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## EDITORIAL

# Embracing Transition and Challenges in the New Millennium

**T**RANSITION is inevitable for organisations and individuals in the relentless march towards progress. For the only constant in life is change. How we embrace the challenges that come with it will reflect how successful we are in coping, evolving and embracing the rapid pace of change that inevitably comes with transition and progress. The Royal Klang Club (RKC) is no exception to the rule. Hence, the theme of "Moving With The Times" of this edition of RKC's annual magazine.

Just as we embrace all things new and modern, RKC also celebrates its prestigious roots. But beyond the brick, mortar and facade of our esteemed club, its soul lies in the members who bring a sense of vitality and vision to the proud aspirations of RKC.

Luminaries like corporate businessman Dato' Stewart LaBrooy, 64, and former hockey Olympian Paramalingam Chelliah, 80, embody the selfless spirit and altruistic values of the club's ideals. The RKC Publications team was privileged to get up close with them to get an insight on what service above self truly means. Like our RKC president, Dato' Ang Ben Kiong, the General Committee, the management team, our diligent staff and committed members, they help reenergise and provide the mojo that keeps RKC at the forefront of Klang's social clubbing and recreation scene.

A special feature on China's Silk Road Initiative should prove enlightening for our members with a look at the tremendous progress made by the republic and its impact on Southeast Asia.

This issue also focuses on the children of RKC members, the beacons who will carry the RKC torch in the years to come. Sports personalities like schoolboy Vijay Unni, 12, who is making quite an impact on the cricket pitch. The potential shown by youngsters, as exemplified at our mini-sports carnival and in various local competitions, show how we, as a club, are on the right track. With them we can be assured that the baton of transition in RKC is in good hands.

In that spirit and on that note, happy clubbing to all RKC members.

BY S. JAYAKRISHNAN

# ROYAL KLANG CLUB



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WISH ALL MUSLIM MEMBERS  
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# Moving forward and keeping pace

Message from the President of Royal Klang Club

**A**LLOW me at the outset to extend a warm Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri greeting to all our Muslim members, staff and friends. Hope everyone had a wonderful time attending the various Hari Raya open houses in true Malaysian tradition and spirit.

As President of RKC, I am extremely proud to announce that our beloved Club has achieved another milestone in its rich legacy by being selected as one of the town's historical landmarks under the Selangor government's Heritage Walk initiative. So, RKC members should not be bewildered to see locals and tourists stopping by the Club to observe its façade and appreciate its cherished historical link with the royal town and the proud tradition of being one of the oldest social clubs in the country. You can read more about the initiative undertaken by the Klang Municipal Council in tandem with our efforts to preserve the rustic charm of our Club in this issue of our magazine.

And being a heritage building, maintenance is key and, indeed, a challenge to us, having to spend quite a bit to upkeep this more than a century old building. It takes a big chunk of our expenditure. Nonetheless, it is still the best family and sports Club in this part of the Klang Valley. We shall continue to endeavour and ensure that everyone is happy being here at the Club to partake in sports activities and cherish the excellent outings with family and friends at the various F & B outlets.

Everyone at the Club has an important role to play: Ask not what the Club can do for you but

ask what you can offer and contribute to make our club a vibrant and interesting place to be at. Responsibility and affinity are important values that must always be displayed by Club members. New members are also being screened for their background and ability to contribute to the Club's well-being and vibrancy.

As for the Club's finances, despite the challenges from existing and new eateries around town, we are in highly satisfactory shape although we do come across a few recalcitrant members who are delinquent in paying their club dues. Our F & B outlets are almost full even on weekdays and nights and I am happy to inform members that there are new avenues whereby the Club hopes to increase its income. These avenues will provide recurring income and ensure that our Club's finances will always remain stable and strong. The Club, I'm happy to report, has had a surplus budget in tandem with my commitment and pledge to ensure that our finances remain that way.

Last, but not least, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the G.C. members and their various sub-committees for their untiring efforts and commitment towards ensuring that our Club remains active and worthy for its members and their families. Remember, this is not a paid position at the Club. It is being carried out by us on a voluntary basis. And it is this spirit of volunteerism that has kept the Club going for the last century, moving forward and keeping pace with changing times.

Dato' Ang Ben Kiong  
President, Royal Klang Club



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**Selamat Menyambut  
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Sehati Sejiwa**



Royal Klang Club  
in the early 70's

# RKC ON WALK OF FAME

**R**OYAL Klang Club has achieved another proud milestone in its rich legacy by being selected as one of the town's historical landmarks under the Selangor government's Heritage Walk initiative.

With the new status, RKC will see more locals and tourists appreciating its cherished historical link with the royal town and the proud tradition of being one of the oldest social clubs in the country.

The club joins many other historical buildings in Klang which will be highlighted through the Heritage Walk. These structures, many dating back to the colonial period, have borne testimony to the socio-cultural, economic and political climate of the town and the state over the years.

Klang Municipal Council (MPK) president Dato' Mohammad Yacob said the Heritage Walk initiative was aimed at promoting the brick and mortar of historical buildings, their importance in shaping the town and enabling the people to better appreciate their value.



Extension built in the early 80's

“Most of the time, people walk past many of these places without realising its heritage. Heritage Walk – The Royal Town of Klang – aims to preserve clusters of colonial sights, places of worship, schools, remnants of an earth mount fort and a warehouse built by a local chieftain.”

MPK has identified 24 tourist attractions for the Heritage Walk. These historical sites will be elaborately depicted in a brochure with interesting points of each site listed, allowing people of all ages to appreciate them as they leisurely walk through one of Selangor's premier historical towns.

Among the buildings that will be featured along the Heritage Walk are Klang Railway Station, Raja Abdullah Warehouse, Raja Mahadi Fort, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Little India pre-war shophouses in Jalan Tengku Kelana, Klang Convent School and the old Chartered Bank Building.

Other interesting heritage places that are outside the Klang Heritage Walk are the Anglo Chinese School, Klang High School, Indian Muslim Mosque and Sri Sundararaja Perumal Devasthanam Temple.

The Heritage Walk will also hopefully help boost conservation efforts to restore the rich legacy of the many historical buildings whose

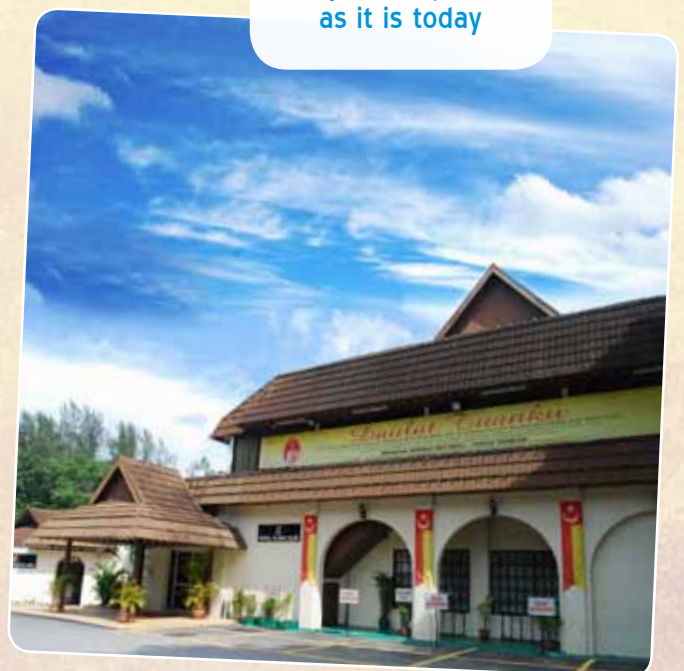
façade alone evokes memories of a bygone era in our royal town.

