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Marking of Balestier Plain As A Historic Site

The National Heritage Board has marked Balestier Plain as a Historic Site on Saturday, 30 March 2002 as an acknowledgement of its significance as a recreational arena that has encouraged sporting activities and achievements of members of the clubs in its vicinity.

The marking of the Balestier Plain is a collaboration between National Heritage Board and the Balestier Plain Clubs - Singapore Khalsa Association, Singapore Chinese Recreation Club, Singapore Indian Association and Ceylon Sports Club. Held at the Ceylon Sports Club, the marking ceremony featured the unveiling of the Historic Site Marker by the Guest-of-Honour, Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim, Acting Minister for Community Development and Sports and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs. This Heritage Site Marker bears the history of Balestier Plain, photographs and the NHB logo as a recognizable symbol to remind Singaporeans of their heritage and contributions to nation building.



Dr Yaacob Ibrahim touring the BPC grounds along with the various BPC & NHB officials.

During his address, Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim had said, "The Heritage of the Plain is a testimony of the struggle of the early immigrants to Singapore. It tells of how in spite of difficult working conditions then, there was a vision to build social-cum-sports clubs in their new homeland."

The event also included a band performance by Unity Secondary School and exhibition matches organized by the Balestier Plain Clubs that provided a showcase of the sports played on the Plain such as soccer, hockey, cricket, netball, tennis, ground golf and

71st Annual General Meeting

Saturday 20 July 2002 at 4 p.m. at the Club's Function Hall, 2nd floor.

According to the Club's Rules & Bye-Laws:

"Nomination shall be made on prescribed forms and should be deposited ten clear days before the Annual General Meeting into a sealed ballot box"

"Only members whose subscription have been paid up to the 31st day of December of the previous year shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and vote thereafter."

archery. Balestier Plain is the 62nd historic site to be marked by the National Heritage Board.

Balestier Plain and Race Course Plain were vast open spaces in the early 1900s. Today, Balestier Plain (the Plain) refers to the playing fields bounded by Balestier Road from Tessensohn



Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim, Mr. P. Raveentheran and Unity Secondary School Principal, Mr. N. Sathianathan sharing a joke.

Road to Moulmein Road. Eight sports clubs in its vicinity have been associated with the Plain - the Ceylon Sports Club (CSC), the Ceylon Tamils' Association (CTA), the Singapore Indian Association (IA), the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), the Singapore Chinese Recreation Club (SCRC), the Singapore Khalsa Association (SKA), the Singapore Malay Football Club (MFC) and Kamala Club (KC). Balestier Plain has evolved over time into a green lung cum recreational zone.

Guests who were at the ceremony included members of the Balestier Plain Clubs, officials of the National Heritage Board and invited guests from other organisations.

Upcoming Events

- World Cup Johnnie Walker Promotions - Grand Draw - 30 June 2002
- Annual General Meeting - Saturday, 20 July 2002
- Members' Nite - Saturday, 27 July 2002
- ANNUAL KUANTAN CRICKET GAMES 10 and 11 August 2002 in Kuantan
- Balestier Plain Clubs Joint National Day Celebration - Saturday, 21 Sept 2002
- TPCA - CSC GAMES 16 and 17 November 2002 in Kuala Lumpur

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10.30 a.m. - 12.30 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Eve
of Public Holidays

Canteen

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

Revised 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	\$ 300.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 200.00	
	FULL DAY	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 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 Daily & Eve of Public Holidays
(except Mondays)

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 Message



Dear Members,

30 March, 2002 will remain an important milestone for the Ceylon Sports Club and the other Balestier Plain Clubs - the Singapore Khalsa Association (SKA), the Singapore Chinese Recreation Club (SCRC) and the Singapore Indian Association (IA)-in our illustrious history:

*It was the day when the Balestier Plain was marked as a **Historic Site**.*

Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim, Ag Minister for Community Development and Sports and the Minister-in-Charge of Muslim Affairs was our gracious Guest-of-Honour who unveiled the Balestier Plain plaque. The Plaque now stands along Balestier Road at the bus-stop between the IA and CSC.

On behalf of the other Balestier Plain Clubs, I wish to place on record our thanks to the National Heritage Board and other relevant government agencies for helping realise this vision of ours. We thank all contributors, including the Straits Times, the National Archives and the members for information and photographs on all our Clubs including the four other Clubs that are no longer in this area - namely the Malay Football Club, the Kamala Club, the Ladies' Union and the Singapore Ceylon Tamils' Association.

*If one looks back in our history, one will realise that this event is definitely **the** historic event for the Balestier Plain, since 1959, the year of our Nation's attainment of self-government status.*

All other significant events took place before that year. These included the laying of the foundation stone by the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Mr. D.S. Senayake (1954) and the official opening of the new Clubhouse by the Governor-General, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald (1956).

