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## EIGHT HUNDRED GUESTS WELCOME THE YEAR 2001



100 lamb chops, 80 chickens, 100 table cloths and 1600 balloons later, we were ready to say farewell to the year 2000 and bring in 2001.

The year dawned to the strains of Auld Lang Syne with the joyous wishes of "A Happy New Year" ringing from a capacity crowd at the



CSC end of Balestier Plain. *CSC President Mr. P. Raveentheran presents Mr. Abdullah Tarmugi with a memento*

Gracing the function were the Guests of Honour, Hon. Minister of Community Development and Sports, Mr. Abdullah Tarmugi and his wife, Mrs. Tarmugi, the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka, Mrs. Chitranganee Wagiswara and Mr Duleep Wagiswara.

Entertainment was in full force with the likes of Bosco, the fire eater; Anil the impersonator who transformed from Mr. Rio to Mr. Singh in his turban, to Mr. China in his Kung Fu fighting gear. Prizes were a-plenty.....top prize being a return airline ticket to Sri Lanka... hmmm, Home Sweet Home. Guests mamboed the night away to Latin and R&B, and of course, Baila and Bangra.

Welcoming the distinguished guests and more than 800 members and friends at the function, the President



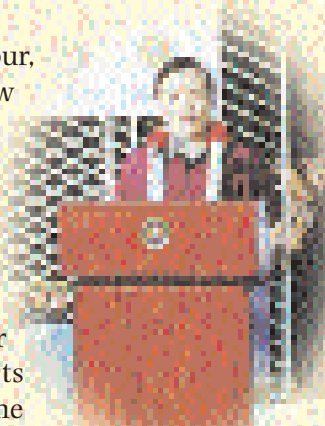
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## INAUGURAL BALESTIER CLUBS SPORTS CARNIVAL

(Organised by the Ceylon Sports Club, Indian Association and Khalsa Association) Sunday January 28, 2001

**"Sport brings a multi-cultural society like ours together. I hope that we can win an Olympic Gold by the year 2010."**

So said the Guest of Honour, Associate Professor for Law and Home Affairs, Ho Peng Kee who spoke off the cuff. What he was about to say, he said, came "straight from the heart." He congratulated all officials and players who participated in the first-ever Combined Balestier Sports Carnival and exhorted everyone to "soldier on and do your best."



*Associate Professor Ho Peng Kee speaks "Off The Cuff"*

He was speaking before the prize-giving ceremony at the close of the Carnival involving the three Balestier Plain Clubs—CSC, IA and Khalsa. The Singapore Chinese Recreation Club was not able to participate this year The Carnival was held in glorious weather on the CSC, IA and Khalsa grounds simultaneously. The concord it generated augured well for the future of sports in the Plain. An air of festivity, and the spirit of sportsmanship prevailed throughout the programme that consisted of six-a-side cricket, hockey (men's & ladies') and soccer, as well as tennis, darts and pool. The number of participants—sportspersons and officials—easily numbered over two hundred and fifty. Balestier Plain was a sea of colour and non-stop activity from 8.30 am. to 6 pm.

On behalf of the Balestier Plain Clubs, **Mr. Rajkumar**



*Mr. Nair, Assoc. Prof. Ho & Mr. Raveentheran*

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## Club Facilities

### Operating Hours

**Secretariat**

Tel : 2971009 9.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays  
Fax : 2999487 9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. on Saturdays  
Email : cscsing@cyberway.com.sg Web page: www.cscsingapore.org.sg

**Lounge, Jackpot Room, Card Room**

Tel : 2986291 / 3914518 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**

11.00 a.m. - 10.15 p.m. from Sundays to Thursdays  
11.00 a.m. - 10.45 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Eve of Public Holidays

## Hiring Rates

### HALL BOOKING

**Function Hall**

Members: \$300.00  
Non Members: \$400.00

**Conference Room (Air Con)**

15 People: \$50 (2 Hours)

**On Web:**

'Banner' Animation Rates: \$500.00

**CSC Newsletter Advertisement Rates**

Full Page (Col) \$850.00; B & W \$450.00  
1/2 page (Col) \$500.00; B & W \$275.00  
1/4 page (Col) \$300.00; B & W \$150.00

### SPORTS FACILITIES

**Field Booking**

Full Day  
S\$400.00 per day  
Half Day  
S\$200.00

**Booking of Cricket Nets**

S\$75.00 per session (two hours - day)  
S\$150.00 per session (two hours - night)

**Tennis Court (day - per hour)**

S\$4.00

**Tennis Court (night - per hour)**

S\$6.00

**Indoor Games Bookings**

Mahjong  
S\$10.00 per session

## Membership Benefits

### Sports and Fitness Facilities

Field Sports (Cricket, Hockey, Netball)  
Cricket Nets (Day & Night)  
Indoor Games Room (Darts, Cards, Pool)  
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  
Monthly Ceylonese Food Nite (last Saturday)  
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  
Internet facilities  
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 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and  
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.

of the Club, Mr. P. Raveentheran said, "We are delighted to have with us our friends from Woody Lodge, Pelangi, Jamaiah, and the Ramakrishna Mission Homes."

Mr. Raveentheran told guests that proposals were made to the National Heritage Board to place plaques in prominent locations in Balestier Plain to commemorate historical events over the past 80 years for the benefit of future generations and that the Plain has been the source of sportsmen and sportspersons who had, in their time, represented Singapore and had brought glory to this country. "It is noteworthy," he stated, "that to this day, Balestier Plain continues to be a hive of sporting activities." He continued that with the constant development of our country, not many open recreational spaces were left for our young to give vent to their sporting talents and energies. He appealed to the relevant authorities to continue to preserve the Balestier Plain as a haven of sports.