Hopefully it will renew efforts to give these structures a fresh new look with refurbishment and renovation where necessary to ensure their glorious past is not forgotten.

RKC's inclusion in the list will also be a source of pride for members of the club, particularly the older generation who, like the club, have witnessed its proud march through the years in the annals of the history of Selangor and the nation.

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Royal Klang Club as it is today



INTERVIEW WITH  
DATO' STEWART LABROOY  
BY: MR. S. JAYAKRISHNAN



## REMINISCING WITH DATO' STEWART LABROOY

**F**IRST appearances can be fleeting but when one meets a distinguished personality as affable, urbane and charismatic as Dato' Stewart LaBrooy, one inevitably gets an indelible impression of being in convivial company.

Dato' Stewart, 64, whose age belies his looks, is one of many colourful personalities of our Royal Klang Club (RKC), and whose name hardly needs a second mention.

Veteran members, of a particular vintage, of this esteemed club would no doubt be aware of Dato' Stewart's historic links with RKC, made memorable by the fact that his equally distinguished parents, Dato' George LaBrooy and Datin Joan LaBrooy, were Asian members of what was then known as the Klang Club

after its doors were opened to locals during the mid-1950s.

Indeed, Dato' Stewart, who graciously took time off from his busy corporate schedule as CEO of Axis REIT Managers Berhad for this interview at our club's VIP room, recalls whimsically of fun times in years gone by when his parents brought their then 3-year-old son to the club.

"It was the focal point of Klang's society back then, and a very exciting and fun place for adults as well as children with many activities organised for all. I remember the Smugglers' Inn and the hall upstairs were all packed as young and old let their hair down and everyone had a good time," Dato' Stewart recalls of his childhood visits to the club.

"It was a rocking place then and going to the



**Dato' Stewart LaBrooy recalls his fond moments at the club when he accompanied his parents to the annual Christmas party.**

club was something everyone in town would look forward to, whether it was a birthday bash, a reunion with friends or just to down some beers at the Benbow Bar. It was the highlight of many a social occasion to have a party hosted at the club,” he recalls, with a sparkle in his eye as he remembers how the club played such a central role in the lives of the people in Klang, both locals and expatriates alike.

### **Down Memory Lane**

Dato' Stewart remembers the Smugglers' Inn, much like the rest of the club, back in the 50's which was not air-conditioned, very simply decorated and was cooled by ceiling fans. He says there was a stage and ballroom upstairs, where the current office is located, and it was the venue of many parties, fancy dress balls and a popular rendezvous to celebrate Christmas and New Year.

He says the big attraction at the club then was the Annual Children's Christmas party, which his mum was actively involved in. Dato' Stewart adds that no amount of expense or time was spared to ensure its success. He says his mother and her committee would spend weeks planning the Christmas presents for each child that was purchased in the toy shops in Kuala Lumpur before the event. At the

party all the children would then queue up to get gifts from Santa Claus, who inevitably showed up either by bullock cart, sports car or any other conveyance one could think of. It was different every year and this posed huge challenges for the organisers. For years, it was a mystery to many as to who Santa Claus was, although many suspected that Santa was actually Dato' Stewart's father in disguise as Santa always appeared to proceed from their home, which was then located just next door to the club.

Dato' Stewart says his mother was very active in the club as she was renowned for her organisational abilities. She helped organise many events in sports like tennis and women's hockey as well as fancy dress balls and parties.

A graduate of the London Medical School in Singapore soon after the war, her contemporaries included former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and former Singapore president Benjamin Sheares.

“She was also a remarkable athlete having played competitive hockey and badminton for Selangor and Singapore in her younger days,” he adds.

Dato' Stewart, in picking up his late parents

**Dato' Stewart LaBrooy and the writer at the RKC VIP room before getting down to the interview.**



proud links with RKC, recalls serving as a General Committee member of RKC in the late 1990s, where he was given the Social and Entertainment portfolio. During his two years of service he put together a programme of events which survive till today. He also had “great battles” with the rest of the General Committee to get the budgets approved to improve the sound and PA system in the Smugglers Inn.

Getting back to current times, he feels that there is an urgent need to upgrade and improve the existing facilities at RKC to give it a more contemporary look.

“The Club has to compete with much newer and more exciting entertainment outlets, modern bars and restaurants which are enticing our members away. We need to give the club a comprehensive makeover to retain our existing

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“Young people now are very much caught up with their careers and do not have much interest in clubbing especially now that there are so many other distractions. Moreover, we are not the only club in town anymore with many other clubs having sprung up and competing with us for membership.

“However in our favour we still do have some fine sports facilities like the tennis courts, basketball and squash courts and swimming pool which are big attractions.”

He says, rather ruefully, that the demographic profile of membership shows RKC is fast becoming an ageing club.

“I mean the place is very dated and we need to upgrade our existing facilities but then again it’s a challenge with funds.

“The current General Committee and the



The charismatic and affable Dato' Stewart LaBrooy says the club is in good hands.

management team are doing a good job with our limited resources but, at the same time, members should back the team and ensure the club meets its goals.”

### **Giving Back to Society**

Dato' Stewart, despite his busy schedule, says he and his wife, Datin Janet LaBrooy, find time for causes close to their heart. His wife was instrumental in setting up the Kiwanis Down's Syndrome Centre in Bukit Kuda, Klang back in 1994, and this has grown to become one of the Klang Valley's finest centres that is host to some 62 children.

Dato' Stewart has served in both the Apex and Kiwanis Clubs of Klang since 1979, and in that time has served as District Governor of the Kiwanis Malaysia District as well as the Asia-Pacific chairman.

“I have been engaged with voluntary work all my adult life, which I find very rewarding. My altruistic nature comes from my mother, who taught me to care for others without expecting anything in return. In that respect, RKC members have always been marvellously generous to all good causes and readily donate without question.”

He says he enjoys dropping by the club for

a “pit stop” at the Benbow Bar before he heads home for dinner with his wife, adding that he gets teased about his 8pm “curfew”.

“I always believe that one needs to have some discipline in life. My day starts at 6am when I drive to the office in PJ and head for the gym before getting down to work. I try and leave the office by 5pm to beat the evening traffic jam so that I have some time to catch up with my buddies for a drink or two at the club before heading home. Dinner at home is one I try to keep.”

As to how he copes with his busy schedule and yet show no sign of slowing down anytime soon, he says it's all down to his genes.

“I am 64 now and I hope, like my parents, I shall be able to carry on for a good many years.”

As we end the interview, I am left with the indelible impression that Dato' Stewart is still blessed with many rocking years left in him.

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Qian Hai...  
carved in stone.

# MOVING WITH THE TIMES

## On the Silk Road Initiative (SRI) by China

**T seems to me and to many others, iconography and symbolism are significant aspects of China's foreign policy and smart diplomacy initiatives. I discovered this when attending China's Friends on the Silk Road Dialogue in the middle of May, this year.**

The event took place in Shenzhen, China's busy and ultra-modern southern commercial and free-trade metropolis of about 30 years. The Great Wall, the pandas, the ping-pong ball, for instance, have featured prominently in China's overtures to the rest of the world.

### **Ping-pong diplomacy**

Ping pong ball? Yes, table tennis to be more exact. Forty-five years ago, it was referred to as the ping-pong diplomacy. It was the ping-pong diplomacy adopted by China and the United States leaders in the early 1970s that helped to mend differences and reduced Cold War-like tensions between the two great nations.

This smoothening of feathers eventually led to the nation of 1.2 billion people inheriting one the strongest economies in the world today. It was attained through a unique system of governance: one embracing the communist single party rule on one hand and uniquely intertwined with a market-oriented economy, ala Manhattan, on the other. Strange but true.

