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National Day Celebrations - 21 September, 2002



The Combined Balestier Plain National Day Celebrations - the 2nd - since last year, had a sell-out crowd of more than 400 members and guests.

It was a night of camaraderie amongst members & guests of the four Balestier plain clubs.

The Guest of Honour, Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister of State for National Development, complimented the Clubs for their active role in sports and community programmes. He mentioned that there is something worthwhile here - the Balestier Plain the confluence of various ethnic groups in a common place, whilst retaining the unique identities and heritage of each of the Clubs that make the Balestier Plain. He reiterated that in our youth, the places we remember playing at, are the emotional anchors that virtually root the people in the place and Country. He acknowledged the special contributions made by the Clubs; and that members should be proud of the history of their Clubs, and contributions to Singapore. He encouraged the Clubs to develop a common vision, whilst retaining the individual organisations intact.

Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan proved to be immensely popular with the crowd as he was introduced to all the guests later in the evening from table to table. Many of them took the opportunity to have group photographs taken together with him.

Mr. Jagjit Singh, in his address, mentioned that (con't on pg 4)

Grand Joint Balestier Plain Clubs New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

Tuesday, 31 December 2002 from 7.30 pm to 1.30 am

For more information, please contact Secretariat @ 62971009



Live Music by Shah Jahan & Co.
Saturday, 23 November 2002
7.00 pm to 1.00 am
ADMISSION FREE

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Saturday, 14 December 2002

Time: 2 pm to 5 pm

Venue: Ceylon Sports Club, Function Hall 2nd Level

Closing Date for Registration: Saturday, 11 December 2002

See enclosed Registration Form for details.

For more information please contact the Secretariat @ 62971009.

S M Vasagar Memorial Day - Jointly Organised by SCTA, CSC and Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple

Date & Time: Sunday, 17 November 2002
from 10 am - 12 noon

Place : Kala Mandapam (Wedding Hall),
Ceylon Road Temple

Memorial Address:

Mr. Chan Soo Sen,

Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Community Development and Sports and MP for Joo Chiat

Ms. Braema Mathi, NMP

Others: P. Raveentheran, President, CSC
Dr. R. Theyvendran, PBM, President, SCTA
& a student from the Sunday School.

Please contact Mr. Das @ 67721586 / Mr. Ramanathan @ 62971009, if you need any clarifications.

**THE PRESIDENT AND MANAGEMENT OF CSC WISH ALL MEMBERS AND STAFF
A HAPPY DEEPAVALI, SELAMAT HARI RAYA, MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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Lounge, Jackpot Room

Tel : 63914550 / 63914518
10.30 a.m. - 11.30 p.m. from Sundays to Thursdays
10.30 a.m. - 12.30 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Eve
of Public Holidays

Canteen

8.30 a.m. - 10.30 p.m. Every Day

Rates of Function Halls Conference Rooms & Sports Facilities

FACILITIES		REVISED RATES		DEPOSIT	REMARKS
		MEMBERS	NON MEMBERS		
FUNCTION HALL	WEEKENDS & FRIDAYS	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00	CAPACITY: 120 PERSONS MAX. 4 - 5HRS DISCO LIGHT & MUSIC: \$100.00 MUSIC ONLY: \$50.00
	EVE OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS PUBLIC HOLIDAYS				
	WEEKDAYS (BEFORE 5PM)	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00		
	(AFTER 5PM)	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00		
SPORTS LOUNGE	WEEKDAYS (BEFORE 5PM)	\$ 150.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00	CAPACITY: 80 PERSONS MAX. 4 - 5HRS
	(AFTER 5PM)	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00		
	WEEKENDS (BEFORE 5PM)	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00		
	(AFTER 5PM)	\$ 200.00	\$ 225.00		
FUNCTION HALL & SPORTS LOUNGE	WEEKENDS & FRIDAYS	\$ 450.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 300.00	CAPACITY: 200 PERSONS MAX. 4 - 5HRS DISCO LIGHT & MUSIC: \$100.00 MUSIC ONLY: \$50.00
	EVE OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS PUBLIC HOLIDAYS				
	WEEKDAYS	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00		
CONF. ROOM	ANY DAY	\$ 50.00	\$ 70.00	NIL	PER HOUR RATE MIN. 2HRS
FIELD	HALF DAY	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	
	FULL DAY	\$ 800.00	\$ 1000.00	\$ 200.00	
CRICKET NETS	2 HOURS PER SESSION (DAY)	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	NIL	BEFORE 7.00 P.M. AFTER 7.00 P.M.
	2 HOURS PER SESSION (NIGHT)	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	NIL	
TENNIS COURT	WEEKENDS & PUBLIC HOLIDAY	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00	NIL	GUEST FEE: \$ 2.00 PER PERSON/HOUR
	WEEKDAYS [BEFORE 7PM]	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00	NIL	
POOL	ANY TIME	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	NIL	
BILLIARDS	ANY TIME	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	NIL	

Membership Benefits

Sports and Fitness Facilities

Field Sports (Cricket, Hockey, Netball)
Cricket Nets (Day & Night)
Indoor Games Room (Darts, Cards, Pool & Billiards)
Tennis Court
Jackpot Room with latest machines
Children's Playground
Video Games
Foot Reflexology Path

Social Activities & Facilities

Happy Hour every Monday to Friday
Raffle Draw every Tuesday and Thursday
Ceylonese Food - Daily
Jackpot Day, Members' Nite, National Day Dinner
& Dance, Deepavali Dinner & Dance, Children's
Christmas Party and New Year's Eve Dinner &
Dance.
Subsidised Social and Out Country Activities.
A cake for Birthday celebrations at the Club.
Bouquet of flowers for hospitalised members and
newly weds.

TV/Reading Room with local, Indian and Sri
Lankan Newspapers.

Reciprocal use of facilities of affiliated Clubs in
Malaysia, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Philippines,
United Kingdom, Australia and other countries all
over the world.

Good food and drinks at reasonable prices

Live Band from Tuesday - Fridays & Eve of Public
Holidays

Educational Benefits

Mentor Scheme for students
Educational Merit Awards for members' children

Senior Citizen Benefits

Health talks and other Senior Circle Activities

Death Benefits

Bus and Wreath arrangement for the bereaved
(Members and immediate relatives)

Obituaries for Senior Life Members who served the
Club.

Death Grants for Senior Life Members.



President's Dear Members, Message

It has been another eventful year for the Club.

The year ended well for Cricket - with our Div 1 clinching the Championship in the SCA Cup 2002 (formerly called the 'Play-off'), making up for the lost opportunity in the SCA League, where they ended up in 3rd position. Both our Div II and Div III did very well in the SCA Cup, too, claiming runners-up and reaching semi-finals, respectively. For our Div III lads, it has been especially sweet as they also finished 3rd in the SCA League.