He stated that in the new year the Club would negotiate for more parking space nearby so that the Club's educational, social and sports programmes will not be hampered. He hoped to resolve this by offering reciprocal facilities.

Secondly, with the support of the Ministry of Community Development and Sports, (MCDS), he hoped the government reviews the Temporary Occupation License (TOL) and lease fees for voluntary and sports organisations. "Basing them on market rates not only discourages participation by active citizens by placing a heavy burden on volunteers who would want to come and serve."

He thanked the government and various authorities for their constant source of strength and support for our community, our children and their children.

"We believe," he said, "that together we can make Singapore a vibrant and civil society we can all be proud of." He thanked the organising committee led by Ms. Lavinia Iswaran, Mr. Shreepathy and Mr. T. Ravindran, as well as the Staff, for the evening's memorable function.

Mr. Raveentheran concluded by quoting American pioneers which is just as true today as when uttered many, many years ago:

"We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children."

On behalf of the Club, he thanked Mr. & Mrs. Abdullah Tarmugi for having graced the occasion. He deemed it an honour and privilege.

He wished everyone an enjoyable evening and a Happy New Year. "May the year 2001 be more joyful, exciting and prosperous for each and every one of you. Have a great and wonderful time."

Replying, Guest of Honour, Mr Abdullah Tarmugi, thanked the Club for inviting him and his wife to join members in ushering in the New Year.

He observed that although Clubs like the CSC "are essentially exclusive enclaves catering mainly to the interests of its members," he was pleased to know that CSC has also not forgotten its role in the Community, and that it had pioneered 'buddy' and 'mentor' schemes to assist students who need help in their studies. The Club was also participating in the Family Life Ambassador programme launched recently by his Ministry. He went on, "I would therefore like to record my appreciation for the Club's involvement in helping us to increase public awareness of issues concerning the family, marriage and parenting."

He hoped the spirit of community services in CSC would continue to grow and spread and that more would come forward as volunteers to help the less privileged and less fortunate members of the community.

He called on the Club to develop a sporting culture among Singaporeans, by providing sporting facilities, organizing competitions and increase awareness on the value and role of sports and physical activity in one's life. and make sports an integral part of our lifestyle.

He observed that sports made for a more balanced and healthier lifestyle. It also helped to develop cohesion and camaraderie among our citizens. "When our team wins, Singaporeans rejoice in its victory. When we cheer for a Singapore team, we cheer as one side, regardless of our ethnicity and culture. We have not done too badly for a country despite earlier trepidation over our prospects for survival and progress. Let us work together to make our future an even better one."

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The year 2000, in many ways, marks a watershed year for the Club.

Now let us set our sights and ask ourselves, "What are our visions for the future?". Fruitful discussions with our members and well-wishers indicate that we must maintain our position as a Premier Sports and Family Club. We could do more by encouraging sports and social activities, thereby attracting more members in keeping with our rich cultural and sports heritage; promote the culture of self-help and self-reliance; and train those with the required qualities to take over the reins of leadership.

We have promulgated the status of Balestier Plain which has produced many renowned sportspersons in the past eighty years. The Presidents of the four Clubs - Khalsa Association, Singapore Chinese Recreation Club, Indian Association and the Ceylon Sports Club - had met regularly, formally and informally, to discuss sports and other matters. Consequently, to promote the Plain as a haven of sports, we jointly organised the Balestier Plain Sports Carnival for the first time in our history. The Inaugural carnival was held on Sunday, January 28, 2001 involving six other clubs and more than two hundred players. We were privileged to host Associate Professor Ho Peng Kee, Minister of State for Law and Home Affairs as the Guest of Honour. We hope to organise this event annually.

This year, we also plan to implement the Loyalty Card. It will replace the existing membership card and allow members to accumulate points and be eligible for rewards or discounts. Details have yet to be decided. (A brief description of Loyalty Cards appears elsewhere in this Newsletter).

Furthermore, we also plan to offer Accident and Life Insurance benefits to all fully paid-up members amounting to about \$10,000 to \$15,000 for loss of life. This privilege will not be extended to members who are in arrears of more than three months, and who are not more than 65 years of age. We encourage members to sign up for GIRO for payment for their subscription, if they have not done so; in order to ensure that they do not lose out on these proposed benefits. Details of the



Insurance plan for members will be finalized soon. The Insurance plan would be reviewed yearly depending on the Club's financial capability to pay the annual premiums. The Insurance plan could even be linked with the planned Loyalty Card in terms of loyalty points earned. This is the third phase of our Insurance programme for our members and staff.

We first implemented the Sports Insurance Scheme, last year, for fully paid-up sportspersons who sustain injuries during official matches, whilst representing CSC. We then initiated Medical Insurance for all full-time staff of the Club. When all these schemes are put into effect, the Ceylon Sports Club will be the first Sports Club in Singapore to offer such a comprehensive Insurance scheme to members. These policies and arrangements are to ensure that the CSC and its members are securely on board for the long haul. More details will be published in the next Newsletter.

On the social front, the first Tea-Dance was held on 24 January 2001 (Chinese New Year day).

We plan to organise these dances monthly, on a Sunday, hoping to attract our youth. We have kept the price of tickets low at \$5-\$8 per person which includes soft-drinks and tidbits. Based on popular requests, the Social Committee has reintroduced a live-band performance on Thursdays.

Saturday nights (and now, Thursdays) are continually gaining popularity with hoppers (appam) being prepared and served by a lady caterer. Come and enjoy her specialty. We are considering including other days to have her serve this dish if the demand justifies.

As always, we are continually looking for competent and dedicated members who have the passion and time to serve the Club.