Truly, one cannot imagine that a nation ruled alongside Communist ideology could allow its home-grown companies to be listed on the capitalist New York stock exchange, China's Ali-Baba Internet commerce company being one of them quite recently.

### **China's smart diplomacy**

Today, China is showcasing her smart diplomacy, the Silk Road Initiative, to Asia-Pacific nations in what is seen as the New Deal of the 21st century. Looking back, the famed Silk Road saw Chinese traders and voyagers criss-crossing overland and maritime lanes to reach Central Asia, the Middle East and even as far as South Africa as early as the 11th century.



Speaking engagement and dialogue at the Friends on the Silk Road Initiative by the Chinese government.

To say that the SRI is like the Bretton Woods in the post-World War 2 era is a misnomer. In a symbolic gesture, the China of today is showing sincerity towards helping Silk Route nations prosper, hopefully, in an atmosphere of peace and mutual understanding.

This New Deal by China sought to nurture peace and understanding through the offer of no-strings attached development packages. It's part and parcel of China's new found wealth concomitant to its membership in the World Trade Organisation back in 1983. The nation currently enjoys a net value in foreign investment and foreign reserves worth a whopping US\$43 trillion which it wants to share with the rest of Asia, if not the world.

As for achievements, the China of today, as we all know, is capable of launching satellites into orbit via its Long-March rockets, construction of aircraft carriers for its own naval fleets, and high-speed "bullet" intercity trains like the famed Shinkansen of Japan.

### In the Spirit of China's Silk Road Initiative (SRI)

Viewed in the context of the spirit of the Silk Road, it is worthwhile to take cognisance of China's ventures into the world marketplace through its cultural and telemedia industries, medicine, pharmaceuticals and education sectors. Overlapping boundary claims and assault on territorial integrity, particularly in the South China Sea notwithstanding, I personally view that the SRI has the potential to generate great benefits to the Southeast Asian region, through infrastructure development in particular, and through socio-economic, education, youth and cultural cooperation and exchanges, in general.

Being the first Southeast Asian nation to establish

full diplomatic ties with China slightly more than 40 years ago (the ping-pong diplomacy era), Malaysia is poised to benefit from China's new Silk Road Initiative. Premised on this smart diplomacy, China wants to offer assistance in infrastructure development, trade and commerce, education and cultural exchanges.

And for members of the Royal Klang Club, in line with our magazine's theme of setting new realities, we can certainly do our part to enhance our relationship with China and, perhaps, host more programmes with the Chinese embassy here in Kuala Lumpur and with Beijing's China Foundation for Peace and Development.

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After you, Mr. Hothiyakumar... a visit to Beijing will not be complete if you don't climb to the top of the Great Wall of China.




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**Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families, friends, guides and all those who have been affected by the recent Sabah earthquake tragedy.**



**Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families and loved ones of those who tragically lost their lives during the recent Nepal earthquake catastrophe.**

INTERVIEW WITH EX-OLYMPIAN  
AND FORMER NATIONAL HOCKEY  
COACH C. PARAMALINGAM  
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Former national  
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Paramalingam  
Chelliah says parents'  
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sports in children.

# PARAM A LIVING LEGEND

**P**ARAMALINGAM CHELLIAH in person hardly evokes the fear and trepidation that his sports foes felt when faced with the marauding centre forward whose awesome skills graced many a hockey pitch and brought fame to the nation.

Indeed, the man comes across as a gentle giant with his infectious smile and humility. He is, probably, a select few in the game who are living legends with an admirable sporting spirit

gleaned from a camaraderie forged with those of his ilk in a bygone golden era when they were masters of the game.

Indeed at 80, the famed former hockey star is still as steady as ever and his recollection of his glorious years at the pinnacle of the game reveals his deep-rooted passion for the sport.

Param, as he is known among his wide circle of friends and acquaintances, still keeps in touch with the game, imparting his silky stickwork skills to a much younger generation of grassroots players who look up to him as a master of his craft.

**“Parents’ moral support can do wonders for children’s early interest in games and I hope RKC members will take heed of this advice, too.”**

His deeply tanned face lights up with a big smile, with eyes that glow with fond recollections, when the conversation inevitably switches to hockey and the relative decline the game is facing compared with years past when Malaysia was a hockey powerhouse.

In an interview with the Royal Klang Club’s Publications team, Param reveals what ails the current game, his secret to longevity and his views on our esteemed club.

#### **Nurturing a love for sports**

“We need more support from parents to inculcate a love for the game. Their moral support is crucial when they send their kids to practice sessions and games. They should hang around, watch their children in the thick of action and show they care rather than just send and pick them up after games.

“Sometimes, it’s sad to see the kids waiting under the scorching mid-day sun for their parents to pick them up after a practice session. Parents’ moral support can do wonders for children’s

## **PARAM’S ROLL OF HONOUR**

Represented Selangor 1956-1970  
Captain of Selangor 1965-1970  
Represented the Nation 1956-1968  
Competed in Asian Games 1958 Tokyo,  
1962 Jakarta and 1966 Bangkok  
Competed in Olympics 1964 in Japan  
Selangor Youth Coach 1980-1985  
Assistant National Coach World Cup 1980-1981  
Chief Coach National Team  
1982-1986 (Asian and Olympic Games)  
Chief Coach for Asian All Stars 1989  
(Tour of Asia and Europe)  
Chief Coach for Asian All Stars  
(Intercontinental Games 1992)  
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Hockey Federation 2002  
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MHF Coaching, Development and Selection  
Committee chairman 2007-2008  
National Sports Award from  
Yang diPertuan Agong 2007  
MIC Sports Award 2012  
Flame Sports Personality Award 2013  
Olympic Council of Malaysia Hall of Fame 2014



Paramalingam Chelliah being interviewed by our writer. He shares the view that age is just a number as he still lives a disciplined life.

early interest in games and I hope RKC members will take heed of this advice, too.”

He dismisses the notion that sports should take a backseat to studies and adds that there are many sporting personalities who have excelled in both, citing former athletics speed king Tan Sri Dr Mani Jegathesan, dubbed the Flying Doctor, and national squash champion Datuk Nicol David.

He says in the case of the latter, her parents’ solid support for their daughter, enabled Nicol to excel and give her best both on the squash court and in her studies, adding that children could participate in as many sports as they choose but should opt to master one and excel in that.

“Dr Jega, the ex-Olympian, is another prime example of how time management is crucial to success in the sports field and in studies. It’s a matter

of discipline and making time for both. This is where parents play a crucial role and ensure their children devote their time appropriately to both. They can be allrounders with their parents’ encouragement and support.”

### Juggling sports and studies

Speaking of time management, Param shows me a treasured timepiece, a leather-strapped wristwatch, which was a personal gift to him from former Yang DiPertuan Agong and Perak ruler, the late Sultan Azlan Shah. The memento obviously of great sentimental value to Klang’s former hockey Olympian, brings back memories for him of a timeless friendship forged from their days as hockey players.

It is one of many treasured friendships Param has cultivated with VVIPs in the course of the game as a renowned player and later when he became head of the

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**Paramalingam Chelliah, at 80, is one of the rare sporting greats with a grace and humility that is still his hallmark.**

Malaysian Hockey Federation's Development, Coaching and Selection Committee.

Switching back to his favourite sport, Param says children can start off playing any number of games they fancy but could later opt to excel at one for which they have a natural inclination. Param, of course, speaks from experience having first started out in athletics, before a muscle tear saw him switch to cricket and later make the pivotal move to hockey and, as they say, the rest is history.