CSC Hockey Ladies had done the Club proud by being runners-up in the SHF league 2002 Tournament. In Hockey, we have about twenty students from four schools training under the CSC - Central Singapore CDC Youth Hockey Development programme. This is separate from our other ongoing hockey coaching programme involving eighty students from three schools.

On a sad note, this year saw the passing away of three past presidents of the Club, Mr. Ambiavagar (President:1968), Mr. G. Sathianathan (President:1966) and the longest serving President, Mr. S M Vasagar (1960, 1978-1990). Mr. SM Vasagar, BBM, succumbed after a long period of illness on 14 September 2002. Hundreds of members, friends and dignitaries attended the late SM Vasagar's funeral and watched as his CSC flag-draped coffin was brought into the parlour. It was a dignified moment when those present solemnly listened to the tributes and eulogies read out. It marked the passing of an era. On behalf of the Ceylon Sports Club, we thank and salute all of them for their past contributions to the Club and the Community at large.

The school holiday season has just begun. Please sign up your children for the cricket, hockey and tennis coaching programmes that we have planned for them. The next major functions are the Deepavali Nite (Saturday, 23 November), with free admission; the Annual Children's Christmas Party and the Line Dance Christmas Party (both on Saturday, 14 December) and the Grand Joint Balestier Plain Clubs New Year's Eve Celebrations. It will be the first time, in our history, that the New Year's Eve Bash is being jointly organised together with the other Balestier Plain Clubs.

We would also like to see more youth taking an active part in the various Club's activities. According to the recent National Youth Council survey, most youths leave school and forget about the social activities they used to take part in. They tend to miss out on much that makes for a richer adult life from networking and pursuing their interests such as sports, festivals and other activities, in spite of competing demands of starting a career or a family.

It is also timely and relevant to remind ourselves of what our Senior Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew once said - these great rituals are important. The festivals and rituals reminded us of our past and help identify ourselves with the history of our ancestors. And that history is a part of us because of the tradition and culture they have bequeathed us.

On that note, on behalf of the Management Committee and staff of the Club, I wish all members and their families a Very Happy Deepavali, Selamat Hari Raya, Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

With Best Wishes,
P. Raveentheran
President

CEYLON SPORTS CLUB

BUILDING FUND-RAISING PROJECT APPEAL

The Ceylon Sports Club has recently launched the Building Fund-Raising project to help finance the proposed extensive retrofitting and renovation programme of the Clubhouse and construction of additional facilities.

The Club needs upgrading of its facilities and increase the gross floor area to accommodate its wide range of activities and also to meet the aspirations of its growing membership. A multi-purpose function hall is also in the plans.

The estimated cost of the retrofitting/renovation works is about \$1.5 million. We are planning to organize a series of activities and events as part of our fund raising drive. At the same time, we are also appealing to all our members and well-wishers to come forward and help us by generously donating towards the Building Fund to enable us to carry out the required renovation works by the year 2003.

Alternatively, members could purchase Donation Draw Tickets at \$2.00 per ticket or \$20.00 per booklet for the Building Fund Donation Draw from the Secretariat and Bar Counter. Prizes range from \$100.00 to \$12,000.00.

We appeal to all members and friends to support the Club by buying the tickets in bulk. This is your Club that you can be proud of. The legacy we leave behind is for all our children and children's children.

LOYALTY POINTS

The Club introduced the New Membership Card to accumulate points to reward members for the usage of the Club facilities on a regular basis. The new card first introduced to members on 15 September 2001, was officially launched on 31 December 2001 during the New Year's Eve Celebrations.

As a reward, members would be awarded points for the amount spent and the number of times they patronized the Club. Members would earn points exchangeable for gift items determined by the Management Committee.

Members could also take their instant photographs by digital camera at the Club Secretariat, to obtain their new membership cards

The Club will award Members prizes for the following total points accumulated.

Validity Period: 31 December 2001 to 30 December 2002

POINTS	PRIZES
500 - - ->	CSC UMBRELLA
2000 - - ->	\$ 50 F & B VOUCHER OR A LARGE WHITE LABEL WHISKY
3000 - - ->	\$ 80 F & B VOUCHER OR A LARGE BLACK LABEL WHISKY
10000 - - ->	\$ 300 F & B VOUCHER OR A 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS TRIP TO BANGKOK SINGLE PERSON (<i>Air Ticket Only</i>)

The Management reserves its right to determine the prizes to be awarded for the points accumulated from time to time.

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...the Balestier Plain had achieved a major historical milestone. The National Heritage Board marked it as the 62nd Historic Site on 30 March 2002.

He felt that this reflects the government's recognition of the rich sports and cultural heritage of the Clubs that make up the Balestier Plain since the 1920s.

He said that the rich heritage of the Plain reflected the pioneering spirit of our forefathers and that the various Communities linked to the Plain had contributed to Singapore's growth.

He strongly felt that a sense of permanency for rootedness was needed and that the TOL took away the sense of permanency.

In his parting words he said, "We have seen how children of all races intermingling at a young formative age actually help in nation building. Their bonds of friendship earned in their youth stand the tide of time and extend to their adult lives. We are living examples of this. Today, there are 25 schools and 500 children who are under the various sports programmes conducted by our Clubs. These include Hockey, Cricket, Netball, Soccer, Tennis and indoor games such as Darts and Pool."

Mid-Autumn Festival

Jointly organized by Ceylon Sports Club and the Singapore Siau Lim Martial Arts Association, the Mid-Autumn festival was held on Sunday, 22 September 2002 @ Ceylon Sports Club.

The Guest of Honor was Mr. Chay Wai Chuen, Member of Parliament for Tanjong Pagar GRC and Mr. Wang Yong Li, Education Attache in the Chinese Embassy.

CSC President Mr. P. Raveentheran, in his address, mentioned that this was the first time that non-profit private sports organizations like Siau Lim Martial Arts Association and Ceylon Sports Club have come together and organized such an event in Singapore. He mentioned, "This is a golden opportunity for all of us to understand each other's culture. It is hoped that such activities will help our foreign friends to integrate onto our mainstream. To the students, we welcome your active participation in the sports activities conducted by both our organisations. Sport has always been a social leveller. Friendship and strong bonds formed on the playing field will withstand the tide of time".



Guest-of-Honour with officials from CSC, Siau Li Martial Arts Association and MDIS



Education Attaché from China Embassy, Mr Wang Yongli said, "It is normal to think of relatives at home, especially during a festival and being alone in a foreign country. However, you will not feel lonely with friends around you. All of you had come from thousand miles away to this beautiful country to study, while learning professional knowledge. Please make friends with locals and contact them more often."

The purpose of organizing this event is to build ties with students from various foreign countries, including China. The guests were entertained to a cultural show and Martial Arts demonstration. These included Kalari-Payat, Chinese Martial Arts, Lion Dance & Indian Dance items.