May I conclude by asking the question posed at the beginning of this message, "What are our visions for the future?" Hopefully, the answers can come from the General Body of Members.

With Best Wishes,  
P. RAVEENTHERAN

## ***National Kidney Foundation Health Screening***

The CSC Management thanks the Nurses and Staff of the National Kidney Foundation for the health screening they conducted at the Club's Function Hall on Sunday 28 January 2001 in conjunction with the Balestier Plain Sports Carnival. A total of 77 health-conscious members attended.



## ***Dr. Suresh Sahadevan's Talk***

**Dr. Suresh Sahadevan speaks on  
The Key to Ageing Gracefully.  
Saturday November 25, 2000**

It is a fact of life that we all grow old. But are we taking the proper steps to do so gracefully? Dr. Suresh Sahadevan who spoke on this topic on the November 25, 2000 held the attention of a very interested gathering of members and friends who sat engrossed for nearly an hour and a half. The key to his talk was on how to avoid the maladies of old age. For instance, what steps do we take to forestall hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, back trouble, dementia, osteoporosis and how do we minimize or overcome them. He spoke at length on the method of maintaining a state of physical fitness – exercise and proper living – and thus to avoid the risks that could cause a whole variety of ailments. A half-hour 'Question & Answer' session followed.

A series of talks by specialists in their respective fields started off about three years ago mainly for senior citizens. The talks were

on Insurance, The Making of Wills and the Rights of Senior Citizens, You and Your Backbone, Diabetes, Osteoporosis and Homeopathy. For the ladies we had a talk on Aromatherapy and, in yet another session, mothers listened to how their children could be taught to read from a very tender age. So, not only have these talks benefited the elderly, but also the very young as well.

The Management thanked Dr. Sahadevan for his enlightening talk on the 'Key to Ageing Gracefully.' The President of the Club, Mr. P. Raveentheran presented him with a memento. A high tea followed.



*Mr. Raveentheran presents a memento to Dr. Sahadevan*

## Violin Recital

**18 November 2000**

Ceylon Sports Club proudly presented a violin recital by Sri Vittal Ramamurthy accompanied by Sri. R. Ganesh on the mridangam on Saturday, 18 November 2000. Our members and their friends enjoyed a nice musical evening. There will be another violin recital on Monday 19 March 2001 by Sri R.K. Shriramkumar.

Please call the Secretariat for more information at: 2971009.

All are Welcome!!



*Sri Vittal Ramamurthy at the Violin (right) and Sri R. Ganesh (left) Mridangam.*



*A token of appreciation from our President, P. Raveentheran to Sri Vittal Ramamurthy.*



*An enraptured audience*



*One for the album.*



*By Special Request !*

### CLASSICAL VIOLIN CONCERT

**on Monday, March 19, 2001 at 7.00 pm.**

By Sri R. K. SHRIRAMKUMAR,

*Accompanied by*

Sri K. ARUN PRAKASH

*on Mridangam.*

*Venue:*

Ceylon Sports Club Function Hall, 2nd Level,  
Members & Guests are welcome.

*Admission is free.*

## Indian Ethnic Groups Cultural Carnival

The CSC will participate in this carnival at the Ngee Ann City Civic Plaza on Saturday March 31. Details regarding Time, Entertainment, Exhibition & Sales Stalls and Food will be available soon. Meanwhile, keep in touch with the Club. Call Mr. Ramanathan or Ms. Selvie at Tel. 3914515 / 6.

**Nair**, the Indian Association President thanked the Guest of Honour and all athletes and organizers who took part in the festival. He hoped that the government would preserve the Plain as a green lung for the encouragement of sports and that the four Clubs would get together more often in the same congenial spirit.

On behalf of the three participating Clubs he thanked Singapore Pools for its generous contribution and support for the Carnival.



Ladies' Hockey

**Associate Professor**

**Ho presented trophies to the winning teams. Results were:**



Netball

CRICKET  
HOCKEY

Champions C S C

POOL

Champions Khalsa

Runners-Up IA

Runners-Up IA  
(Veterans)

Champions: Khalsa.

Runners-Up: Khalsa (B1)

DARTS

(Open)

Champions : S R C ;

Runners-Up: Khalsa

Tem Events:

Champions: C S C

LADIES

Champions : S R C 'A'

Runners-Up: S R C 'B'

Runners-up: Khalsa

UNDER 21

Champions Khalsa



Darts



Cricket



Pool



## LINE DANCING

The first course of ten lessons began at the CSC on Wednesday, January 10, 2001. The instructor is from a group called Country Band Wagons. Members are charged a fee of \$60, of which \$30 is subsidized by the Stamford Press Group of Companies. Therefore, a member needs to pay only \$30. Non-members are charged \$75. Lessons are conducted every Wednesday from 8 pm to 10 pm. in the air-conditioned Function Hall on the 2nd level of the Club.

Said to have originated in the American West, this dance can be performed by the old and very young. A relief from the maladies of stress and the hassle of a fast-paced Singapore, it has reportedly taken this country by storm and is now being performed according to a newspaper report, in community clubs and even in church halls.

A group of performers step out to rhythmic toe-tapping music. With hands on hips, a few steps forward, a hop, a clap of hands and an about turn, the graceful movements are the antithesis of acrobatic dances one associates with the break dance, where anything goes. According to a report in the Straits Times dated January 19, 2001, "Thousands (in Singapore) throng classes for country-line dancing, which is easily learnt by both the old and the young." To register for a course on Line Dancing, ring Ms. Selvie at the Club at 3914 516.