He reveals, with that engaging smile well known to his close buddies in RKC, that cricket helped him excel and become the legendary hockey player who graced both the national and international scene.

"The strokes in cricket and hockey are almost similar. If you are adept, you can easily excel in your stick work with what you know

from deflections off the cricket bat," he says, his hands instinctively moving animatedly as if he was still on the hockey pitch, weaving his magic and leaving defenders astray. Param, whose wife was a former teacher and a senior assistant before she left the profession, says he has great admiration for teachers who were well known for discipline and held in high esteem by society.

He recalls that during his time, students were not allowed to loiter around the neighbourhood even after school. However, on

one occasion he remembers having to run an errand for his parents and had to buy some bread from the neighbourhood grocer. As he was returning home, he saw his class teacher approaching and Param, out of sheer panic, jumped into a monsoon drain to hide in terror for fear of being spotted and getting the rotan for breaking the "curfew".

**"I still exercise, workout at the RKC gym and my coaching clinic keeps me on my toes. I don't skip meals. I eat for hunger, that's my adage."**

Years later, it was a topic of much hilarity between teacher and his ex-student but it reflects the high esteem that was accorded to teachers and the discipline that came with the job.

### **Secret to staying young**

The living legend also revealed his secret to keeping the aches and pains that plague many senior citizens.

“I still exercise, workout at the RKC gym and my coaching clinic keeps me on my toes. I don’t skip meals. I eat for hunger, that’s my adage. Breakfast is a must and my most important meal of the day. It’s usually oats, a glass of milk, two slices of toast bread, a half-boiled egg and a cup of coffee. Lunch is just a handful of rice and I usually have bread or chapati for dinner.”

His meals, one he is accustomed to since his sporting days, and his disciplinarian lifestyle shows in his lean and well-toned build that would put many men half his age to shame.

Param says he keeps himself in the loop on club activities, having organised several hockey coaching clinics and development programmes for RKC members’ children over



**Former hockey Olympian Paramalingam Chelliah believes with time management one can excel in both sports and studies.**

the years. He adds that the club needs young, dynamic people to steer it forward while the older generation could act as a guide for them.

“The current president, Dato’ Ang Ben Kiong, and his team appear to have a dynamic spirit and vision for the club and members should give them their backing in all their endeavours. We have a good team at the helm of RKC. Members should not engage in politics that don’t do anyone any good. There should not be a team A or a team B. We must support those elected into office and let them run the show.”

As we shake hands at the end of the interview, I felt immensely privileged to have gleaned a rare insight of an ex-Olympian, who still ranks as a living legend on the sports field and among the RKC fraternity.

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MEMBANGUN DAN MAJU BERSAMA

# MOVING ON WITH GST

**G**OODS and Services Tax or GST, more popularly known as VAT in many countries, was first introduced by France in 1954 although the initial concept was proposed by a German industrialist Dr Wilhelm von Siemens in 1918.

This consumption tax was initially directed at large businesses. It was extended over time to include all business sectors. Since the mid-1980s, there had already been talk about the possibility of a broad-based consumption tax (i.e. value added tax) being introduced in Malaysia.

In fact, in the past 1989, 1993, 1994 and 2005 budgets, the finance ministers then had all expressed the idea that a value added tax, or better known as the Goods and Services Tax (GST), was suitable for Malaysia. The finance

ministers then had consistently expressed the need for a tax reform, where one of the proposals was to replace the inefficient sales tax and service tax with a more effective and efficient indirect tax system, namely the GST. As clearly stated in the 2005 Budget, the main reason for introducing GST was part of a tax reform package with the aim of having a tax system which is more effective, efficient, transparent, business-friendly and capable of generating a more stable source of revenue.

Again, the government, when announcing the 2010 Budget in 2009, proposed to replace the sales tax and service tax with GST but the implementation date was postponed to a date to be announced later. In announcing the postponement, the government indicated that the postponement was to allow the government to engage inclusively with all segments of rakyat pertaining to the GST.

### **Casting a wider tax net**

The government will take into account the interest and welfare of the society to ensure the implementation of GST is well received. Notwithstanding the postponement, the government recognises the importance of GST in ensuring a strong and sustainable fiscal position to support long-term economic growth.

Commencing April 1, 2015, GST has been implemented in Malaysia to restructure the nation's tax system. The previous single stage tax is an old system of taxation. It exhibits many inherent weaknesses which make the system less efficient and difficult to administer. Having two separate tax systems for consumption taxes often caused a cascading effect, i.e. tax on tax.

For instance, food and beverages that are subject to sales tax if sold again by taxable persons, such as operators of hotels and restaurants, a further tax of 6 per cent (in the form of service tax) is imposed on sale of those goods. Here, service tax is imposed on items that had already been taxed under the sales tax regime.

Another weakness of the previous tax system is the failure to distinguish between the cost of goods sold and the tax element in the price, which often makes price of the products escalate unlike the GST where businesses cannot treat the GST as part of their cost as any GST incurred is creditable against the output tax. Although sales tax is charged either at the manufacturing level or at the point of entry, it often creates a "pyramiding or compounding effect" where the percentage of mark-up in the

channels of distribution is often applied to both the tax element and the cost of goods sold.

Tax evasion in the previous sales tax and service tax is magnified by the fact that the former system lacks in-built cross-checking features that are essential in any indirect tax system. Evasion in these types of single stage taxation give numerous administrative and compliance problems to the Customs Department. In fact, one of the most compelling reasons for the introduction of GST is due to the self-policing tax nature of the tax.

One fundamental aspect of GST is that a registered person is required to issue a tax invoice for every taxable transaction and allow another registered purchaser to claim tax incurred on his purchases. This requirement makes it obligatory for the registered person to account for the tax properly since his purchaser requires the invoice to enable him to claim the tax charged.

Hence, GST has an in-built mechanism to be a self-policing tax. Although the sales tax regime does not tax exports, the exported goods themselves are not completely free of taxes since some of the hidden taxes, which cannot be relieved, would build into the final export pricing.

For example, some capital goods and services consumed are taxed in the production of exported goods simply because there is no mechanism under the former tax system to relieve such hidden taxes. This, ultimately, makes our exported products less competitive in the international market. GST would

definitely put Malaysia on an equal footing with other countries in terms of export competitiveness.

### **More progressive tax system**

GST is also expected to enhance tax efficiency. Since GST is a multi-staged tax which covers all sectors of the economy, it will enhance tax efficiency. Under the former tax system, if manufactured goods are not taxed at the manufacturers' level, or goods are smuggled into the country, the goods do not get taxed along the supply chain.

Under the GST system, the probability of the goods not being taxed is remote. This situation is different from the former sales tax system. Previously, sales tax was charged at the manufacturers' level or at the import level which is the lowest point of distribution. If sales tax is not charged at this level, it implies that revenue is foregone. This may encourage manufacturers and importers to resort to evasion.

The evasion in the former sales tax is magnified by the fact that the former system lacks in-built cross-checking features that are essential for any tax system. As part of the overriding rationale to overcome the weakness in sales tax and service tax, implementing GST will ensure undertaking overall tax reform to correct the imbalances in the current tax system.

In the early 1990s, there was an equal contribution to revenue between direct and indirect tax. For example in 1990, the contribution from direct tax was 35.2 per cent and indirect tax was 36.7 per cent. However, with trade liberalisation policies in the 1990s, this proportion has changed substantially and,

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in 2014, contribution from direct tax was 59.1 per cent and indirect tax 17.2 per cent. Studies by economic experts have shown that over reliance on a particular tax would have an adverse effect on the nation's financial position.