MARTIAL ARTS HISTORY

There are so many legends regarding the origins of such weaponless fighting. There are many authorities who believe that the bare-hand fighting was introduced in China in the 6th Century by a renowned Buddhist Monk named Bodhidharma (Tamo in Chinese; Daruma in Japanese), the third son of the Indian King Brahman who was known as the 28th Indian patriarch of Buddhist Zen.

Bodhidharma(448-529 AD) supposedly journeyed from a southern Indian monastery to China via the Himalayas to

instruct the Liang Dynasty monarch in the tenets of Buddhism. It is claimed that upon his arrival in China, he went to a monastery called Shaolin Temple located in Shao Shik mountain in 520 AD. Martial arts was introduced to help the monks to keep fit and strong as they had to practise meditation for long hours. It was also used to defend the Emperor.

Kalari Payat traced its origin to the State of Kerala, India. The other Indian Martial Arts, Selambam, dating back to the 2nd century AD, is originally from Tamil Nadu. One of the legends on the origins of Martial Arts in India was of an Indian prince in 5000 BC who studied animal behaviour and analysed their defence systems and interpreted their movements.

Highlights of the 2002 Cricket Season

Division 1

It is said that success breeds success. However, after the heroics in 2001, a season in which the Club won both the League and the Cup, 2002 was always going to be a tough year especially with the loss of 4 key players.

The year started off with the team travelling to Malaysia in March for the inaugural Causeway Cup featuring the top two clubs from Singapore and Malaysia. Having defeated Silver State by 50 runs in the semis, CSC went on to annihilate neighbours Indian Association by a mammoth 174 runs in a one-sided final to clinch the trophy. Buddhika Mendis who scored a sparkling century in the final was named Man of the Tournament.

CSC's league season got off to a rocky start with 2 wins and 5 losses in the first round after which the Club was precariously placed in 7th position. However, the players displayed tremendous fighting spirit in the second half of the league season and won 4 and drew 2 of its 7 declaration games to finish the league in a creditable 3rd place behind SSC and IA.

Having failed to defend its league title, the team was determined not to let slip its hold on the Cup and started its campaign with a win over NTU, a team which had inflicted two defeats on CSC during the year. Buddhika Mendis 118 and Chaminda Ruwan 67 put on 132 for the 3rd wicket, while Maneesh Tripathi made 45 to help CSC total 304/7. NTU in reply made a spirited 285/8 to fall short by 19 runs.

CSC then suffered a setback when they were beaten by IA in another close game with CSC making 226 in reply to IA's 261. The next game against UWC was therefore crucial as both teams had beaten NTU and lost to IA. The winners of this game would progress through to the semi finals.

CSC got off to a bad start against UWC losing wickets at regular intervals. Despite a plucky 41 by Buddhika Mendis who fractured his jaw in a collision with the UWC wicket keeper, the season looked like coming to a premature close with the scoreboard reading a dismal 94/9. However Dinesh Chelvathurai 24* and S.Sritharan 32* fought back gamely with a 48 run partnership for the last wicket to give the total some semblance of respectability and ensure that the bowlers had a decent target to defend. UWC got off to a flying start and were sitting pretty at 73/1 after 15 overs. The CSC team however was not going to give up their hold on the Cup without a struggle and fought like cornered tigers. Mohan Kumar's dismissal of Steven Lynch started the slide and thanks to some splendid bowling by T. Ravichandran 4/41 and Mohan Kumar 2/14 and backed by some inspired fielding, UWC folded up for 109. CSC thus lived to fight another day.

The semi-final with SRC was rained off with SRC having scored 96/2 off 26 overs and had to be replayed the following week. There was a feeling of déjàvu when after 26 overs the scoreboard read 96/2, exactly the same score as the previous week. SRC went on to make 248/9 to set CSC a challenging target. What followed was batsmanship of the highest quality and fortunate indeed were those who were at Balestier Road to witness the carnage. Chaminda Ruwan in his first season with

the Club, plundered the SRC attack hitting 9 sixes and 9 fours in a savage, yet controlled innings of 122* to help CSC reach 249/6 in 47.2 overs. CSC were through to the finals in style.

The finals at Kallang saw CSC take on neighbours IA. CSC won the toss and elected to bat but were contained by some tight bowling and after 40 overs were struggling at 140/4 despite a steady 51 by Chaminda Ruwan. Mohan Kumar however justified his elevation in the batting order by launching a savage assault on the IA spinners with an aggressive 44* including 4 huge sixes, 3 of which were off the bowling of Sunder Mani. Sivalee Dissanayake offered good support with a sensible 31* and CSC reached 214/5 off their allotted 50 overs. A below par total on a beautiful batting track and it was now up to the bowlers to bowl out the opponents if CSC were to retain the title.

CSC got off to a flyer with Sritharan capturing a wicket in his very first over. However Ramprasad and Rupesh Singh went after the bowling and IA were on top with the scoreboard reading 68/1 off 10 overs. The demise of Rupesh Singh gave CSC renewed hope and they never let slip the advantage, with all the bowlers doing their bit. IA eventually capitulated for 146 in 36.4 overs leaving CSC victorious by 68 runs and Champions for the second successive year.

Chaminda Ruwan had an excellent season and emerged as the leading batsman in the country with 971 runs at an average of 74.69. Buddhika Mendis with 523 runs and Sajith Sivanandan with 468 runs also helped hold the batting together with big innings at crucial times. Silmi Nawaz and Maneesh Tripathi were the others who topped the 200 run mark.

T. Ravichandran with 25 wickets at 18.80 headed the CSC bowling averages while Buddhika Mendis and Dinesh Chelvathurai with 27 wickets apiece were joint second in the national list of wicket takers. Chaminda Ruwan and S.Sritharan with 20 and 19 wickets respectively were the other main wicket takers.

All in all, it was another successful season with team spirit and the never say die attitude of the players enabling them to defy the odds and snatch victory from hopeless situations. The core members of the 2002 team were as follows:

Dinesh Chelvathurai (Captain), T. Ravichandran (Vice Captain), S.Sritharan, Silmi Nawaz, Buddhika Mendis, Sajith Sivanandan, Zia Azeez, Chaminda Ruwan, Maneesh Tripathi, Mohan Kumar, Sivalee Dissanayake and Suresh Sakhadevan.