## HOPPER (APPAM) NIGHTS



Delicious steaming hot Appams straight from the *D*kwali, on to your table. That's what you get every Thursday and Saturday at the Club from 7 pm. onwards. It's quite a change, and what a change! Hoppers, Appams, Aap-pa, call them what you like, they go well with either seeni sambal, mutton perattal, chutney, fish curry or even the usual brown sugar. Perhaps you prefer them with an egg, or even with a little coconut milk on top? Or plain?

Why not have your dinner every Thursday and Saturday night at the Club. To repeat, it's quite a change.

***Make a note of the date:***

**Every Thursday and Saturday night !**

**Time: 7 pm to 10.30 pm.**

## SINGAPORE NATIONAL HERITAGE BOARD AND ARCHIVES

*The Club is in the process of documenting and saving for posterity, all its important records, including magazines and newsletters that will be of historical value published since its inception in the 1920's. It is also working with the Singapore National Archives, National Heritage Board and Oral History Centre to do so.*

*Please contact the Club's Secretariat, at Tel*

*3914516, Mr. P. Raveentheran or Mr. Cyril Fernando if you have any precious documents pertaining to the Club and the community, that you would like to save for posterity, to enable our successors to make reference to, of our history in this country. All original documents, photographs and other records will be reproduced and returned to members who might possess them.*

## BALESTIER PLAIN PLAQUES

The National Heritage Board has been approached with a view to install plaques in prominent locations in Balestier Plain to commemorate the athletic accomplishments of the numerous sportspersons of various ethnic backgrounds that the Balestier Sports Clubs have produced. Ever since the Clubs were located in the area in the early 1920's, the Plain has been the source of these talented people who have not only played for Singapore and All-Malaya, but also represented Singapore in the Olympics. It is fervently hoped that this area will be preserved as a Haven of Sports.

## TEA DANCE

Keep your eyes peeled for news of Sunday afternoon Tea Dances. Plans are being made for them to be held once a month with nominal cost, to attract as many young people as possible.

**Next Tea Dance:**

**25 March 2001**

**1pm - 5.30pm**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2001

Line Dancing	Every Wednesday	8.00 pm to 9.30 pm
Appam Nites	Every Saturday & Thursday	7.00 pm to 10.00 pm
Mentor Scheme	Every Saturday	2.30 pm to 5.30 pm
Violin Recital by Sri R.K.Shriramkumar	Monday, March 19	7.00 pm to 10.00 pm
Indian Cultural Carnival at Ngee Ann City Civic Plaza	Saturday, March 31	8.00 pm onwards
Kalari- Ed-Robics	Every Tuesday	7.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Jackpot Buffet Dinner	Wednesday, April 4	7.30 pm
1st Jackpot Draw	Wednesday, April 18	7.30 pm
Health Talk By Ms. Lucy Kat-Koh "Help Your Child Be Superfit." & "Live Long, Live Young."	Saturday, June 9	2.30 pm to 5.30 pm
Jackpot Buffet Dinner	Wednesday, June 13	7.30 pm
2nd Jackpot Draw	Wednesday, June 18	7.30 pm
Jackpot Buffet Dinner	Wednesday, August 15	7.30 pm
Jackpot Buffet Dinner	Wednesday, October 17	7.30 pm
3rd Jackpot Draw	Wednesday, November 7	7.30 pm
Jackpot Buffet Dinner	Wednesday, November 21	7.30 pm
<b>Live Bands</b>		
Tuesdays	Kumarino & partner	from 8.00 pm
Thursdays	Jay	from 8.00 pm
Fridays	Ben & Andrew	from 8.00 pm
Indian Music Night	Last Saturday of the Month	8.00 pm

### **KALARI \* ED \* ROBIC (Aerobics)**

*Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Club from 7 pm to 9 pm.*

*Members interested in these health exercises are requested to contact the Club at 297 1009 or Eddy Edwards at 96545394*

### **HEALTH TALKS....PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE.**

Ms. Lucy Kat-Koh will give talks on "Help Your Child Be Superfit," and "Live Long, Live Young" on Saturday June 9, 2001. She is scheduled to speak from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm. at the Club's Function Hall.

Born into a family of traditional herbalists, Ms. Koh feels that she can help contribute towards enriching our body systems. She has spoken widely at various conferences, seminars and workshops. . Please make a note of the date.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE GRAND DINNER & DANCE**  
31st December 2000



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# Meeting with the Patron & Trustees

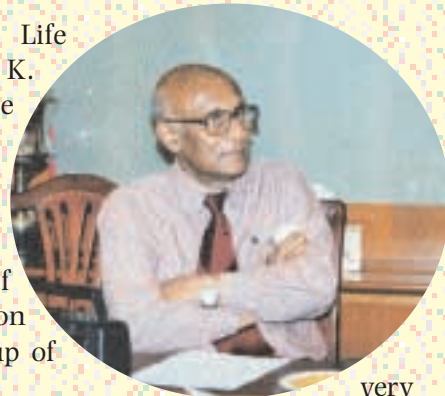
At a specially-called Management Committee meeting on Thursday, January 8, a presentation was made of the Club's activities, aims, aspirations, as well as the future of its premises in Balestier Plain. Present at the meeting were the Patron, Mr. Chelva Ratnam Rajah, Trustees, Mr. Justice Rajendra, and Dr. A. Vijiaratnam, Advisors and Members of the Management Committee.



President, Mr. P. Raveentheran laid out the plans in relation to the Club's future, namely, renovations and that the Club is currently on a Temporary Occupation License (TOL). The meeting was told that constant training has to be made to prepare for future leaders of the Club.