Currently, Malaysia relies heavily on direct tax and petroleum revenue. With more than 380,000 GST registered persons, it is capable to generate a stable revenue source. The size of the shadow economy for 1999 to 2007 as estimated by economists in 2010 was about 30.9 per cent on average.

The country is losing a huge amount of revenue resulting from activities of the shadow economy. GST allows a registered person to claim tax incurred on his purchases and this attracts businesses to come out and register. Hence, the implementation of GST will lead to a reduction in the size of the country's shadow economy. This has been proven where there are more than 30,000 companies registered under GST but they have no record of income tax filing with the Inland Revenue Board.

GST in Malaysia is not entirely a new tax. GST at 6 per cent actually replaces the ineffective sales tax and service tax which is imposed at 10 per cent and 6 per cent. In conclusion, GST is the way forward towards making Malaysia a high income nation. GST will broaden our tax base and this will facilitate the aim of tax reform as recommended under the New Economic Model.

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## MALAYSIA CARES: MISSION NEPAL

**THE devastating earthquake that struck Nepal recently would have been shocking news for many Royal Klang Club members, particularly avid travellers to the famed Himalayan country, who would have realised the tremendous suffering it caused.**

As we learnt of the tragedy, that occurred on April 25, 2015, the world, too, was stunned. More than 8,000 people died, thousands more were injured and countless others were left displaced. Many homes, ancient temples, renowned heritage sites and public monuments were destroyed throughout the affected areas.

In response to the appeal by the Nepal government for humanitarian assistance for the earthquake victims, Yayasan Bakti Nusa Malaysia, under the leadership of Tan Sri Ong Tee Keat, initiated a disaster medical relief team with the objective of providing urgent medical relief to the Nepalis.

The assistance included the setting of mobile medical camps and donation of medical supplies to local hospitals. About 1,000kg of medication and medical supplies were purchased, packed and sent following an appeal from the Siddhi Memorial Hospital at Bhaktapur, Nepal. These comprised

IV drips, saline, antibiotics, wound-dressing sets, syringes and other urgently required medical supplies.

The team, with a crew of eight, was led by Ms Cindy Fraser, with two doctors, Dr Leong Chee Yong and Dr Terry Wong Chi Pin, and five supporting crew members (Ms Allie, Ms Lum, Mr Lee Kim Siong, Mr Jacky Tan and Mr Vemal) in charge of ground operation, liaison, logistics and base set-up.

Throughout their seven-day deployment at the disaster site, the team successfully conducted their mobile health camps in Swayambhu, Nuwakot and Bhaktapur and treated more than a thousand injured people. In Shikarbesi, Nowakot, the team donated a stretcher, wound dressing kits, bandages, sanitary pads, Paracetamol syrup, cough expectorant, Salbutamol syrup and antiseptic cream to the medical unit of the Nepal Army stationed there since the first day of the earthquake.

The team also managed to hand over medicines and medical supplies to Siddhi Memorial Hospital and donated some supplies to the German Red Cross.

For more information on the work Yayasan Bakti Nusa Malaysia does, look us up!

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# VIJAY UNNI A RISING CRICKET PRODIGY



Vijay Unni the Bayu Emas Elite U-12 tournament champion

**M**EET Vijay Unni, a rising cricket star, who is making quite an impact at cricket venues around the country. The 12-year-old schoolboy, a student at SRK La Salle Klang, Selangor, has made huge strides in the game even at his young age.

Vijay, who picked up the game at the age of 4, has represented Klang district at various age levels. He has consistently won best bowler, best batsman and best allrounder titles in the under-10 and under-12 Klang district cricket tournaments.

The rising sportsman has also had the distinction of representing the state while playing for the Selangor under-12 team since the age of 10. He also won the accolade of best emerging player in the Milo-Malaysian Cricket Association-MSSM tournament in 2013 and was adjudged best bowler in the same tournament last year.

Vijay is also the captain of the Bayu Emas Malaysian Malay under-12 elite cricket team and has won two consecutive national elite tournaments as champions.

The youngster's impressive talent with the bat all started at the age of 4 when he accompanied his father, Suresh Unni, and uncle, Deepak Menon, as they played with the Royal Klang Club (RKC) at social and club games at different cricket venues around the country. Impressed by the game, Vijay decided to pick up a bat and started knocking a few balls on his own, with guidance from

his father and uncle.

Realising his potential, his father decided to buy his son a "cricket ball in a rope", so that Vijay could practise on his own. Spurred by an avid interest in mastering the game, the youngster spent his leisure time practising his strokes and would spend up to four hours a day improving his bowling skills, under the watchful eyes of his father.

Vijay's early mentoring in the game began at the cricket nets. His talent with ball and bat was spotted by cricket coach Terry Tharmanathan, who decided to spend some time coaching the youngster at the RKC nets. Terry was impressed by the way Vijay played his shots – very straight and on the "V". Indeed Vijay says he owes his mastery of the game to Terry and RKC for believing in him and nurturing his talent.

His favourite players are Indian cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar and Mahela Jayawardene of Sri Lanka.

Peter Too, the Klang Schools Cricket chairman who noticed Vijay play for his school, says in all his years as a teacher he has never seen a player like Vijay. He adds that Vijay is able to read the game like a pro and that the young star is a "Sachin Tendulkar in the making". Peter currently arranges for Vijay to practise with the Klang district under-18 cricket team to help the schoolboy achieve his goal to be a master of his game.

*Article courtesy of Mr. Suresh Unni, Royal Klang Club member.*

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# RKC SPORTS NIGHT - 2014



# CHILDREN'S SPORTS MINI-CARNIVAL HIGHLIGHTS 2015





BY: MR. LIEW MENG KUANG

The Hashers posing before the flag-off. Note the "cowboy" in the front row...

# CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION HASH RUN 2015

**E**VER since 1994, the Chinese New Year Celebration Run has been one of the most important events in the RKC hash calendar. This year, being the year of the Goat, the celebration run was held on 28th Feb, 2015, about a week after the Chinese New Year.

An event subsidised by the hash members of Chinese origin, the CNY Run has always been held with much festivity, together with lion dance and lighting of fire crackers and a sumptuous sit-down dinner at a restaurant after a good run, and all our non-Chinese hashers of RKC hash are invited to the event.

This year, headed by the O.C. Lawrence Yeo aka Cock Sure, the event was given a kick start

as early as December 2014, with a 10-member committee selected to assist him.

Registration from members, both from the hash section as well as those of the club, was overwhelming with 270 signing up just before the closing date.

All the General Committee members were invited and our President, Dato' Ang Ben Kiong and Vice-President/Sports Chairman, Mr K. Hothiyakumar, were the guests of honour for the evening. At the request of our Grand Master, Serjeet Singh aka Water Cannon, two GMs from Royal Lake Club and Royal Selangor Club hash chapters were also invited.

The run was held at Taman Pertanian in Shah Alam, which was selected because of its proximity to the On On site, the V-Garden



The President and Lawrence Yeo, the OC for this year's run with the CNY Lion.

Of course, the famous "low sang" toss...



in Klang. The run was flagged off by our President at 5pm and the 200-odd runners were seen dashing off on the paper trail laid earlier by the hares.

It took the first runner just over an hour and 10 minutes to complete the run, with the rest coming in before 7pm. By 7.10pm, the circle was called by the GM with the usual formalities. Sinners were iced, visiting GMs were on down and given the acknowledgement in a "thank you" song. Before 8pm, the circle was dispersed and participants made their way to the restaurant for dinner.