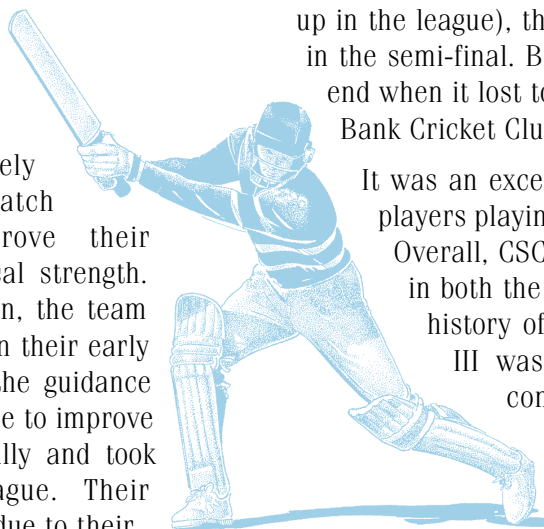


Division I Cup Champions

CSC DIV III Round Up - 2002

Whoa! What a year it has been for the Ceylon Sports Club's Division III Cricket team. The team consists of 15 cricket-loving individuals mainly from Sri Lanka. Most of them were playing for the first time in Singapore and were proud to represent CSC.

Team members actively participated in the pre match training sessions to improve their performance and their physical strength. Even after a lot of preparation, the team was not able to perform well in their early matches. Fortunately, under the guidance of Chaminda, the team was able to improve their performances dramatically and took the 3rd place in the league. Their outstanding performance was due to their



commitment and excellent teamwork.

Good performance of the team continued up to the knock out cup matches. By beating Bengal Cricket Club and National University of Singapore (runners up in the league), the team was able to secure a place in the semi-final. But sadly, the season came to an end when it lost to the league champion Deutsche Bank Cricket Club in the semi-final.

It was an excellent achievement for a team of players playing for the first time in the league. Overall, CSC Division III has performed well in both the league and cup matches. In the history of Cricket in Singapore, CSC DIV III was the only team, to have used computer scoring for all its matches. CSC is proud of its Division III team's performance and their achievements.

“HOW TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR AN OVERSEAS EDUCATION IN ACCREDITED COURSES AT LEADING UNIVERSITIES AROUND THE WORLD.”

A good number of parents and students filled the hall of the Ceylon Sports Club on Sunday 1st September 2002 to attend a seminar on “How To Prepare Your Child For An Overseas Education In Accredited Courses At Leading Universities Around The World.” It was jointly organised by CSC & SCTA.

Mr P Raveentheran, President of the Ceylon Sports Club gave the welcome address, during which he spoke on the importance of planning for a child's education, especially when considering sending the child to study overseas. He also drew the attention of those interested in scholarships to refer to the article published in the press that Sunday.

Member of the National Association of Foreign Student Affairs, Mr. Fabian Er and MD of Insworld Consultancy Services and Insworld School, spoke on the advantages of an overseas education in this global market. He shared the following tips on how to choose the country and institution for overseas education that meets the needs of the student:

❑ *Choosing a course of interest in a country suitable*

to personal requirements viz proximity to home, weather, accommodation etc.

- ❑ *Choosing a reputable accredited institution with good facilities and programmes for higher degrees and which are recognised by employers in Singapore*
- ❑ *Admission requirements*
- ❑ *Duration of Course*
- ❑ *Sufficient funding for tuition, living expenses, books, air fares*

The audience was also briefed on Insworld's university emplacement services and tuition/teaching it provides for students who are looking for a different educational system and route to meet university requirements overseas.

The seminar participants left better equipped on Choosing the Right Course, at the Right University in the Right Country and a better understanding of preparing for University entrance.

E. Narasinghan

Ceylon Sports Club 2002 1st XI Batting Averages

Name	Inngs	N O	H S	Runs	100s	50s	Average
R Chaminda	17	4	154*	971	2	8	74.69
B Mendis	16	5	118*	523	2	1	47.55
S Sivanandan	15	3	78*	468		4	39.00
P Sharma	3	0	33	81			27.00
A Moorthy	4	0	53	101		1	25.25
Sivalee Dassanayake	5	1	31*	95			23.75
H Cabraal	2	0	43	47			23.50
Mohan Kumar	5	2	44*	67			22.33
D Chelvathurai	11	5	24*	129			21.50
Z Azeez	12	2	67	193		1	19.30
S Nawaz	12	0	44	203			16.92
S Sriharan	9	5	32*	66			16.50
T Ravichandran	13	0	37	195			15.00
K Muthukumar	3	0	35	45			15.00
M Tripathi	15	0	57	200		1	13.33
K K Prasad	1	0	9	9			9.00
V Shankar	1	0	7	7			7.00
S Sabesan	2	0	11	12			6.00
S Sakadevan	4	1	9	15			5.00
M Prabhadarhan	2	0	5	7			3.50
S Kanaya	2	0	4	7			3.50
A Krishnan	1	0	1	1			1.00
A Santhanathan	1	0	0	0			0.00

M Reddy	1	1	17*	17			—
R Kumar	1	1	21*	21			—
S Rajan	1	1	6*	6			—
M Tripathi	1	1	74*	74	1		—

Ceylon Sports Club 2002 2nd XI Bowling Averages

Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Best	Average
S Aravinthan	5.0	0	26	2	2-26	13.00
R Chaminda	8.0	1	41	3	3-41	13.67
L Rajesh	80.0	9	332	20	3-18	16.60
P Sharma	79.4	3	315	18	3-32	17.50
V Vickneshwaran	29.0	2	141	8	3-25	17.63
N Stevens	6.0	0	60	3	2-25	20.00
A Krishnan	17.5	0	105	5	2-20	20.80
B V T Ramarao	50.0	3	217	10	2-15	21.70
V Shankar	15.0	0	89	4	3-41	22.25
V Sharma	44.0	2	222	8	2-12	27.75
S Sabesan	10.0	2	34	1	1-22	34.00
K K Prasad	61.1	1	353	10	3-47	35.30
N Senthilrajan	16.0	3	50	1	1-22	50.00
K Kewalramani	25.2	0	173	3	1-20	57.67

Ceylon Sports Club 2002 3rd XI Batting Averages

Name	Inngs	N O	H S	Runs	100s	50s	Average
V Sharma	2	1	56*	75		1	75.00
R Chaminda	3	0	163	218		1	72.67
K S Rajeevan	6	1	116*	195		1	39.00
M Prabhadarhan	6	2	64*	121		1	30.25
K Rameshkumar	12	0	99	343		2	28.58
S Sabesan	11	3	49*	199			24.88
R Kannan	10	0	58	236		1	23.60
B Kannan	8	3	41*	111			22.20
S Sivakumar	10	1	54	174		2	19.33
K Lakshmanan	3	0	18	29			9.67
P Samuel	11	1	25	93			9.30
P Sivakugan	8	2	15	48			8.00
R Kumar	1	0	8	8			8.00
S Aravinthan	12	0	31	85			7.08
S Suresh	3	1	10*	13			6.50
N Mathivalan	5	1	9*	13			3.25
R Elangkumaran	2	0	6	6			3.00
N Senthilrajan	6	3	5*	8			2.67
S Satish Kumar	1	0	2	2			2.00
Maneesh Rohan	3	1	1*	3			1.50
T Gnanasoundram	1	0	1	1			1.00
S Sureshkumar	1	0	0	0			0.00