## Professor K. Shanmugaratnam visits the Club

We thank our Senior Life Member Professor K. Shanmugaratnam, of the Department of Pathology, National University Hospital, who graciously responded to an invitation by Augustine Antony, Chairman Board of Games to visit the Club on November 16, 2000. A group of



very interested officials paid rapt attention as the former CSC cricket captain recalled his early days with the Club, punctuating his reminiscences with some amusing anecdotes. A write-up, duly edited by the Professor himself, will appear, among other articles, in the forthcoming "CSC Coffee Table" book



to be published later this year.

Professor Shanmugaratnam is the son of Mr. S. K. Ratnam, a founder-member and first president of the Lanka Union, the forerunner of the Ceylon Sports Club.



## Jackpot Winners

The Club congratulates the following members on their luck in the Jackpot Room

- Mr. Chan Hiap Sen (AG. 1814) on his win of a Cashcade sum of \$2744.40 on Saturday, November 11, 2000
- Mrs. Ragini Vasu (AL 1883) on her win of \$3000 on Saturday, December 16, 2000
- Ms. Alyse Wong, (AL. 1710) on her win of \$2840 on Tuesday, January 16, 2001..
- Mdm. Koh Kim Chew, (AL 1473) on her win of \$1500 on Friday, February 16 and Raffle Winner Mr. Tony Yeo (AG.1711) on his win of \$2100 on Tuesday, December 12, 2000



## Jackpot Buffet

The menu will include Japanese Sushi and Tempura with grilled fish  
(By Mrs. Yoshiko Nara of Yoshikawa Restaurant Pte. Ltd., Liang Court)

Date & time: Wednesday, April 4, 2001, 7.30 pm.

The first Jackpot Draw of the year will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2001.

***It just goes to prove that it pays to visit the  
Ceylon Sports Club.***

### LOYALTY CARDS

The Club is exploring the idea of introducing Loyalty Cards whereby members would benefit when patronizing the Club. They would earn points with the usage of its facilities and the amount spent on the premises. This, in turn, would make them eligible to receive rewards, by way of discounts, etc. The Cards would identify members when paying their bills and recognize them for their patronage of the Club. A committee comprising the President, Hon Treasurer, House Chairman and Mr. S. Krishnamoorthy, an M.C. Member, is currently working out the details of the project. The aim is to reward members who visit the Club. The more frequently, the better the benefits they will receive

### MENTOR CLASSES

Children of members who wish to attend classes, are informed that sessions are being held from 2.30 to 5.30 pm every Saturday. The tutor is Mr. S. Santhikumar.

### Have Your Changed Your Address?

If you have, please inform the Secretariat. We'd like to inform you of 'What's On' at the Club, but some of our correspondence and newsletters have gone haywire and keep coming back. We are just a 'phone call away. Kindly telephone the Club Executive, Ms. Selvie at 3914516.

### Are you in Arrears of your Membership Fees?

If so, the Club would be happy if you would kindly send us a cheque for the amount due, to: Ceylon Sports Club, 101, Balestier Road Singapore 329678. Thank You.

**CAR PARKING FACILITIES:  
By ORDER OF THE  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**For members who drive,**

- Please note that parking facilities are available at the Rangoon Secondary School grounds.
- Parking will only be permitted with CSC Parking Labels which can be purchased at the **Counter** of the Club.
- Vehicles found parked without a valid car park label would be towed away by the Traffic Police without any intimation to the owner concerned.
- Please park your cars in authorized lots only
- Vehicles found parked indiscriminately will be towed away, and disciplinary action will be taken against those who flout this rule
- There have been reports of littering. Please refrain from doing so.

**SNIPPETS**

- \* Liquor Storage Please Do Not Store Your Bottles of Liquor, wine or spirits in the lockers
- \* CD Roms containing all the Club's newsletters, magazines, etc., dating more than six years back will be available soon.
- \* Singing with the Band: Members and their guests are respectfully reminded that they are not permitted to so when the band is in session.
- \* Raffle: (Tuesday and Thursday) Winners are not permitted to exchange their prizes for cash or any other items at the Club.  
Please note that from February 20, 2001, the Raffle will be drawn anytime between 8.30 pm and 9.30 pm.
- \* Happy Hours:  
Monday to Thursday: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.
- \* Draft Beer : \$12 per jug, and \$3 per mug.  
Every Friday: 4.30 pm to 8.30 pm.  
Draft beer \$12 per jug and \$3 per mug plus 10% discount for spirits, liquor and bottled beer.

**Quotable Quotes**

- *“Every generation needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.”*

- Pope John Paul II

- *“What is the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector?  
The taxidermist takes only your skin.”*

- Mark Twain

- *“No mind is thoroughly well-organised that is deficient in a sense of humour.”*

- Samuel Taylor Coleridge


*“By writing the story of your life, you help preserve the history of our nation.”  
“If you connect yourself with the past, you can help fashion a better future.”*

- Laurie E. Rozakis, Ph.D.

# OBITUARIES



The news was received with sadness that Frederick Fernandez, a CSC life member passed away peacefully on November 27, 2000. He was 73. He leaves behind his wife, 2 sons, a daughter, daughter-in-law and a grand-daughter, and of course, his fellow Club friends, to mourn his loss. Freddie, as he was popularly known, was a wizard with the hockey stick. He not only played for the Club, but also for Singapore. His prowess took him further, when he played for Singapore in the Melbourne Olympics in 1956. He was also a keen billiards player, and, according to a close friend and a former billiards player himself, a master of the cushion cannon.