The festive mood was high back at the restaurant and participants were all clad in the eye-catching pink T-shirts provided by the organisers. As soon as all the tables were filled, the programme began with speeches from our OC followed by our Sports Chairman-cum-vice-president before our President Dato' Ang was invited to address the crowd. Dinner was served at 8.15pm amidst shouts of "Yam Seng" and the first dish was the ever-popular "Low Sang" and everyone happily tucked away. This was accompanied by a dish of assorted vegetables. Tradition dictated the raising of the vegetables dish to shouts of "Huat ah, Sang ah", a symbolic gesture that we will all prosper

from now on.

Shortly before 9pm, the entertainment began with a live show by a female performer "Laveezee". Her repertoire of Chinese New Year songs added to the already high festive mood as many took to the floor and danced the night away with their partners.

One of the highlights of the evening was the appreciation bestowed on our loyal beerman Ho, who, for almost 21 years, has been faithfully serving us pint after pint of Carlsberg beer. A hat was passed around to our members for generous contributions. A sum of RM998 was collected.

The money was officially presented to Ho by our president as a New Year ang pow from RKC Hashers.

The evening continued with games and dances, while beer and whisky flowed freely, courtesy of our generous organising committee. The party ended almost at midnight when the committee decided to call it a night.

Kudos to the organising committee for yet another night of unforgettable fun and fellowship.

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# WATER POLO SOCIAL JULY 2014



Good save!



Water Polo Social



Game in Progress



I have it!

**Congratulation to RKC Swimmers**

Suriya Sivabalan & V. Vijayarshan

Congratulations for being selected to the Selangor Team for the National Age Group Swimming Championship held at the National Aquatic Stadium at Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur from 24th – 26th April 2015

**Congratulations to Members' Children**

Tan Bok Lin & Soh Xi Ken

For emerging as Champions in the Under-18 Boys' National Table Tennis Championship Well Done Boys!!

**Congratulation to RKC Swimmer**

Suriya Sivabalan

For emerging as Silver Medallist in the 50m Butterfly Stroke at the 1st. Leg Sports Excel National Swimming Competition held at Melaka on 9th and 10th May 2015 Well Done!!



Pass to me!



Wives who accompanied the players

An all-male synchronised swimming team at the Club's pool?



Ah, the food, the smiles and the camaraderie after the sweating...





BY: MR. S. ESWARAN

Children eagerly waiting to sing the Negaraku and kick-off the carnival.

# CHILDREN'S SPORTS MINI-CARNIVAL 2015

**T**HE idea of organising a sports mini-carnival for Royal Klang Club's members' children, aged between 7 and 16, was mooted by the President Dato' Ang Ben Kiong and Vice-President K. Hothiyakumar sometime at the end of March 2015.

The fairly daunting task of picking the organising chairman was put in place during the first meeting held in April 2015, and with an unanimous show of hands, our "no-nonsense, get-it-done" Victor Silva (Sepak Takraw captain) was given the honour.

Picking a suitable date itself for the event was no easy task, given that the Sports Calendar has always been fairly tight. Nevertheless,

it was decided that Saturday, 6th June, 2015 would be the date of the mini-carnival and games would begin at 8am and end at 2.30pm.

We wanted the kids to catch enough of the sun, but not too much, for fear of dehydration and exhaustion. So, we decided to start with outdoor games first and end up with an indoor game, hopefully avoiding the scorching midday sun.

The games that the mini-carnival ad-hoc organising team decided to include were futsal, basketball, tennis and badminton. It was decided that the closing date be 1st June 2015, to enable the team to have ample time to organise the children into "even" teams. Of course, it was left to our ever-trustworthy OC to get the "even" teams rightfully done!



Futsal at our own improvised futsal "arena".

On the closing date, we had 57 children who signed up to partake in at least two of the games. This was a huge number and we had to not only organise the games, but also take care of 57 children and possible hunger pangs from 8am to 2.30pm. So, it was decided that the children would have a light breakfast, a great lunch and, possibly, some high tea during the prize-giving ceremony.

On the day of the mini-carnival, many children (some accompanied by their parents) were already streaming in as early as 7.30am. All were duly registered at The Deck and told to assemble at a lovely tent that was pitched below the Sports Tavern.

At 8.25pm, the OC called the mini-carnival to order and started off the day (in honour of the Yang DIPertuan Agong's Birthday) with the singing of the Negaraku. Sung with enthusiasm by the children, some parents also chipped in. RKC Sports Chairman Mr K. Hothiyakumar delivered a short speech and the games began at the tennis arena.

Simultaneously, the basketball session also took off. Upon the end of the basketball game, the children had a choice to wrap up with futsal or badminton. Both the last two games seemed so popular with the children that some of them had to pick either. The mini-carnival ended at about 1pm and we decided to call for an early lunch break. While lunch was



RKC's formidable NBA All-Stars in the making too?

being served and various medals given away, the RKC organising committee paid tribute to five invited children for their roles at state and national levels. These five children certainly did RKC proud!

Congratulations!

The children's sports mini-carnival 2015 ended on a high note with the children saying that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the club and hoped that more such events would be organised real soon!

Oh, of course, they all went home with their shiny medals and some ice-cream served at the Sports Tavern.

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# RKC Karaoke Grand Finals 2014



Organising Committee for 2014 Karaoke Competition

**R**KC members certainly have talent to take them to the grand finals of the Malaysian Idol competition. A dozen finalists belted out their numbers in grand style with excellent voice control at the RKC 2014 Karaoke Grand Finals.

Ms. Agnes Yeap finally favoured the crowd besides pleasing the esteemed line-up of judges to emerge the overall winner and was crowned RKC's crooner of the year.

Organising Chairperson, Lawrence Yeo, was satisfied with voice quality, control and entertainment level of participants while hoping for a more multiracial flavour and participation in future.

"I truly appreciate the commitment displayed by the team in organising the event at very short notice. Klang Club members are truly special people. They always live up to the occasion."

"I have Dato' Ang Ben Kiong, our President, and these members to thank: Lee Thiam Liang, Liew Meng Kuang, Diana Teh, T.P Lee, Alagappan, Tew Ah Lam, Peter Selvam, Ronnie Sim, Patricia Lee, Peter Kanagaraj and S. Eswaran, who was the master of ceremonies for the night".

*Article courtesy of Mr. Lawrence Yeo, Organising Chairman.*



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The President and the VP with others strutting their stuff...

## ROYAL KLANG CLUB DEEPAVALI RUN

**A**S a relatively seasoned hasher I realised the fine weather had drove away the predictable monsoon and put lots of smile and raised hopes for hashers expecting a good run and fellowship. Registration was lagging initially. However, it started building up as more and more hashers turned up.

We were given a classy blue collared t-shirt, sponsored by HT Ceramics (under the Kossan Group of Companies). Our thanks to the company.

The committee was most accommodating by accepting a few walk-in hashers who had not registered even with due notice given. The honourable Club President Dato' Ang Ben Kiong, vice-president K.Hothiyakumar and OC flagged off the run at 5.30 pm by lighting the firecrackers. The RKC grounds became the spectacle of passers-by as the blasts weaved its magic.

As I can recall this was a rerun of a long abandoned route and it caught many guest runners by surprise. A crowd of 50 or more hashers began to march from the stadium,

through the town and towards the KTM station. Yes, it was a ride and run affair with hashers given a paid LRT ride to the next station from Klang, i.e. Bukit Badak aka Rhinoceros Hill. Anyone who knows how the name came about?

We disembarked from the coach at Bukit Rhino and the runners went on their paper trail. The trail led us towards an overhead bridge and to the first check. A back check found the papers heading back towards the TNB quarters and we were given a modest slope to sweat around. No hash run is complete without some outback and undergrowth and, voila, we were side-tracked from the slope and given a 5-minute descending walk through some real ground dirt.