Ceylon Sports Club 2002 1st XI Bowling Averages

Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Best	Average
H Cabraal	4.5	0	15	2	2-15	7.50
T Ravichandran	115.0	9	470	25	4-41	18.80
Mohan Kumar	41.0	6	138	7	2-14	19.71
B Mendis	154.2	24	560	27	4-35	20.74
D Chelvathurai	152.5	16	562	27	4-40	20.81
S Sivanandan	21.1	3	67	3	2-21	2.33
S Sriharan	116.3	12	475	19	3-43	25.00
R Chaminda	134.1	16	538	20	3-12	26.90
Z Azeez	75.3	5	330	9	3-43	36.67
S Sabesan	11.0	1	49	1	1-28	49.00
M Tripathi	18.0	2	79	1	1-46	79.00

Ceylon Sports Club 2002 2nd XI Batting Averages

Name	Inngs	N O	H S	Runs	50s	Average
V Shankar	4	0	79	199	2	49.75
K Kewalramani	10	1	75	381	2	42.33
P Sharma	11	1	82*	289	1	28.90
S Sabesan	1	0	28	28		28.00
S Aravinthan	2	1	14	27		27.00
K K Prasad	12	1	73	264	1	24.00
M Prabhadarhan	5	0	64	118	1	23.60
S Kumar	1	0	23	23		23.00
V Sharma	12	0	51	256	1	21.33
A Krishnan	11	3	24	137		17.13
K Pratheepan	11	2	24*	118		13.11
U Perera	2	0	22	26		13.00
K S Rajeevan	1	0	13	13		13.00
V Vickneshwaran	4	0	19	49		12.25
N Stevens	3	1	12	23		11.50
B V T Ramarao	6	2	12	36		9.00
S Smith	10	2	15*	58		7.25
L Rajesh	8	3	11*	36		7.20
B Kannan	2	0	9	12		6.00
S Kanaya	2	0	7	9		4.50
Sivalee Dassanayake	2	0	9	9		4.50
R Chaminda	1	0	4	4		4.00
P Samuel	1	0	3	3		3.00
A Kumar	1	0	0	0		0.00
S Nelson	1	0	0	0		0.00
K Lakshmanan	2	2	7*	7		—

Ceylon Sports Club 2002 3rd XI Bowling Averages

Name	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Best	5W	Average
Maneesh Rohan	25.2	0	103	10	5-21	1	10.30
R Kannan	29.0	2	115	9	3-31		12.78
R Chaminda	16.0	5	57	4	3-24		14.25
S Sabesan	69.0	5	247	17	4-17		14.53
S Aravinthan	56.5	4	239	16	3-17		14.94
V Sharma	7.0	1	31	2	1-06		15.50
R Kumar	6.0	0	31	2	2-31		15.50
P Samuel	49.4	3	205	12	3-30		17.08
N Senthilrajan	71.0	3	251	14	3-15		17.93
P Sivakugan	9.4	0	65	3	2-03		21.67
T Gnanasoundram	3.0	0	23	1	1-23		23.00
K Rameshkumar	57.4	8	192	7	2-16		27.43
K S Rajeevan	27.2	1	120	4	3-09		30.00
N Mathivalan	6.2	0	41	1	1-12		41.00
B Kannan	1.0	0	4	0	—		—
R Elangkumaran	1.0	0	3	0	—		—

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MINI-RUGBY

Mini-rugby provides young children aged between 6 and 12 years of age with a graduated introduction to the skills, laws and tactical principles of Rugby Union in a controlled coaching environment.

It is widely agreed that young players should be introduced to the sport of Rugby through a Pathway Development Programme that ensures the child develops confidence whilst learning how to play the game. Essentially, there are 3 stages of the Pathway.

In the younger category, Under 8s, which is for 6 and 7 year olds, coaching focuses on teaching players passing, catching, running, supporting and general ball-handling skills. There is no tackling except for 2-handed 'touch' to the hips at which point the player with the ball must stop and pass to a teammate. There are no scrums or lineouts, neither is any kicking in general play allowed. Here the emphasis is very much on "Fun".

The next category, Under 10s, which is for 8 and 9 year olds, continues the theme of free-flowing, running and passing rugby action but introduces the young player to the elements of tackle, continuity, ruck and maul. It also brings

in scrums and lineouts but on a non-contested basis.

The third stage, Under 12s, which is for 10 and 11 year olds, progresses the players to contested situations for which they are now prepared having been taught the basics over the previous years. These games are 10-a-side and sometimes 12-a-side. This stage is the final stepping-stone to Youth Rugby (from Under 13s to Under 18s) where the 15-a-side game is played.

For many children between 6 and 12 years of age, Mini-rugby will be their first exposure to the sport of Rugby Union therefore no matter which level they join at, the coaching focuses on teaching the basic ball-handling skills first, then introduce the players gradually to the other aspects of rugby according to the respective age categories.

The earlier the child starts within the Pathway, the more accomplished and confident he (or she) will be as they progress through the stages.

A Summary of the Playing Laws for each category can be found at The Programme page on our website at www.centaurussports.com

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Mini-rugby Coaching Programme

THE CEYLON SPORTS CLUB (CSC)
in conjunction with *Centaurus Sports Private Limited*
will be running Mini-rugby Coaching Courses at the
Ceylon Sports Club, Balestier Road

Centaurus Sports will be coaching children through a structured Mini-rugby Development Pathway Programme. Coaching clinics will provide children aged 6 to 12 years, with the opportunity to learn the skills and tactics of Rugby Union in a controlled and professionally run environment.

The emphasis is always on Fun and Safety.

Novices and experienced players are ALL WELCOME and will be placed into coaching categories (initially Under 8s, Under 10s and Under 12s) and gradually introduced to the contact elements of the game according to their age group. Tackling and set play will be taught according to internationally established teaching methods.

Professional rugby coaches will ably assist Tim Lambert, Centaurus's course director, who has over 8 years' experience coaching Mini-rugby in England, Hong Kong and Singapore.

SRU-supported Tournaments will be arranged on a regular

basis.