**FREDERICK FERNANDEZ**  
 Age : 73  
 was called home to be with God last  
 on 27 November 2000.  
 Wife : Lily Fernandez  
 Sons : Oliver & Tristan  
 Daughter : Charlotte  
 Daughter-in-law : Yvonne  
 Granddaughter : Caitlin  
 relatives, friends and all loved ones,  
 Body resting at Nativity Church Welfare  
 Hall, 1255 Upper Serangoon Road  
 (opposite Punggol Park) Tel : 265 3239  
 Burial will have on Wednesday 28/11/00.  
 Mass will be held on Sun at Church of  
 Christ the King and thence to Mount  
 Vernon Conventarians Hall 2  
 for cremation at 10.30am.



**K. SELVARETNAM**  
 Passed away peacefully on January 11, 2001.  
 aged 59.

Wife: Mrs. Selvam

Sons: K. Selvam, K. Selvam  
 Daughters: K. Selvam, K. Selvam  
 Daughter-in-law: K. Selvam  
 Grandchildren: K. Selvam, K. Selvam

Funeral service on Monday, 13th Jan 2001, 10.30am at St. Andrew's Church, 100, Upper Serangoon Road.

**K. Selvaretnam**

Sympathies also go to members  
 K. Thirugnanasothy and George  
 Sirini Rajah, brothers of the  
 late Mr. K. Selvaretnam, who passed  
 away peacefully on January 11, 2001  
 aged 59.

*The President,  
 Management Committee,  
 Members and Staff of the Ceylon  
 Sports Club convey their deepest  
 sympathies to the bereaved families,  
 and share with them their feelings,  
 in their time of grief.*

# SPORTS

Singapore Cricket Association

CSC League Fixtures  
February to July 2001

Date	CSC	vs	Opponents	Venue
March 11	CSC I	vs	NTU I	CSC
March 17	CSC III	vs	SCA III	CSC
March 18	CSC II	vs	SCA II	Kallang
March 24	CSC III	vs	IA III	IA
March 25	CSC II	vs	SRC II	CSC
March 25	CSC I	vs	IA I	IA
April 1	CSC II	vs	SRC I	CSC
April 1	CSC II	vs	IA II	IA
April 7	CSC III	vs	NUS II	CSC
April 8	CSC II	vs	UWC II	CSC
April 8	CSC I	vs	SCA I	Kallang
April 21	CSC III	vs	UWC III	UWC
April 22	CSC II	vs	SCRC	NUS
April 29	CSC I	vs	UWC I	CSC
May 5	CSC III	vs	DEU / B	CSC
May 6	CSC II	vs	SIA	CSC
May 13	CSC I	vs	SCA I	CSC
May 19	CSC III	vs	ICC	CSC
May 20	CSC I	vs	SCC I	CSC
May 20	CSC II	vs	NUS I	NUS
May 27	CSC III	vs	SRC III	CSC
June 2	CSC III	vs	SACA	CSC
June 3	CSC II	vs	SCC II	CSC
June 10	CSC I	vs	NTU I	NTU
June 17	CSC I	vs	UWC I	CSC
June 24	CSC I	vs	SRC I	SRC
July 1	CSC III	vs	Bengal CC	CSC
July 8	CSC II	vs	NTU II	CSC
July 15	CSC I	vs	IA I	CSC
July 22	CSC II	vs	SCC III	SCC
July 29	CSC I	vs	SCC I	SCC

## Singapore Cricket Association Results

Ceylon Sports Club beat defending champion, Singapore Cricket Club III, in the first Division II knockout cricket match of the 2001 season on Sunday, February 11.

Batting first, CSC scored 192 - 6, (Sanjay Kanaya 67, Amarjit Singh 44, Zia Azeez 34, Abu Omar 3 - 52)

SCC III scored 117 (A. Raivadera 26, M. Williams 25, Mohan 2 - 9, Zia 4 - 23)

**In a Division III match, IA beat CSC III by 2 wickets**

**CSC 82 all out, IA 83 - 8 (Rajesh 5 - 11)**

### Cricket Extras

CSC News thanks member Anthony Teo for these excerpts of cricket 'throw-ins' which he stumbled across while browsing around in a bookshop in Calcutta, India.

- Richie Benaud took three wickets without conceding a run against India at Delhi in 1959-60. His figures : 3.4-3-0-3
- Wasim Akram is the only bowler to perform two hat tricks at Sharjah vs West Indies on October 14, 1989 and vs Australia on May 4, 1990
- Fazal Mehmood was the first Pakistan bowler to take five wickets in an innings of a Test match, achieving this feat against India at Lucknow in 1952-53
- Sir Vivian Richards holds the record for scoring the highest number of runs in a calendar year. He got 1710 runs in 11 Tests in 1976

## TENNIS

The court is reserved for the CSC players every Thursday from 7 pm to 10 pm.

**TENNIS AT NIGHT** The lights provided at the court are bright enough. The cricket nets lights are not to be used.

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# NORMAN BALASINGAM

**Cricket was in his blood. Umpiring was his Forte**

By Cyril Fernando

The Ceylon Sports Club prides itself on having produced its share of sportsmen who have not only played for Singapore, but also represented this country as team members in the Olympics, as well. Norman Balasingam Nagalingam neither played for Singapore, nor was he a member of Singapore's contingent to the Olympics. Rather, he will be remembered for the contributions he made to Singapore cricket on the whole, and to the Ceylon Sports Club, in a sporting career spanning more than half a century. He was, according to one of his old friends, a stylish left hand batsman and bowler in the days of his youth before he later took to umpiring.

Norman Bala, as his friends knew him, was very much a part of the cricket scene. A member of the Club since March 1, 1947, he was seen more frequently on the Singapore cricket circuit throughout every season. He made his presence felt with his often analytical and discerning assessments of particular happenings on the field and was able to recall and narrate ball-by-ball accounts of episodes that occurred in earlier tournaments. Cricket, one might say, coursed through his veins and he was a stickler for its rules.