As our Club approaches its Silver Jubilee next year, we have to constantly re-invent ourselves and remain relevant to our members and the Community-at-large. The Club is in the midst of engaging disabled persons into the mainstream, with wheelchair tennis and archery making their debut in our Club on 24 November, 2001 and 30 March, 2002, respectively.

In our building plans, we are in the process of incorporating disabled and Senior Citizen- friendly features, such as a lift and ramps, making the accessibility to our Club much easier for them. Our ambitious plans for

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Balestier Plain Historic Site Marking Ceremony

- as reported in The Press

The Straits Times Monday 1 April 2002



Touring the historic site, Dr Yaacob (left) is shown the plain which is used for activities, including soccer and cricket, by Mr Raveentheran.

Balestier sports plain is now historical site

BALESTIER Plain, the recreation site for four clubs in its vicinity, achieved historical status over the weekend.

The National Heritage Board marked the place as a historic site, acknowledging its significant contributions to sports.

It is the 62nd site to have been picked by the board since June 1995, when it began marking historical places.

Acting Minister for Community Development and Sports, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, affirmed Balestier Plain's importance as a recreation and sports landmark.

"The heritage of the plain is a testimony of the struggle of the early migrants to Singapore.

"It tells of how, in spite of difficult working conditions, there was a vision to

build social-cum-sports clubs in their new homeland," he said at the ceremony on Saturday.

Surrounded by Balestier, Tessensohn and Moulmein roads, the plain has been the venue for sporting activities, including cricket, hockey and soccer, since the 1920s.

The size of four football fields, it has spawned countless sports personalities such as Dr A. Vijaratnam, who was a member of Singapore's hockey team at the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.

Another outstanding sportsman to have played there was Mr Harbhajan Singh Looma from the Singapore Khalsa Association, a former international hockey player.

The only time when sporting activities disappeared from the field was during the

Japanese Occupation.

"Then, it was used as a dumping ground for military equipment and ammunition.

Now, it is the playing field for members of the Singapore Khalsa Association, Singapore Chinese Recreation Club, Singapore Indian Association and Ceylon Sports Club.

And since last November, disabled athletes have been able to use the field to play wheelchair tennis and archery, said Mr P. Raveentheran, president of the Ceylon Sports Club.

He said: "The physically disabled have also brought honour to Singapore in international meets.

"This is one way we can help them integrate into the mainstream."



31 March 2002 ... Tamil Murasu
Mr. Lee Chin Chuan, SCRC President, presents a token of appreciation, on behalf of Balestier Plain Clubs to Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim

马里士他坪获选为第62个历史古迹



在马里士他坪立古迹纪念碑，是因为早在上个世纪20年代，那里便举行诸多体育活动。

马里士他坪 (Balestier Plain) 昨天获选为新加坡第62个历史古迹，以标志它对本地的体育活动发展的贡献。

为本地体育发展作贡献

这个位于马里士他路 (从德申路至摩纳路) 的消闲体育区，有约4个足球场的面积。早在上个世纪20年代，便有体育活动在此举行。它象征了我国早期移民积极在新家园建设社交与体育设施的精神。

目前，马里士他坪有4所俱乐部：锡兰体育会、新加坡印度人协会、新加坡中华消闲俱乐部和锡克族的新加坡卡尔沙协会。在这里，经常举行足球、羽球、网球、高尔夫球、棒球等体育活动。

社会发展及体育部副部长雅国博士，昨天受邀主持在锡兰体育会举行的古迹纪念碑揭幕仪式。

他在讲话时说，这一代的俱乐部除了积极提倡体育活动，也为邻近学校的学生提供教育

辅导服务。例如，锡兰体育会从1994年起便设立了学生辅导补习班，协助学生在课业和体育活动两者间取得平衡。

国家文物局为配合第二次世界大战结束50周年，从1995年6月起，在全岛各地与二战事迹有关的14个历史古迹，设置第一系列的历史标志。过后当局也在多个历史古迹设立历史标志。当局主要是以具有历史文化、经济、社会或军事意义的地点为选址对象。

Tamil Murasu Sunday 31 March 2002





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renovations will require the help of every member and well-wisher of the Club. Without the much-needed help, the building programme would not be able to proceed. This, of course, is dependent on the Club's obtaining a lease at an affordable rate from the authorities. Once the plans are finalized, the Club will publicise the artist's impressions and the building plans for members and sponsors.

Badminton has been re-introduced for our members, after an absence of more than fifteen years, thanks to Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School for their cooperation. Amateur Boxing, under the auspices of Pestana Boxing Centre has been introduced in our Club for the first time in our history.