Course Details:

Venue : Ceylon Sports Club
Location : Balestier Road
Days : Mondays
Time : 4:30 to 5:30pm
Cost : \$90 for the 9 session course (25% discount to CSC members)
Kit : Boots/trainers, games kit (shorts, T-shirts, socks), mouthguards

To secure a place on this In-demand Course, please contact Buddhika Mendis at the CSC or Tim Lambert of Centaurus Sports as below for the Application & Registration Forms:

Email: timlambert@centaurussports.com / Tel.: 6235-7898 / Fax: 6235-2736 / Mobile: 9632-3885

Email: cscsing@starhub.net.sg / Tel: 6297-1009 Fax: 6299-9487

37th NATIONAL DAY DINNER



Guest-of-Honour, Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan signing the Guest Books of the BPC Clubs



Guest-of-Honour with Balestier Plain Clubs' Presidents



Guest-of-Honour with CSC Members & Families



SCRC President Mr Lee presenting a token of Appreciation to the Guest-of-Honour



Our CSC Line Dance Group in action



Guest-of-Honour with Balestier Plain Clubs' officials

Memories of Late S M VASAGAR, BBM



New Year's Eve 2001



New Year's Eve 2001: Mr. S.M. Vasagar with Guest-of-Honour, Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam



Registering for the AGM 2001



With Guest-of-Honour Mr. Chan Soo Sen and Sri Lankan High Commissioner Mrs. Chitranganee Wagiswara, Mr. Wagiswara & Trustee Dr. A. Vijiaratnam - 16 September 2000



BPC Plaque Unveiling Ceremony with Guest-of-Honour Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim and Officials - 30 March, 2002



A word or two...with CSC President



New Year's Eve 2000 with Guest-of-Honour Mr Abdullah Tarmugi



Happy Moments



S M Vasagar officially opening the newly renovated Function Hall - 22 July 2000



Prize presentation



BPC Plaque Unveiling Ceremony-30 March 2002



Members' Nite 2000

CSC HOCKEY 2002

Updates

Under-21 League (Boys and Girls)

CSC played with two men's and one ladies' teams in group B, D and X, respectively. The boys 'A' team and ladies' team made it to the semi-finals. This was a marked improvement over last year. Had the game been played in the evening, instead of 8 in the morning, we would have easily made to the finals in both categories.

Under-18 Tournament (Boys and Girls)

CSC played with two boys and one ladies' teams. The 'A' boys topped their group and were favourites to make to the finals in group A. However, we did not because we could not field a full squad in the semi-finals. The girls were beaten by the eventual winners, the UWC girls' team. This is the first time that our under-18 teams had made it to the semi-finals in both categories.

National 6-a-side

CSC had entered six teams in all the categories in the National 6s. The boys and the Premier league sides made it to the semi-final stages, but failed to advance to the finals.

Men's Premier Division League

CSC played in the SHF Premier Division for the 3rd year running. We played twelve games in the tournament winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 8 to finish in 5th position.

Women's Division 1 League

Both our senior and youth development squads participated in the league. The senior squad won 5, lost 2 and drew 1 to finish runners-up in the league.

Men's Division 1 League

CSC played in the 1st Division for the 2nd year running. We played nine games in the Tournament winning 2, drawing 4 and losing 3 to finish in the 6th position. This was a disappointing season. Had we won all the drawn games, it would have put us in the top 3 position.

Men's Division 2 League

CSC played in the 2nd Division after gaining promotion last year. We played nine games in the Tournament winning 1, drawing 1 and losing 7 to finish in the 8th position. This league was much tougher than the Division 1 league and our youngsters could not cope

with the more experienced opponents, thus losing to most of the teams.

Men's Division 3 League

This was largely our feeder squad with mostly school boys below 15 in the squad. We played fourteen games in the tournament winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 11 to finish in the 13th position. This squad, which also participated in the under-16 Tournament and School "C" Tournament, made it to the finals of both competitions. However, due to lack of experience, it cost them both titles.

Men's Premier Knockout

We have been drawn to play SCC in the first round in December.

Open Knockout and Ladies' Knockout

We did not participate in both these Tournaments due to their proximity to the school examinations.

Wooden Shoe Tournament

We played beyond expectation to make it to the semi-finals.

Royal Bangkok Tournament

Preparation to participate in the Men's and Ladies' sections under-way.

Coaching Clinics

Mr Manjit Singh was appointed to coach the school boys and girls at the Club on Wednesdays and Fridays. Players were mostly from our adopted schools of Yuhua Sec School and Catholic Junior College.

CSC organised Tournament

We did not organise any tournament this year, other than the Balestier Plains Festival of Sports due to the tight league schedule.

Youth Development

Under Mr. Manjit Singh, our youth development is progressing well. With the SHF grant, we were able to take part in most youth tournaments. Our development has been quite successful, in producing a number of national youth squad players. Two of our players have made it to the national squad.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	DAY	NOVEMBER
17	Sun	Memorial Service for Late S M Vasagar at Senpaga Vinayagar Temple, Ceylon Road
20	Wed	Jackpot Monthly Buffet Dinner
23	Sat	Deepavali Nite of Music
30	Sat	Royal Bangkok Hockey 6's
DECEMBER		
14	Sat	Children's Christmas Party Line Dance Christmas Party
18	Wed	3rd Jackpot Lucky Draw 2002
16-20	Mon-Fri	School Holidays Cricket Coaching
31	Tues	Grand Joint Balestier Plain Clubs New Year's Eve Celebrations
JANUARY		
TBD		Balestier Plain Festival of Sports

Regular Events

Cricket Coaching Clinics for Youth

Every Tuesday 5.00pm to 7.00pm
Every Saturday 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Hockey Coaching Clinics for Youth

Every Monday 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Every Wednesday 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Every Friday 4.00pm to 6.00pm
Every Sunday 8.00am to 10.00am

Tennis Coaching Clinic

Every Sunday 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Boxing Classes

Every Monday - Friday 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Badminton

Every Wednesday 7.00pm to 10.00pm
Every Friday 7.00pm to 10.00pm
Every Sunday 10.00am to 1.00pm

Line Dance

Every Thursday 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Kaya Kalpa Yoga

Every Tuesday 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Ceylon Sports Club Tennis Coaching For Youngsters

The Club is in the process of conducting Tennis coaching for youngsters every Sunday from 4 pm to 6 pm with a minimal fee of \$32.00 per month.

Those who are interested in playing, please contact Mr. Buddhika @ 62971009.

ANNUAL EDUCATION MERIT AWARDS

Awards for scholastic achievements will be presented to worthy students at the New Year's Eve Function. Parents are invited to send in their children's academic results to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible. A panel will decide on the recipients. Candidates may be invited for interview during the selection process. All certificates and correspondence submitted will be treated in confidence. Application forms are available at the Secretariat.

Awards are:

PSLE \$100.00; 'O' Levels \$200.00; 'A' Levels \$300.00;

Local University & Polytechnic \$500.00 (Final Exams only)

Please apply before 15 December 2002.

Annual General Meeting 2003

According to the Club's Rules & Bye-Laws 35 (iii) (f) "Only members whose subscriptions are not in arrears as at the 31st day of December of the preceding year shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and vote thereat."

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR RECORDS

* Please update your Membership Record at the Secretariat including your E-Mail address to enable us to inform you of the latest news from the Club.