Coming out from it landed us on a tarred road run as we zig-zagged around some housing schemes before we hit another check on the middle of an overhead bridge. The typical front runners didn't bother to connect the paper which was eventually broken by Kuntz, taking us to the riverside walk. Both the "presidents" decided to SCB over the bridge and head towards Kampung Jawa road and back to the club.

KTM Komuter  
take-over by  
RKC Hashers...



The riverside route was the home trail not before we were taken all the way to the Police HQ and running back along shops at Jalan Tengku Diaudin and back to the club.

Finger food was delectable as the OC had planned for a gourmet set-up dinner. Beer and stout were generous and the circle was called at 7.15pm. The usual icings of buttocks took place and soon after followed with recognition to our die-hard hashers, GM Serjeet Singh, Kuntz and Peter Chiam who had completed a hiking trip to Leh Ladakh in India. The trio's rundown of sub-zero freezing cold at night and hiking for 10 hours daily kept everyone fixated for some time.

The ensuing silence was soon cracked and thunderous laughter followed when Kuntz spoke about the difficulty he had trying to pee at night. My view is that extreme climate had taken its toll on the call of nature. Hence we need to address this very important issue before the next group of baby boomers makes their attempt. Innovative ideas are most welcomed. OC, Sugu honoured them with a specially printed RKCH4 and Leh Ladakh logo.

RKCH4 added another milestone. True to the OC's orderliness, dinner at the Lagoon was served with a wide array of steamy hot Indian dishes while the invited singers belted out a number of Bolly/Tamil songs and a few Chinese and English hits. Our resident Chinese couples, dressed in traditional Indian costumes, paraded on the stage – much to the

delight of the crowd. MC Popiah ensured all the Chindians ended up winners and thanked them for their effort.

The main feature, presentation of the Ramasamy award, was somehow slump. Simply put, the trophy needs either a major rejuvenation to restore its glitter or we need to purchase a new one. So there you have it, the past holder returned a bashed and dented trophy while the newly crowned didn't even bother to take it home. Where's Ramasamy? I believe a vampire might know his whereabouts or does he?

The night closed its curtain with hot and funky disco numbers and the music machine was red hot with the dancing floor filled with hashers swaying and tapping to pounding beats of spicy Indian songs. The overworked bodies and hungry stomachs were treated with another round of hot plate thosai and curry chicken with savoury chutney as a side dish till the wee hours of the morning.

Verdict: The fine weather, ride and run, good companions, sumptuous food and the golden "fluid" with plenty of dancing was the perfect outing for this special celebration of lights. Even our guest hasher "Reverse Singh" gave the thumbs-up for this "unique" run. Kudos to the OC and his committee for this successful event.

*Article courtesy of Mr. T. Sugumaran, Organising Chairman.*

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## INTERVIEW WITH A STAFF OF ROYAL KLANG CLUB, MADAM. YAP YOK LIN

BY: MR. LIEW MENG KUANG

The ever-smiling Madam Yap Yok Lin being interviewed by Liew Meng Kuang



## MADAM YAP YOK LIN DEDICATED & DUTIFUL



Madam Yap Yok Lin, always in her full attire, posing for the camera

recognised by the club by way of an annual dinner; and every once in a while, a special staff would be given the prominence in our club magazine. This time around, a general cleaner, whose job may seem insignificant to some, has been given recognition by way of an interview.

Madam Yap Yok Lin, 52, has been working for the club as a general cleaner for the last 10 years. A lady of few words while at work, she is seen by many as a hardworking and dedicated worker. Madam Yap, who hails from Pandamaran Village, was employed in 2006, and has since been working as a general cleaner for the club house.

Though her duty begins from 8am daily, she starts her day early as she has to commute to work by taking two buses as early as 6.45am from her home to get to the club.

A person of pleasant character, she is well-mannered and many members who come to the club in the early hours of the day for exercise will be greeted by her as they pass her.

In her years of working with RKC, she has little complaints and appears to be happy with all her superiors and colleagues. Her hard work and dedication will undoubtedly be a good example for all the other diligent RKC staff, be they young or senior, to emulate.

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A well-managed club such as our Royal Klang Club, with its with many facilities, needs not only a good General Committee at the helm, it also requires efficient staff to manage and maintain the club, thereby creating a pleasant environment for the members to spend their time.

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# Quicktake on Annual General Meeting (AGM) of 2014

**T**HE AGM of 2014 was convened on Sunday 16th November 2014 at 10.30am, again the venue being the Smugglers' Inn. Being a non-election AGM year, the meeting recorded a rather low attendance of 98 members in benefit and ended at 12.50pm with the AGM's agenda highlight being the adoption of four resolutions.

The AGM of 2014 kicked-off with the Presidential Address and the President Dato' Ang Ben Kiong duly informing the members that 2014 had been a trying year for the General Committee with the uphill task of managing the Club with the limited financial resources available.

The President said the minimum mandatory spending of RM100 by each member has helped the club's finances compared with the reported losses in the past. The General Committee had undertaken various financial discipline measures and, according to the finance report for the year 2014, the GC managed to save on expenditure, mainly in the manpower area, and managed to bring down manpower cost and utilities on electricity.

The President also announced to the House that the amendment to the Club's constitution regarding the Transfer of Membership had been approved by the Registrar of Societies (RoS) on 14th November 2014 and the GC would keep members informed of the options

available following that approval. As the AGM then turned to the various reports included in the report, several questions from the floor were raised, and, appropriately answered by the GC Member-in-Charge. Of primary importance was the perennial question of bad debts being handled by the Club to which the GC Member-in-Charge gave his take on the issue.

One member led the House in congratulating the current GC Members, the President and Vice-President for the good performance in the financial results. The House adopted the Audited Accounts for the period June 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013, received the Projected Income and Expenditure Statements for 2014 and Budgeted accounts for 2015.

The highlight of the day was the voting process for four resolutions that were put forth. Within the hour, the counting and results were announced with all four resolutions being carried with more than two-thirds present voting in favour.

The AGM of 2014 came to an end at 12.50pm with the four resolutions passed as the highlight and the members gave a resounding applause to the President and the General Committee for having guided the Club through the last 12 months.

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Staff Party 2014



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the night

# Annual RKC Staff Party 2014



**T**HE annual Royal Klang Club Staff party was held on the 10th November 2014 at the Smugglers' Inn. All employees irrespective of positions were invited and this included part-time staff, foreign and the off-duty security guards.

The programme of the day was fully organised and planned by the staff. This included logistic arrangements like viz-a-viz

- Food & Refreshments
- Singing & Dancing activity (both solo & group performance)
- Musical instrument presentation
- Back-Drop presentation
- Lucky Draws
- Staff awards of different categories
- Best dress awards (Male & Female categories)



One for the camera!

Rajamani receiving the Best Dressed Male award from our President's wife.

The emcee and the music machine of the night were also strictly internal and run by the Royal Klang Club staff. The party, themed "RKC Got Talent", was a lively showcase of talent witnessed by the audience comprising the G. C. members and their spouses, HR Chairman & his Sub-Committee members.

The speech by the staff representative was very inspiring; touching on the need to generally inspire the services of the club to its general membership and to bring the club to greater heights.

The various events for the night were well coordinated. Obviously all the staff were excited, having received more than one present.

Both cash and in kind were also generously contributed by the President, Vice-President (who is also the HR Chairman) and certain individuals from the GC.



In summary, the evening was one of a relaxed atmosphere, happiness and a memorable event for all RKC Staff.