The Club will continue to support all sporting activities; but the respective sections must play an active and responsible role in order to earn the members' support. Being a members' club, there is no other recourse but for each of us, members, to do our bit.

Till next time, my best wishes.

P. Raveentheran

LATEST NEWS TO ALL MEMBERS

☀ ANNUAL KUANTAN CRICKET GAMES

will be held on 10 and 11 August 2002 in Kuantan.



☀ TPCA - CSC GAMES

be held on 16 and 17 November 2002 in Kuala Lumpur.

**SPEECH BY DR YAACOB IBRAHIM, ACTING MINISTER
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SPORTS AT THE
'MARKING OF BALESTIER PLAIN AS A HISTORIC SITE'
CEREMONY ON SATURDAY, 30 MARCH 2002 HELD AT
THE BALESTIER PLAIN GROUNDS AT 5.00 PM**

“ Members of the Balestier Plain Clubs
Distinguished Guests
Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my pleasure to join you today in this ceremony to mark Balestier Plain as a historic site.

Balestier Plain is an important recreation and sports landmark, with the Balestier Plain Clubs playing a significant role in the promotion of sports in Singapore since the pre-War days. With the exception of the Japanese Occupation, the Plain has otherwise been the venue of sporting activities such as cricket, hockey, netball, tennis, soccer, badminton, billiards, darts and athletics. There are not many areas in Singapore that have such a dedicated usage - especially for sports - and furthermore by various clubs with diverse cultures.

Apart from promoting sports participation, the Clubs have also played a part in providing educational support for neighbouring school students. This is an important support service we can offer to our youth. It is commendable that the Ceylon Sports Club has been conducting a mentoring scheme since 1994 to help youth with their studies. This way, we encourage our young to participate in sports by helping them to strike a balance between work and play. The Singapore Indian Association also has programmes such as the Youth Cricket Programme and the Hockey Adoption Scheme that cater to the youth. Apart from sporting programmes, these Clubs help to foster good family values through their family-oriented programmes and events. It is also heartening to learn that the Clubs here still actively



promote their unique heritage and cultural diversity. Such efforts help to foster greater understanding amongst our multi-racial community and teach our young the value of social integration and togetherness.

Balestier Plain has come a long way since the formation of the earliest clubs, the Ceylon Sports Club and the Singapore Indian Association, in the 1920s. Despite being used as a dumping ground for the spoils of war and temporary storage for Japanese military equipment, it has evolved from a vast open space into a flourishing sports and recreational hub of activity.

The heritage of the Plain is a testimony of the struggle of the early migrants to Singapore. It tells of how in spite of difficult working conditions then, there was a vision to build social-cum-sports clubs in their new homeland.

The Ministry of Community Development and Sports and the Singapore Sports Council are looking to strengthen the capabilities of our sports partners. The Balestier Plain Clubs too are capable partners and your drive and energy can help us achieve our vision of achieving a 50% sports participation rate by 2005 and to become one of the top 10 sporting nations in Asia by 2010.

I would like to commend the Balestier Plain Clubs for their strong community spiritedness and relentless commitment in promoting sports participation. I wish all clubs within the Balestier Plain many more fruitful years as you continue to promote your sporting tradition and reach out to the community.

Thank you. ”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2002

Date	Day	Event
June		
13	Thurs	World Cup Johnnie Walker 1 st Promotions Draw
16	Sun	Dragon Boat Joy Ride by Central Singapore CDC
17 - 21	Mon - Fri	School Holiday Cricket Coaching Programme
30	Sun	World Cup Finals Johnnie Walker Promotions Grand Draw
July		
20	Sat	Annual General Meeting
27	Sat	Members' Night
August		
10 - 11	Sat - Sun	Persatuan Ceylon Pahang Cricket 6's (Kuantan)
14	Wed	Jackpot Lucky Draw
24 - 25	Sat - Sun	Hollandse Club Wooden Shoe Hockey Carnival
September		
21	Sat	Joint Balestier Plain Clubs National Day Celebrations
28	Sat	Bhangra Nite (Details will be out soon)
November		
16 - 17 (TBD)	Sat - Sun	TPCA - CSC Annual Games Royal Bangkok Hockey 6's
December		
14	Sat	Children's Christmas Party
16 - 20	Mon - Fri	School Holidays Cricket Coaching Programme
18	Wed	Jackpot Lucky Draw
31	Tues	New Year's Eve Celebrations

Regular Events:

Cricket Coaching Clinics for Youth

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

Hockey Coaching Clinics for Youth

Monday	4.00pm to 6.00pm
Wednesday	4.00pm to 6.00pm
Friday	4.00pm to 6.00pm

Singapore Cricket Association League Matches

June - September 2002

Singapore Hockey Federation League Matches

June - September 2002

Boxing Classes

Monday - Friday	6.00pm to 7.30pm
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Badminton

Wednesday	7.00pm to 10.00pm
Friday	7.00pm to 10.00pm
Sunday	9.00am to 1.00pm

Line Dancing

Wednesday	7.30pm to 9.00pm
Thursday	7.30pm to 9.00pm

Kaya Kalpa Yoga

Tuesday	7.30pm to 9.00pm
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Kalari-Payat

Tuesday	7.30pm to 9.30pm
Friday	7.30pm to 9.30pm



Notice to Members



UNSUCCESSFUL GIRO DEDUCTIONS

Our Bank has informed us that the GIRO deductions from a number of members' accounts for the payment of membership subscription had been unsuccessful.

This could be due to several reasons that might include insufficient funds in the accounts, invalid account numbers, unmatched reference numbers, error in branch codes, or cancellation of bank GIRO facilities by the account holders concerned.

We have been asked by our Bank to advise our affected members to liaise directly with their respective banks to assist them in having this matter resolved.

In the interim or if the GIRO problem still persists, we would appreciate if you would send us a cheque for the outstanding membership subscription due to the Club as soon as possible.

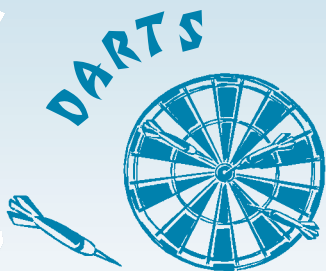
Alternatively, members are encouraged to visit the Club and make their payments by cash, or cheque or credit card.

To find out your outstanding membership subscriptions, please contact Ms. Selvie or Ms. Santhira at 6297 1009.

We thank you for your kind cooperation and understanding.



TWIN TERRORS OF CSC



Whoa! What a year it has been for the Ceylon Sports Club Darts teams. 2001 was a fantastic year for the two teams who play under the CSC banner.

The first team CSC

SHARKS emerged as Premier League Champions. They have done a great job and brought glory and honour to the Club. They lurked in the dark deep waters and killed off all opposition as would real sharks. The closest rival Safeguard Black Knights 96 gave them a run for the money. Our SHARKS did not even flinch. They shrugged off all the teams and were triumphant due to their determination to stay in the Premier Division as well as to be Champions. All credit must be given to them for a sterling performance.

Not to be outdone, the second CSC team - CSC Renegades (formerly known as CSC International) decided that they too had to put up a good performance to match the senior team. And indeed they did. Theirs was not a smooth path. They came through due to their tenacity and will to win the

final game and thus emerged runner-up in Division 1. They gained promotion to the Premier division and have joined the ranks where the senior team held sway. The CSC Darts team also performed creditably well in the recent Balestier Plains Darts competition. Such is the fire and enthusiasm of the teams.

CSC must be very proud of their Darts teams. For many years the Club did not have any Darts team. Then came CSC SHARKS and CSC RENEGADES. Now the Darts fraternity has something else to talk about where CSC is concerned. There are now two CSC teams to be reckoned with. Even more intimidating is the fact that both the teams will be playing in the Premier Division this year 2002. It is going to be a daunting task for them. All the players are fired up and just waiting for the action to start.

We thank the Club for its support and sponsorship and we look forward to its continued support so that we may carry on holding the flag for our Club.

R.Selva Kumar

BADMINTON

The Club is currently in the process of forming a Badminton Section.

Venue: Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School (formerly Rangoon Secondary School)



Badminton Sessions are as follows:

Weekdays:	Wednesday	-7 pm to 10 pm
	Friday	-7 pm to 10 pm
Weekends:	Sunday	-9 am to 1 pm

Please contact Mr. Buddhika for further details @ 62971009

Only those who are registered in the Badminton Section will be permitted to play Badminton in the Hall.

Section Fee: \$5 per month, payable in advance



BOXING

Boxing classes are now being conducted for Members & Guests of Ceylon Sports Club from 15 April 2002. Classes will be conducted under the auspices of Pestana Boxing Center.



The schedule are as follows:

Monday - Friday : 4.00 pm to 7.30 pm

During school holidays, a special weekend programme will be conducted.

If you need further details, please contact Mr. Barry Pestana @ 97309462 or Mr. Buddhika @ 62971009.

Boxing Competition - 12 July 2002
Venue: CSC Grounds

Now all the Secretariat staff have their individual email addresses to communicate better with the members.