SINGAPORE LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Inter-Club Doubles 2002 CSC Fixtures

Saturday, 5 October 2002 @ 2.30 pm	
CSC VS Veterans Tennis Assn.	Away
CSC WON 2-1	
Sunday, 6 October 2002 @ 2.00 pm	
CSC VS Serangoon Gdns CC	Home
CSC WON 3-0	
Sunday, 13 October 2002 @ 9.00 am	
CSC VS British Club	Away
CSC WON 3-0	
Sunday, 20 October 2002 @ 9.00 am	
CSC VS S'pore Shell Club	Home
CSC WON 2-1	

CSC Restaurant

Gayathri Restaurant

started operating officially at the CSC on 1 November 2002.

For orders, please contact
Mr. Rajan @ 91098575

Billiards

Due to poor response from members, the Club is considering dismantling the Billiards table subject to members' feedback / comments, if any.

Giro Payment - *A Gentle Reminder*

Dear Members,

The Club continues to have difficulties in deducting the monthly dues from a number of members owing to several reasons that included insufficient funds in the members' accounts, invalid account numbers, unmatched reference numbers, errors in branch codes, or cancellation of bank GIRO facilities by the account holders concerned with their respective nominated banks.

The Club had also written to the respective banks that further deductions be effected based on members' NRIC numbers instead of membership numbers as was the practice as well as providing the Club with the relevant branch and bank codes.

We are currently in the midst of collating and rectifying all members' individual account numbers based on their banks' feedback. However, since the increase of our membership

subscriptions last year, members' have not notified their banks to increase the limit of deduction and hence the Club was unable to deduct subscriptions.

The Club had sent to the affected members the Authorisation form to update their particulars. A number of members had updated their records with their banks or through the Club.

We appeal to the remaining members to help resolve their GIRO problems as soon as possible. Please contact the Secretariat Ms. Kala: Tel 62971009 if assistance is required.

In the meantime, affected members are requested to settle their membership arrears by payment via cheque or cash.

Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

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POOL SECTION

**CSC POOL Competition
 on 15 October 2002**

The Pool Section was formed in October and the 1st competition was held on 15 October 2002.

10 members participated in the competition.

The Final was played between Mr. Eugene and Mr. Nishantha. It was a very exciting game with Nishantha winning the final set and the game.

We would like to thank the Section Members for their support. Interested Members are invited to join the Pool Section.

Kindly contact
 Mr. Ratnakumar @ 90087760
 or
 Mr. Buddhika @ 62971009.

**CSC Players Picked for
 Singapore Presidents XI**

Two CSC players Buddhika Mendis & Chaminda Ruwan were selected to represent Singapore Presidents XI in the Malaysian Super Cup, which is a zonal Tournament, that involves four teams from Malaysia and one from Singapore.

Both players performed well in the Tournament.

Batting:

Name	M	I	NO	HS	RUNS	50s	Average
Buddhika Mendis	4	4	0	82	188	2	47.00
Chaminda Ruwan	5	5	0	37	104		20.80

Bowling:

Name	O	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Best	Average
Buddhika Mendis	27.0	2	93	5	3-21	18.60

The qualification rules for this Tournament were relaxed from the stringent ICC rules (which stipulate that nine of the players should be citizens whilst the other two should have resided in Singapore for a minimum of 4 years), thus allowing both Buddhika and Chaminda to be eligible for this Tournament.

OBITUARIES

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S M VASAGAR, BBM

8 October 1921 - 14 September 2002

Senior Life Member And Past President of Ceylon Sports Club from 1960, 1978 to 1990.

CSC Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Former City Councillor of Singapore

***“How can the world reward rain?
Likewise, too, duty requires no reward.”***

- Thiruvalluvar

***Sow good services;
Sweet remembrances will grow them.***

- Madame de Stael

***“Truly, your actions were your message.
We will miss you very much.”***

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Mr V Subramaniam, PBM

Father and Father-in-law of our members,
Mr Arul Subramaniam and N Subramaniam PPA
respectively, who passed away peacefully on
16 October 2002

**The President,
Members of the Management Committee,
Members and Staff of the Ceylon Sports Club
convey their condolences to the bereaved families.**



DR. A. VIJARATNAM, Trustee

"Mr. SM Vasagar BBM lived a full, fruitful and a contented life. He was a young Ceylonese entrepreneur who managed a departmental shop which provided the needs of the Ceylonese community that lived in the

Railway and Hospital quarters. He also served as a City Councillor from 1953 to 1959, held a senior appointment with the Great Eastern Assurance Co. Ltd, and was responsible for recruiting the sporting immigrants from Ceylon to become members of the Club.

He gave up politics in 1959 and began serving the Ceylonese Community by spending most of his time at the Ceylon Sports Club and the Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple, Ceylon Road. He stood for and first became President of the Ceylon Sports Club in 1960. He served again in this post from 1978 to 1990. During his period of office in the 80s, the new tennis court and two wings were constructed.

CSC had been his second home and he could always be reached at any time. He had spent much time and effort and by sheer determination had members voluntarily donating to fund its building projects.

The Building as it stands today will bear testimony to his efforts in making Ceylon Sports Club as one of the leading sports clubs in Singapore which every member should be proud of."



Justice S. RAJENDRAN, Trustee

" Throughout the years I have known Mr. S.M. Vasagar, I have been impressed by his whole-hearted commitment in helping families in need. He was indeed a generous and helpful man and his loss will be felt by us all."



DR. OLIVER HENNEDIGE, Trustee

"He is a very dedicated person - committed to the Club and the Community. His long service to the Club as President and as a member had done much good to the Club. His selfless contribution to society goes beyond what many others could do in their own lifetimes. He had

made his life worth living for. His legacy will continue long after he left us and rightly so. He shall be remembered with fondness and admiration, always."



DR. R. THEYVENDRAN PBM, Past President from 1994 to 1996

S. M. Vasagar was an extraordinary leader of our Community.

At one-time, he was also the dynamic President of the Ceylon Sports Club, serving for 14 years as CSC President-the single longest-serving President of the Club ever. Simultaneously, for a number of years he was at the helm of Singapore Ceylon Tamils' Association and the Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple.

S. M. Vasagar resolutely encouraged the Ceylon Tamils to care beyond their immediate families and be active in social and community affairs.

He believed that no matter how pre-occupied we may be, we can always find time to serve and to give.

Few will be able to follow the footsteps of this hearty and forceful personality. Hopefully, the living, exemplary light of S. M. Vasagar will continue to shine in others."

**TRIBUTES
TO THE LATE**

S M VASAGAR, BBM

Mr Vasagar was an icon in our Community and a whole generation had grown up knowing that there was this man who was available, able and willing to assist whenever it was needed by any individual or association. Whether it was to officiate and conduct a wedding or what to do when a funeral suddenly takes place in a home, many had made that phone call to him when they did not know what to do and always obtained the necessary assistance from him.

His many years of significant contributions to the growth of the Ceylon Sports Club, to the Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple, to the Ceylon Tamils' Association and to many individuals in the Community, will leave a legacy for the future generations of the Community.