## **The Cricket Official**

Consider this: Bala had been, since 1965, on the Singapore Cricket Association's Panel of Umpires to which he was first elected as Honorary Secretary, a position he held from 1965 to 1969. He was then appointed Chairman and functioned in this position until 1987 when his health gave him cause for concern. Thereafter, he assumed the role of a spectator. But such was his zeal, that in 1993, when there was a dearth of qualified umpires he gamely strode on to the pitch and stood for hours on end in the heat of the sun in his familiar white hat and coat.

In 1965 he attended training courses conducted by two British servicemen, J.J Ayers and G.Best who were then stationed at RAF Changi, and became a member of the Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers (ACU&S). Bala gained more practical umpiring experience by standing many times with another British serviceman, Brian Jakeman who at one time was a member of both the Training and Examination Boards of the ACU. His vast umpiring experience earned him full membership of the ACU on June 13, 1967. He was thereafter, often called upon to umpire at games whenever foreign teams played here in transit to other Australasian venues. His fellow cricket zealot, R. Sivasubramaniam says, "He was responsible for me and a number of others becoming members of the ACU. He wanted many of us to sit for the exam and qualify as Full Members. Only Anil Kalaver, (the present Hon Secretary of the SCA) heeded his call." Bala and a good friend of his, P. Selvanayagam, then Secretary of the Malaysian Cricket Association umpired in a series of games, aptly called The Saudara Cup matches between Malaysia and Singapore. He went on to officiate in matches between Singapore and some Malaysian State sides. His involvement in cricket took him on tours to India and England.

## **The Summit of his Umpiring Career**

But clearly, the acme of his career was when he was elected Vice President of the Association of Cricket Umpires at Lord's Cricket Ground in England on March 24, 1984 and presented with a certificate confirming the honour by the then Chairman, David Whiley. Bala was the first Singaporean to achieve that distinction. In February 1985 he was further commended with his election to Honorary Life Membership of the Singapore Cricket Association.

Bala arrived in Singapore in the early 40's from Malaya, as the country was then known, where he acquired his early education. He prided himself on being the brother-in-law of Dr. Thambipillai, one of the



founder members of the CSC. Like most Ceylonese, he developed a fondness for cricket and played for a British Army team. His association with his British colleagues, according to his daughter Jeyanthi, probably resulted in his nick-name, 'Norman', a name by which he was popularly known to all, to the end of his days.

## **Nimble Feet**

**There was another side of Bala that only a few close friends knew anything about. Norman had an appreciative ear for music, and was an exponent in the art of ballroom dancing, doing the waltz, quick-step and foxtrot with the grace of a ballet dancer. It would have been unthinkable for him, in these modern times, to be seen flailing his arms, legs and hips in frenzied gyrations on the crowded floor of a discothèque. There were also his quieter moments when he read quite a bit —cricket news, naturally, some politics, and amassed a good collection of key chains!**

## **The Man Within**

A very private person, who was somewhat reserved, and, according to his daughter,

"rather selective of his friends," he was soft-spoken, yet eager to join in almost any casual discussion at the Club. In his twilight years those who knew him noticed his transition from being the man in the middle of the action, to a more relaxed person seated among the composed, sedate group of cricket gurus in the cool comfort of the outer terrace of the CSC premises.

Another phase in his life had begun. Norman became known for his candid, honest and well

meant opinions of the way a stroke should have been played, or of a ball well bowled or fielded. But through it all, his oft-repeated exhortations to youngsters when faced with difficult situations on the field could well have been summed up in the words, "Play on, play on, and play the game."

## **His Hopes and Wishes**

He had fervently hoped that either of his grandchildren would inherit the legacy of cricket in his family in the true sporting traditions of Ceylon, the land of his origin. He last visited the CSC in July/August 2000, walking all the way to the Club and back to his Whampoa South residence about three kilometers away. He told this writer once, "I need the exercise." Warded in hospital for a kidney problem and much needed dialysis treatment, he looked forward to the day he would return home, and worried about the well-being and careers of his family.

By the time this profile of Norman Balasingam s/o Nagalingam appears in print, the 2001 cricket season will have begun, but Norman, the cricket buff, and Senior Life Member of the CSC will not be there among the devotees of the game. He passed away peacefully on December 2, 2000, leaving behind his wife, a son, daughter-in-law, two daughters, 2 sons-in-law, and 5 grandchildren to mourn his loss. He was 79. He missed hearing by a month, the news he was anxiously waiting for, that his daughter, Jeyanthi, had been conferred with the B.A.(English & Lit.) by the Open University of Singapore.

May his soul rest in peace.

## POOL

### Patrick Rudge Wins First CSC Competition.

#### Pool Convenor: Ratna Kumar

The first knockout 8-ball POOL competition held at the Club on Friday January 12, 2001 attracted eight players in a 2-hour keenly contested tussle. Commencing at 7.30 pm, intense concentration was registered on the faces of all who played, as they cued the fifteen striped and solid balls into the pockets. Patrick Rudge emerged Champion when he narrowly edged out Senarath Jayantha into runner-up position. The contest attracted a good group of interested spectators. The Club congratulates the winner and runner-up and commends all participants who put in a good effort to make the contest an immense success.

It is the Club's hope that more members will participate in this popular game. Introduced only two months ago, it has already attracted a large group of ardent players.

Judging by the number of spectators on the sidelines who follow every move on the green baize-topped table, the game seems to be steadily gaining in popularity.

Participants were: Patrick Rudge, Senarath

Jayantha, Matthew Kok, Babu Sadanandan, "Commando" Rajah, Rajula Raja, Ratna Kumar, and V.K.K.Segaran.

