and Purple team for females. For the Miss RSC award, En. Mohd Eliz from Red Team who wore a sari was announced winner.

Ms Shamini and En Mohd Sham were

announced Best Dressed “Female” and “Male” respectively.

The finale was the Grand Lucky Draw which was won by Mr. A Nadarajah from F & B Department who took home a BSN premium certificate worth of RM4,000.00 while 9 other staff won various other prizes.

On a final note, we would like to thank the suppliers and volunteers who

ensured the success of the Annual Staff Party.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Emcee Mr. Geoffery Anthony and our DeeJay who kept the rhythm of the party going till 1.30 am.

All in all it was very memorable night and the staff had an enjoyable evening.



obituary...Eddie Chan

■ BY LEE TIOW GHEE

In the early hours of Sunday 6 April 2014 Eddie Chan Shek Hoh, 79, was called home to be with the Lord.

Son of a government servant and the eldest of nine siblings Eddie was born in Ipoh where he received his education in Anderson School.

In 1957 he left for Melbourne, Australia where he studied Accountancy. He had a long and successful working career in Colgate Palmolive Malaysia that spanned over 30 years. He also served this multinational corporation for several years in Indonesia and China.

He must have been a real pioneer Malaysian to work in China as it was in an era when Malaysians were not allowed to visit China freely. His visa and work permit then were obtained under special arrangement by his employer. Eddie was a very active member of our club and served as the Billiards section Convenor from 2000 to 2002. In those three years he spent a lot of time organising the various activities and trips for the Section. He was also a member of several other sports sections and helped in the annual staff parties.

He spent a lot of time in the club where he was a friend to everyone. His cool and unruffled disposition earned him the nickname 'Steady Eddie' in a bid to distinguish him from the many other better known Eddies in the club. His demeanour was such that he was popular with members, friends and staff alike.

His company was sought after as he was able to listen calmly to all the boasting, one-upmanship and even unpleasant complaints. His quick accountant-trained mind enabled him to tactfully straighten out some of the excessive claims and complaints that came his way.

Also known endearingly as 'Bachelor

Goodbye Eddie



Boy' by some of his friends in both Kiara and Dataran premises, he frequented both premises on a regular basis.

When in the Dataran club he would do his rounds covering the Cellar Bar and the Billiards room. An occasional late evening appearance at the Long Bar would sometimes trigger off some exuberant rendition of songs dedicated to him especially a popular Sixties hit by Sir Cliff Richard and the

Shadows.

Eddie loved good food although his physique did not suggest it. He was not a big eater but he appreciated good food and always joined his friends and some 'gourmet' groups in the club for their regular lunches all over the Klang Valley and also the occasional out of Kuala Lumpur dinner trips. Here are some of the words used by his friends to describe him: "a lovely person", "a real gentleman", "you can never ask for a better person as a friend", "he never imposed himself on others", "he had no enemies", "a good listener", "never complained" etc.

These words really summed up the person and good character of Eddie Chan. We are all shocked and saddened by his untimely demise. We will miss Eddie Chan, the clubber, a good friend and a fine gentleman just as his family and relatives will miss him as a loving brother to his siblings and a loving uncle to his nephew and nieces.

Although departed, memories of Eddie are forever etched in our hearts.



obituary...Mike Krishnan

For the love of Mike

■ BY S JAYASANKARAN

There was a hint of rain in the air on the overcast morning of the day that Mike Krishnan died.

It was a heart attack that felled him and he had just turned 74.

Born Gopala Krishnan Pillai, he was to earn the name that would forever be associated with him after he went to study accountancy in Western Australia.

Finding his first name a bit of a mouthful, his Aussie classmates dubbed him Mike.

It stuck. He was to go on into a lifetime of collecting friends. "It was a habit with him," says his friend and fellow clubber Dinesh Nambiar. "He would always stay in touch with old friends and he developed friendships with all sorts of people. He never discriminated."

Once, a group of his friends were sitting around in the RSC when the talk got around to how long they had each known him.

The winner, hands down, had to be Harold Robert: "Why, I've known Mike back in the days when he had a centre-parting."

It beggars belief. In many ways, Mike Krishnan was, well, Mike precisely because he was bald. It suited him and it was part of his charm.

A tall, handsome man with an infectious smile, Mike Krishnan stood out in a room, oftentimes dominating it.

"He was a larger than life character," observes Mr Nambiar.

Quite.

Mike Krishnan was a man of eclectic tastes. He adored his family and loved music particularly the distinctive

baritone and melancholy vocals of Roy Orbison.

He would think nothing of flying off to Australia for the races. He loved his wine and he loved his food with a particular penchant for gastronomic adventure, often being spotted at Steve Day's epicurean soirees.

Come to think about it, he could be spotted at most soirees.

But it was always in moderation and no one could ever accuse him of being overweight.



He loved his golf and, while not Tiger Woods, would play two or three times a week, walking through 18 holes and disdaining the buggy.

His friend Tunku Imran remembers him as a great reader. "I once gave him a book and he read it straight through for three hours and then gave me an abstract of its content," says the prince.

"Whenever I needed to know anything I'd just call him up. You could say he was my personal Encyclopedia Britannica."

As an accountant, he held various senior positions at ICI and the Antah Group and, during the 1997 Asian financial crisis, was charged with turning around a financially shaky Land & General.

He did.

"He was a gentleman, a true friend, and a person who bore no animosity towards anyone," recalls Tunku Imran. "And he was a clubber through and through."

Datuk Mike Krishnan leaves behind a wife of over 40 years, Julie, son Sandy and daughter Gayatri.

The RSC will miss him. And may his soul rest in peace.



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