**Mr. T. Manivasagar
former Chairman, House Committee**

It was in the early seventies that I had the privilege of being introduced to Mr. S M Vasagar. I was new in Singapore then, and was looking forward to meeting people and immersing myself in the social and cultural depths of Singapore, and especially those of the Ceylonese.

There was this man, held in high esteem by members of the Community. He would be officiating in marriages, funerals and temple functions - and was not merely officiating but was the Master-of-Ceremonies. I remember his telling me, 'If the phone rings early in the morning at an ungodly hour, it must be a death that I am being informed of.'

He attained such respect only because he was way above the average person in so many ways. He was never selfish. To him it was the other man's needs that were foremost. In an hour of sorrow or a moment of happiness or a time of need, he would place himself in the other person's shoes and he would quickly arrive at a solution to help that person.

Personally, I had learnt several lessons from him:

We must avoid what most people would do wasting their time - keep complaining, but do not contribute anything themselves. They are in our midst - the society at large.

A second lesson is that all of us ought to know the difference between such lesser individuals and those that have contributed more than their fair share to society. What has the Government done for me? What has the Club done for me? What has the Temple done for me?

A third lesson is that, instead of griping, they must search their own souls and conscience and ask themselves, 'What have I done for the Country? What have I done for the Club, the Community, the Temple and so on?'

This was what Mr. Vasagar did. He kept on asking himself, 'Have I done my part - for the Country, the Club, the Temple and the Community at large?' He had always thought it was never enough. He would do and offer more.

To those who can never be satisfied or criticised him, the same fate other key office bearers undeservingly suffer in many places, my wish is that they will now follow his path of love, forgiveness, sacrifice and the relentlessly unselfish approach to every problem in life.

In the same way as I realised this truth, I am sure others will find immense satisfaction in life if they voluntarily helped their fellow men and gave away more than what others gave them and contributed to society. Mr. Vasagar did just that and may his Soul rest in peace.



MR. A. RAJENDRA, Past President from 1997 to 1998

EULOGY BY MR. P. RAVEENTHERAN PRESIDENT, CEYLON SPORTS CLUB

Dear Friends,

Today, we are here to bid farewell to our beloved Community leader, Advisor, Past President and friend, Mr. Subramaniam Manikavasagar, more popularly known as Mr. S. M. Vasagar or even SM.

He passed away on the auspicious day of "Avani Moolan", which is associated with Saint Manikavasagar, his namesake.

If I may quote Mark Anthony, 'The Evil that Man doeth, lives after them; The Good is often interred with their bones.'

So is the case of our late Vasagar - a respected and dedicated Leader of our Community.

We must never forget the good he has done for all of us as a Community leader; and in his many roles at the Ceylon Sports Club and the Ceylon Road Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple and other temples. Sometimes, even singled-handedly against all odds; but with the faith, perseverance and determination - qualities many of us can only dream about ourselves.

He was an inspiring force to the members of our small and yet vibrant Community.

Mr. S. M. Vasagar has been a member of the Ceylon Sports Club since 1939 at the age of 18. In 1941, when the Imperial Japanese Army was advancing towards SE Asia, Mr. Vasagar enlisted into the British Army as a signaller. He served as a City Councillor from 1953 to 1959. After the War, Mr. Vasagar and many others regrouped themselves and held frequent meetings in Chulia Street to plan for a new Clubhouse.

My own close association with him began at the Club 22 years ago. I remember mentioning to Mr. Vasagar, in 1980, when I first joined his Committee as the Social & Cultural Committee Chairman, that we were here to help to continue the strong tradition of the Ceylon Sports Club; and keep the flag flying high for our children and their children. Just as importantly - in memory of our forefathers who had the vision of such a Club in the 20s. Today, Mr. Vasagar, you join this distinguished group of leaders who have done us so proud and are no longer with us. On behalf of the Ceylon Sports Club, I promise to keep the faith and that we will be strong for you, especially after so much you have done for us. I and many others have learnt a lot from you. In my memory, you have never said 'No Time', when you were asked to give a helping hand. Something we could all learn from you.

There are so many memories I could recall today but I will mention just one. On one of my occasional visits to his house the past year, I noticed that he had on his coffee table the Ceylon Sports Club Lifetime Achievement Award. It was presented to him by the Club about 3 years ago. Today, I still remember vividly his facial expression. He was so proud of that Award. He smiled and his eyes were filled with tears that displayed his profound gratitude and pride. It was an Inaugural Award - the first such and only Award, so far, we had given to longstanding and deserving members of the Club. When my fellow Committee member read out the Citation for this Award three years ago, it was said that Mr. SM Vasagar was well-known for helping anyone during marriages and deaths. He was there to help in the wee hours of the morning and late hours of the night. Today, Mr. Vasagar, we are all here to do our duty to you and bid you farewell as our beloved fellow citizen.

During one of the interviews, he was asked on what advice he would impart to the younger generations. He said while leaning back in his chair with a faraway look in his eye, " That more of our youngsters will come and strengthen the membership of our Club....I call on them to come and use this place to interact, meet socially, call it their home and keep our rich culture alive."

At this point, the words of the Tirukkural also comes to mind:

"When you are born, you should aspire for the greatest good for mankind....."

("Thonrip Pughalodu Thondrugha Akthilar Thondralin Thondramai Nandru")

Mr. Councillor, Mr. Mayor, Mr. President, Uncle Vasagar, SM, as a true Singaporean, you always had a heart for the country.

We shall all miss you.

And we shall remember you, always.

I shall leave you, dear friends, with some parting words from the Native American Indians:

"When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die, the world cries, and you rejoice."

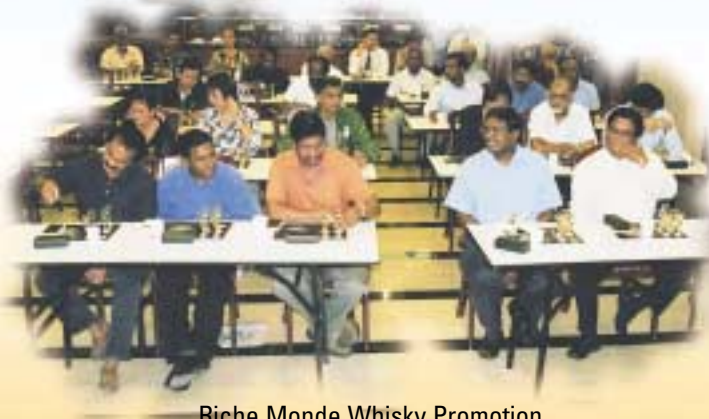
May You Rest in Peace, which you so richly deserve and May God Bless You.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Snapshots of a Club that cares



Weekly Line Dance



Riche Monde Whisky Promotion



Kalari Payat during Mid Autumn Festival



In house pool competition winner and the winning shot



Friendly match with Student Cricket Club, Calcutta



Resident Filipino Singers in Sarees Entertaining Members & Guests