Our Club has installed a Server, which would provide security for all the Club programmes as well as back-up of data from all programmes. The Club will also be shortly introducing a new membership programme, which is an intranet application. This new programme enables members to check their arrears, their last date of payment, etc. All members will be given a default User ID and Password to login into the membership programme and members will be given an option to change their ID or Password.

For specific problems or enquiries in any particular area, please direct your mails to the person concerned.




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THE TOMATOES STORY

An unemployed man is desperate to support his family. His wife watches TV all day and his three teenage kids have dropped out of high school to hang around with the local toughs. He applies for a janitor's job at a large firm and easily passes an aptitude test. The human resources manager tells him, "You will be hired at minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour. Let me have your e-mail address so that we can get you in the loop. Our system will automatically e-mail you all the forms and advise you when to start and where to report on your first day."

Taken back, the man protests that he is poor and has neither a computer nor an e-mail address. To this the manager replies, "You must understand that to a company like ours that means that you virtually do not exist. Without an e-mail address you can hardly expect to be employed by a high-tech firm. Good day."

Stunned, the man leaves. Not knowing where to turn and having only \$10 in his wallet, he walks past a farmers' market and sees a stand selling 25lb crates of beautiful red tomatoes. He buys a crate, carries it to a busy corner and displays the tomatoes. In less than 2 hours he sells all the tomatoes and makes 100% profit. Repeating the process several times more that day, he ends up with almost \$100 and arrives home that night with several bags of groceries for his family.

During the night he decides to repeat the tomato business the next day. By the end of the week he is getting up early every day and working into the night. He multiplies his profits quickly. Early in the second week he acquires a cart to transport several boxes of tomatoes at a time, but before a month is up he sells the cart to buy a broken-down pickup truck.

At the end of a year he owns three old trucks. His two sons have left their neighborhood gangs to help

him with the tomato business, his wife is buying the tomatoes, and his daughter is taking night courses at the community college so she can keep books for him. By the end of the second year he has a dozen very nice used trucks and employs fifteen previous unemployed people, all selling tomatoes.

He continues to work hard. Time passes and at the end of the fifth year he plus two tomato farms that the boys manage. The tomato company's payroll has put hundreds of homeless and jobless people to work. His daughter reports that the business grossed a million dollars.

Planning for the future, he decides to buy some life insurance. Consulting with an insurance adviser, he picks an insurance plan to fit his new circumstances. Then the adviser asks him for his e-mail address in order to send the final documents electronically.

When the man replies that he doesn't have time to mess with a computer and has no e-mail address, the insurance man is stunned, "What, you don't have e-mail? No computer? No internet? Just think where you would be today If you'd had all of that five years ago!"

"Ha!" snorts the man. "If I'd had e-mail five years ago I would be sweeping floors at Microsoft and making \$5.15 an hour."

Which brings us to the moral: Since you got this story by e-mail, you're probably closer to being a janitor than a millionaire.

May U Be Well & Happy



Obituaries



G Sathianathan
AGE: 75

Past President (1966) of Ceylon Sports Club
passed away peacefully on 27 May 2002,
leaving behind:
Wife: Stella Son: Ronald
Sisters, Brothers and their families



**MRS LEELA HAMAVATHY
KANAGALINGAM**
AGE: 80

*passed away peacefully on 21 April 2002
leaving behind her beloved family.*

Sons: Chandran, Joe, Rasa, Jeevan, Jos
Daughters-in-Law: Nirmala, Margaret
Daughter: Nirmala Devi (Nimmi)
Grandsons: Suresh, Aravin, Naveen, Shan
Granddaughter-in-law: Arantxa
Great Grandson: Lucas



SAMYIAH KARUPIAH
AGE: 52

passed away peacefully on 24 April 2002,
leaving behind:

Wife: Saroja Son: Saravanan
Relatives & Friends.

Late Samyiah Karupiah was a staff with Ceylon Sports Club from 1974 to 1997. His last position was as a Cashier. Many members knew him for his conscientious services rendered to them at all times. He had served under many Management Committees of the Ceylon Sports Club. We also remember him for his contributions and dedication to the Club.

May his soul rest in peace.