The President, Mr. P. Raveentheran gave away the prizes.

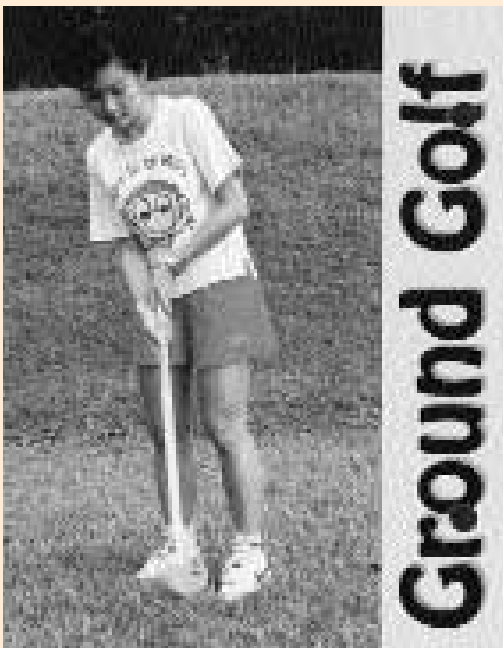
Players are already looking forward to the next competition.

Due to the popularity of Pool at the CSC the Club has acquired its own table.

**Please Note:** The last game for the night must end at least 15 minutes before closing time.



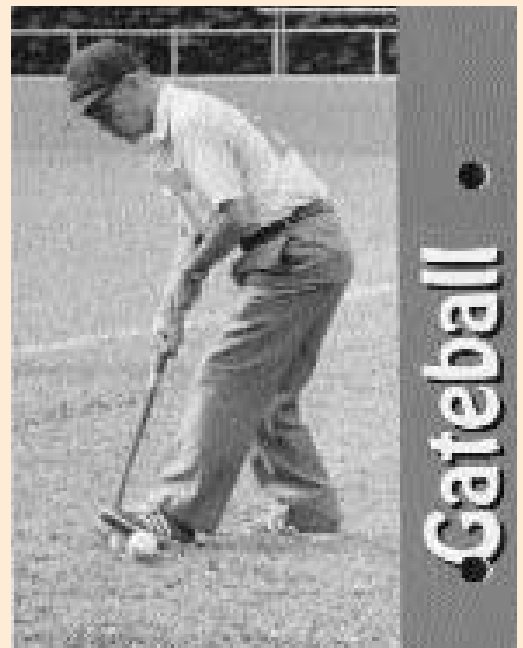
## Gateball and Ground Golf



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## SPORTING

## SINGAPORE SEMINAR

Venue: Suntec Convention Centre, Level 2 Ballroom

In a marathon seven-hour brainstorming session on Sports for All attended by 700 participants from every organization connected with sports, the Committee on Sporting Singapore (CoSS) Steering Committee Chairman Mr. Abdullah Tarmugi, Minister of Community Development and Sports and Deputy Chairman, Associate Professor Ho Peng Kee launched the Seminar on Sporting Singapore on February 24, 2000. Four Sub-Committees sought answers to:

- i. Promoting Sports for all
- ii. Strengthening the National Sport Associations
- iii. Developing the Sports Industry
- iv. Enhancing the Athletic Support Infrastructure

**The Committee was set up in September 2000 to:**

- (a) Establish the vision and desired outcomes for sports in Singapore.

- (b) Identify the issues impeding the development of sports.
- (c) Formulate the development strategies for sports in Singapore.
- (d) Recommend specific initiatives for the future development of sports in Singapore.

The four sub-committees fielded about 36 questions, observations and noted frank comments from the participants. They responded with answers that promise a future that will lift the athletic standard of this country to world class levels. Not to be left behind in the pursuit of athletic excellence, the recommendations are expected to be finalised and implemented in about three years from now. The year 2001 will therefore mark a milestone in the annals of sporting history in this part of the world.

Mr P. Raveentheran, President of the Ceylon Sports Club, was one of the sub-committee panelists on Promoting Sports for All

## FAREWELL, SIR DONALD BRADMAN

**Factfile**

**1908:** Born Donald George Bradman, Aug 27.

**1928:** Test debut against England in Brisbane.

**1930:** Made first of four Ashes tours to England.

**1932:** Married Jessie Menzies on April 30

**1932-33:** Scored 396 in infamous 'Bodyline' series.

**1934:** Scored 758 runs at 94.75.

**1936:** Appointed Australian Test captain.

**1948:** Played his last Test series.

**1949:** Knighted for services to cricket.

**1997:** Jessie died, aged 88, from cancer.

**2001:** Died in his sleep on Feb 25, aged 92

*"A good captain must be a fighter; confident but not arrogant, firm but not obstinate; able to take criticism without letting it unduly disturb him, for he is sure to get it - and unfairly, too."*

- Don Bradman

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2000

Santa Claus came to town on Sunday 17 December, his first visit to the SCSC in the new millennium. To the shouts of delight from nearly one hundred children, and the resonating, seasonal sounds of whistles, jingles and bells, he promptly came across the field riding on his motorized "sled" and took center stage to present toys to every boy and girl, regardless of whether they had been naughty or nice, the whole year round. The fancy dress competition was a delight, drawing thirty children dressed in a variety of almost every conceivable costume. First prize went to a five year old bundle of energy called Ashwani, dressed in a powder blue Hawaiian costume who danced her way deservedly to the judges' hearts. Second and third prizes went to brothers Ejazz and Rezza Gusnawi aged seven and eight who came attired in the immaculate whites of Test cricketers. Every child who participated received a gift. Pictures on this page are "worth more than a thousand words."