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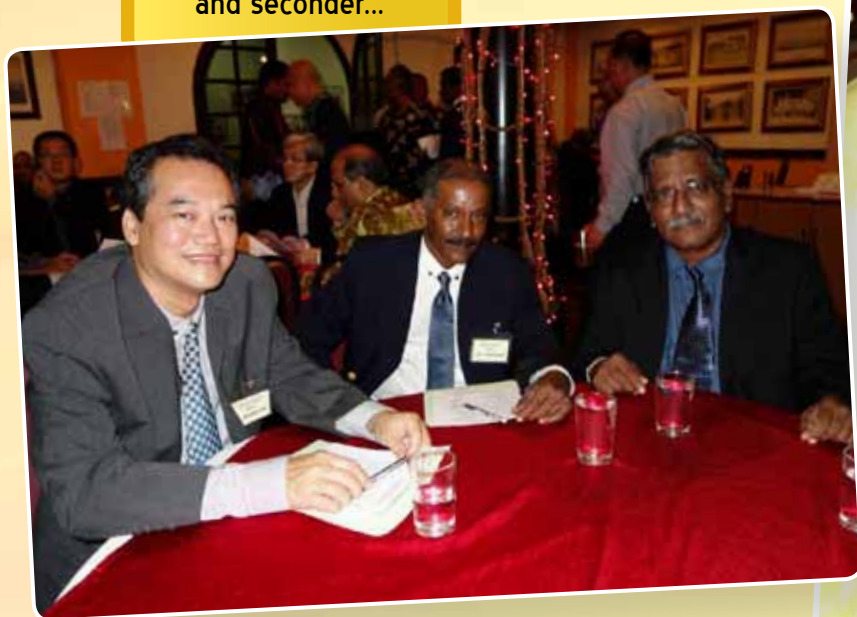
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# NEWLY INDUCTED RKC MEMBERS

1	A. Murrugissu
2	Adrian Soon Boon Yee
3	Chong Bar Yuan
4	D. Mohana Krishnan
5	Danny Lim Shu Kuae
6	Dato' Lee Sing Gee
7	Dato' Tan Hook An
8	Dr. Avthar Singh s/o Jaswant Singh
9	Dr. P. Thirunganavehll
10	Edwin Johnson Navis
11	Er Kim Keong
12	K. Anand
13	K. Murugan
14	K. Navarathanam
15	Kok Yew Kong
16	Law Teck Juan
17	Lee Hong Chee

18	Leow Kian Toon
19	Lim Kwang Yew
20	M. Tamilarasan
21	M. S. Pandian
22	N. Naresh
23	Ng Hao Ern
24	Ng Yee Sheng
25	P. Magesvaran
26	Patrick Naveen Sargunam
27	R. Ganesan Ramasamy
28	Simon Anthony Dass Gabriel
29	T. Vijay Anand
30	Tan Cheng Hai
31	Tan Siew Nam
32	Teo Wang Hwa
33	Yam Joo Huat
34	Yeoh Bong Seng

All smiles from the inductee, his proposer and seconder...



The all-important signatory to the inductees card doing his bit.



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- **All others who had contributed in one way or another;**

We apologise for any inadvertent omissions or errors in this publication.

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# SENIOR FELLOWSHIP APPRECIATION DINNER 2014



RKC President Dato' Ang Ben Kiong (left) with past presidents (from left) R. Nageswaran, Sia Say Yee and Dato' C. K. Lew.



RKC Vice-President with senior members.



RKC Senior members catching up while waiting for dinner.



RKC President Dato' Ang Ben Kiong and vice-president K. Hothiyakumar relaxing with Senior RKC members at the dinner.



The guests at the main table enjoying themselves.



A meeting of old buddies at the do... and sharing of joy.



The smiles on these senior RKC members faces show the good times they had.

# RKC HAPPENINGS



RKC Staff Garden party at the Sports Tavern.



RKC members visit The Sarawak Club for friendly games.



RKC members having a swinging time at the countdown party on New Year's Eve 2015.



Inter club tennis friendly between RKC and Segamat Club Members at the RKC home ground.



Mr. Wee Eng Tong and wife ushering in the New Year.



RKC President Dato' Ang Ben Kiong and Datin Ang alongside Honorary Member MACC Chief Commissioner Tan Sri Dr. Abu Kassim and wife Puan Sri Rasheedah



RKC Members at the volleyball social games held at the RKC home ground.



Our RKC Golf tournament sub-committee members at the Smugglers' Inn



Carlsberg Brewery visit.



Sports Chairman Mr. K. Hothiyakumar with the RKC basketball team.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE WINNERS 2014

1st Prize Winner  
Mrs. Low Ping Lin  
collecting the Voucher  
from RKC President Dato'  
Ang Ben Kiong on behalf  
of her husband (L151)



2nd Prize Winner  
Mrs. R. Thirunavukarasu  
(T409)



3rd Prize Winner  
Mr. Adrian Soon Boon Yee (S10)



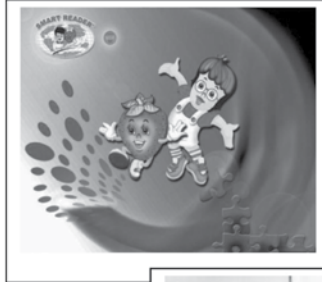


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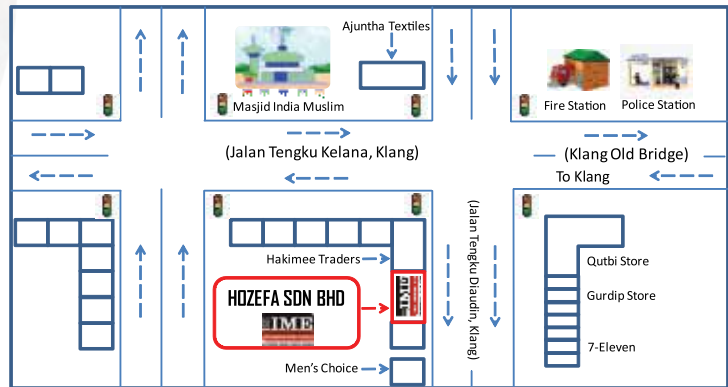


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2. Each member is entitled to submit only one entry.
3. All entries must be completely filled and submitted at the RKC Reception Counter. Incomplete, illegible, photo copied or faxed entries will NOT be accepted.
4. The Closing Date for the RKC - FIFA World Cup CROSSWORD PUZZLE is **November 30, 2015**.
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**3rd Prize - RM150 F & B Voucher**
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8. Prizes cannot be exchanged for cash.
9. Winners will be contacted by phone and/or email.
10. Members of the Publications Sub-Committee are NOT eligible to participate.



# SPORTS TRIVIA

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

1. Nicole David is the Ladies World Champion in this sport.
4. Where will the next Summer Olympics be held?
5. How many players are there in a rugby team?
10. In what sport was Mohamed Ali famous for?
12. In which country is the FIFA headquarters located?
13. Out of the 32 slots in the 2018 FIFA World Cup, how many will go to Africa?
14. What is Sir Alex Ferguson's middle name?
17. Which country does Lionel Messi hail from?
18. Where was the 2008 Summer Olympics held?
19. Who are the reigning Thomas Cup champions?

### DOWN

1. Who is the current Wimbledon Women's Single champion?
2. What sport is Tiger Woods associated with?
3. Who is the first man to hold both the 100 metres and 200 metres world records?
6. Besides badminton, which other sport did Ng Boon Bee represent Malaysia in?
7. What was the name of the mascot in the 2014 FIFA World Cup?
8. Where is the Wembley stadium located?
9. What sport is Michael Jordan associated with?
11. What was the name of the mascot for the 1998 Commonwealth Games held in Kuala Lumpur?
15. Who is the most decorated Olympian of all time?
16. In what sport is the word 'innings' associated with?



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