**The Club expresses its sympathies to the family and share their sorrow
in their hour of grief.**

President,
Members of Management Committee
&
Members & Staff of Ceylon Sports Club



Marking of Balestier Plain as a Historical Site

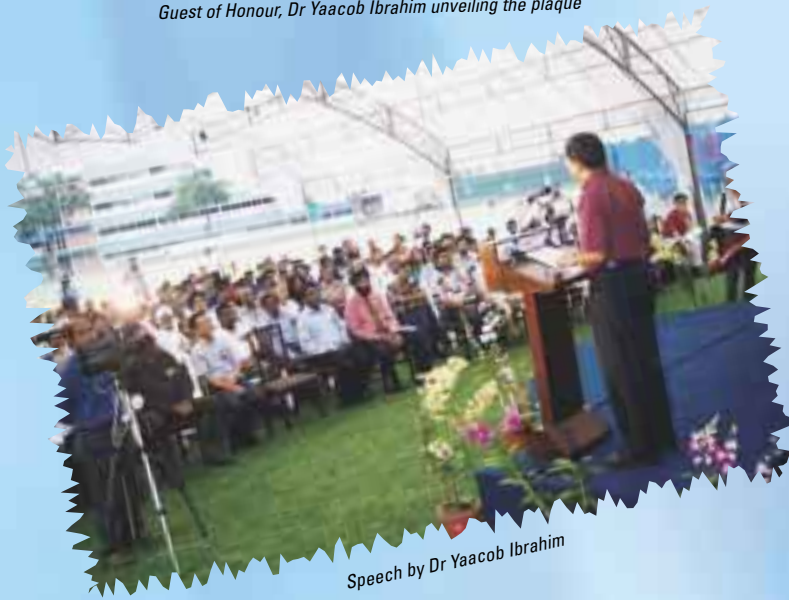
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Guest of Honour, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim unveiling the plaque



Balestier Plain Plaque



Speech by Dr Yaacob Ibrahim



Mr P. Raveentharan (CSC President) with Mr Lee Chin Chuan (SCRC President) and Mr Low Teck Cheng (Hon. Treasurer of SCRC)



A warm reception at the S'pore Khalsa Association for Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim, Ag Minister for Community Development & Sports and Minister-in-Charge of Muslim Affairs



An attentive audience with Guest of Honour, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim (on extreme right)

Balestier Plain Historic Site 2002



Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim signing guests' books of all the 4 BPC clubs



Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim's speech at the 'Marking of Balestier Plain as a Historic Site' Ceremony



Manageress Selvie in casual chat with SCRC officials



One for the album



Balestier Plain Youth Ladies' Hockey Champions UWC



Invited Guests & Officials at Reception



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A warm handshake

SPEECH BY MR. P. RAVEENTHERAN, PRESIDENT OF THE CEYLON SPORTS CLUB AT THE MARKING OF BALESTIER PLAIN AS A HISTORIC SITE ON SATURDAY, 30 MARCH 2002

“ Good Evening and our Warmest Welcome to all of you to the Balestier Plain. Today marks an important milestone in the history of the well-known Balestier Plain and for the Clubs that have been associated with it since the early 1920s.

Four of the Clubs are no longer with us in this Plain, and they are the Malay Football Club, the Ladies' Union, the Kamala Club and the Ceylon Tamils' Association.

Today, the other four Clubs - the Singapore Khalsa Association (SKA), the Singapore Chinese Recreation Club (SCRC), the Indian Association (IA) and the Ceylon Sports Club (CSC) constitute the Balestier Plain.

Let me set you back to the yester-years for some nostalgic and fond memories.

The Balestier Plain from those early years have been well-known in spawning sportsmen and sportswomen who have represented Singapore in many world sports events including the SEA Games, Asian Games, Mini-World Cup for Cricket; and even the 1956 Olympics. Sports to our early immigrants - from professionals, teachers, civil servants, businessmen and workers - had been recognized to be a very important wholesome and healthy activity and a social leveler. These were the times when there was no TV, and not many homes had radios. It was also a time, when fun-filled family sports carnivals were common. Children would be free after school to pursue different sports during any academic year depending on the games season. It was not uncommon, then, to find many youth excelling in different sports. This is a far cry from today, when we have other competing distractions - such as the TV and the Internet. Values have changed too.

Balestier Plain Clubs like ours have been well-known in nurturing children of any race or background from an early formative age in sports whilst retaining our respective rich cultural heritage that make Singapore a truly cosmopolitan nation. Sports builds social cohesion and life-long friendships and our Clubs are living proofs of this adage.

Sports clubs and associations, in collaboration with the other stakeholders, play an important role as equal partners in achieving our Vision of a Sporting Nation. The authorities could help too by having club-or-association-friendly policies to encourage us along in our worthy causes to promote sports and community bonding.

Today, I am pleased to inform you that our Clubs together train more than 500 girls and boys of all races from the age of 6 to 18 yrs old in soccer, men's and ladies' cricket, men's and ladies' hockey, and netball. They are from 25 schools.

We are also pleased to announce that in conjunction with the Singapore Sports Council for the Disabled, Wheelchair tennis has been introduced in the Balestier Plains. This is unprecedented in our 80-year history. The physically handicapped ought to be brought into the mainstream. They too had brought honours to our Country in the international meets.



Our vision is to ensure that Balestier Plain with its numerous sports and community outreach programmes continue to occupy its preeminence in the development of sports and nation building in Singapore.

Balestier Plain stands today as a testament to the vibrant sports buzz that began almost a century ago; and it will continue to be an important part of Singapore's illustrious history.

All our achievements and successes would not have been possible without the support of MCDS, SSC, NSAs and the other relevant government agencies.

Of course, we wish more could be done and more must be done to be a sporting nation. We on our part will play our rightful role.

I wish to thank the National Heritage Board for the painstaking work over the past one and half years and their close coordination with our Clubs to make this dream of ours a reality.

John Kennedy once said that our fears must never hold us back from pursuing our hopes.

We will continue our efforts in this pursuit.

In the coming years let it be remembered that we have come this far mainly because we are dreamers who are unafraid of action.

On that note, on behalf of the Balestier Plain Clubs and National Heritage Board, I wish to thank Minister Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim and our distinguished guests for gracing this important occasion.

Thank You. ”



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My Dream CSC Team

- R Sivasubramaniam

The idea of forming my 'Dream Team' was kindled when Cricinfo formed the best Indian and Pakistan teams, and further encouraged after reading Dinesh Chelvathurai's article on The Living v The Dead. The selection will be based solely on those against whom I had played (as a member of the SCRC 1st XI) and watched from the time I became Hon Secretary, SCA 1979 to the present. The actual writing of the article took place while I was convalescing at the Singapore General Hospital after my quadruple cardiac by-pass surgery.



The captain had to be A Chelvarajah who led the Club to glory for 5 Division 1 League Titles in a row from 1976, including 3 doubles (League + Knockout). (There were no play-offs those days - because with 10 teams in the Division 1, playing each other twice, there was enough cricket). Chelva had a Mike Brearley like touch and I felt that he was always in command - rarely flustered. His field placing were precise and had the 'Brearley like' quality in getting the best out of the players. When things were not going his way, he would make a bowling change or adjust the field and the battle was won! Chelva would bat at 7

Barry Dighton who captained the now defunct Tanglin Taverners team, wrote to me after he had gone back to U.K. of a match played at Balestier Road, where he thought that finally his team was going to beat CSC - but the Chelva magic did the trick and CSC won a closely fought match. Although skeptics might say that Chelva had a great team, onlookers never fully appreciated the diplomatic (man managing) skills that he had to display to get them playing as a unit. In the days when there was no limit to the number of overs a bowler could bowl - just try getting the ball away from Sooce!

As Chelva's deputy, I would select Thaiyar Mohammed, who went on to captain CSC and later

Singapore. Thaiyar was a fine allrounder, who scored 92 runs in his first innings of his first Saudara Cup match. As a bowler he could if the situation warranted open the bowling, but was a better off-spinner! Thaiyar was also a fine fielder, and a great trier. Thaiyar would bat at 5.

For the opening pair, I would select Krishnamoorthy and Eric Retnam (the Hobbs and Sutcliffe of CSC). It was a rare occasion, when they did not give the team a sound start and if occasionally one of them got out cheaply, the other redoubled his efforts. Their running between wickets was almost telepathic and they made the running of singles an art form.

At number 3, I would have B Balakrishnan (in my opinion second only to Reggie da Silva as a batsman of Singapore origin). Bala played a lot of cricket in the U.K. (where he studied for his degree in Engineering) with a lot of West Indians and was influenced by them. For Bala, the ball was there to be hit and hit hard. An innings by Bala would always be great to watch. He also bowled outswingers and was an excellent slip fielder. Johann Pieris narrated an incident during a limited overs cricket match against SCRC at the SCRC ground - where Bala (acting as captain) wanted to declare at the lunch time score of 140 odd runs off 30 odd overs. There was mutiny among the ranks and Bala was told that if he declared, he would be the only one going out to field. Thus persuaded, CSC batted their full quota of overs and after the SCRC had been dismissed for a little over 100 - he turned around and told the players as he was leading them out after the match - "There you are, I told you they won't get 120!"

At number 4, Buddhika Mendis, the mainstay of the CSC batting in the 21st century. This elegant left hander is also a fine off spinner and a great fielder - though it is doubtful if he will be required to bowl in this team!

The number 6 position has given me a little headache - between Johann Pieris and Roger Dearing. Both were left hand batsmen, who bowled left arm and were great fielders especially in the covers. I would choose Roger, because he had that typical Aussie streak of hating to lose! Roger who once got into trouble with the SCA by wearing blue shoes, always believed that proper calling was necessary and has complained many times of the nightmare batting with Bala, who he said “merely looked and ran!”

The number 8 position goes to the wicket-keeper and here I would select Mukhtar Ahmed, although Neethiathan in the view of many is a better keeper. However, Neethi has as far as possible avoided keeping. Mukhtar is a solid batsman and one who became a keeper by accident. It all happened on a St Patrick’s School Under-15 tour to Negeri Sembilan (a reward for winning the Inter-School Under 15 cricket championship). The regular wicket keeper had chicken pox and couldn’t travel with the team. So Mukhtar who was the stock bowler, kept wickets in the second match and did such a wonderful job - that I told him to stick with the keeping. Later on Mukhtar kept wickets for Singapore and also captained Singapore.



Coming in at number 9, S Sathivail - a fast bowler, hard hitting batsman and a fine gully fielder. Sathi used the bouncer as if it was going out of fashion the next day. He bowled 5 bouncers at me during a friendly match, which I was able to avoid bodily harm, then bowled a yorker, which castled me! I told him of the wasted energy - he laughed, he enjoyed his cricket and was a great team man on tours.

Opening the bowling with Sathivail (or Bala) but coming in at number 10, the legendary Stan Nagiah who with Carl Schubert as his partner put on 90 runs to help Singapore beat Hong Kong in an Interport match played at the Hong Kong Cricket Club in 1979. Stan told me, how desperate the situation was and how he was encouraged by his partner who ambled to the crease at the fall of the ninth wicket and said to

him, “You are doing fine! Keep it up”. Stan using the long handle as and when appropriate and Carl defending resolutely and rotating the strike pulled off one of those victories that cricketers dream of. (Both these gentlemen are honoured by the cricketing fraternity in Singapore and Malaysia - the Carl Schubert Trophy for the Under 23s of Singapore and Malaysia and the Stan Nagiah Trophy for the limited overs competition between Singapore and Malaysia).

To complete the batting line up S Sooceleraj - the slow bowler with the fast bowler’s attitude - a latter day Bill O’Reilly. Sooce was the best fielder off his own bowling and has taking a large number of catches off his own bowling and stopped an even greater number of fours. He wanted the ball as soon as possible, with the shine on - he was not a great turner of the ball. He bowled with a leg break action and was accurate. On

the field the batsman was his enemy and had to be got rid of as soon as possible. In one match I batted against him, I blocked the first two balls but the third whizzed past the stumps without disturbing the stumps. He glared and said: ‘Subra you are very lucky today!’

As 12th man, I will pick Han Kee Fong - a sportsman to the core. I once remember a Division 2 League match between Combined Schools and SCC2 at the SCRC ground. Kee Fong was then captain of the Combined Schools Team and opened the batting. I was umpiring, the bowler after delivery ran right across my view and made an appeal. I told the bowler that I could not see if the ball hit the bat or the catch was taken clearly - but Kee Fong knew that he was out and was walking towards the pavilion - an act which endeared him. Kee Fong bowled leg breaks, but was a fine fielder either in the slips cordon or in the country.

So there you have my team in batting order: K Krishnamoorthy, Eric Retnam, B Balakrishnan, Buddhika Mendis, Thaiyar Mohammed, Roger Dearing, A Chelvarajah (Capt) Mukhtar Ahmed (Wicket keeper), S Sathivail, Stan Nagiah and S Sooceleraj.

12th man: Han Kee Fong; Scorer B Harikrishnan

Balestier Plain Club Officials

meet with Mr. Chan Soo Sen

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An E-Mail To The Wrong Wife

After being nearly snowbound for two weeks last winter, a Seattle man departed for his vacation in Miami Beach, where he was to meet his wife the next day at the conclusion of her business trip to Minneapolis.

They were looking forward to pleasant weather and a nice time together. Unfortunately, there was some sort of mix up at the boarding gate, and the man was told he would have to wait for a later flight. He tried to appeal to a supervisor but was told the airline was not responsible for the problem and it would do no good to complain.

Upon arrival at the hotel the next day, he discovered that Miami Beach was having a heat wave, and its weather was almost as uncomfortably hot as Seattle's was cold. The desk clerk gave him a message that his wife would arrive as planned. He could hardly wait to get to the pool area to cool off, and quickly sent his wife an e-mail, but due to his haste, he made an error in the e-mail address.

His message therefore arrived at the home of an elderly preacher's wife whose even older husband had died only the day before. When the grieving widow opened her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out an anguished scream, and fell to the floor dead. Her family

rushed to her room where they saw this message on the screen:

Dearest wife,

Departed yesterday as you know.
Just now got checked in.
Some confusion at the gate.
Appeal was denied.
Received confirmation of your arrival tomorrow.

Your loving husband.

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Moral of the story!!!

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Division I

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SCC I	9	1	6	1	-	-	1	8	136	1	135
SRC I	9	1	4	2	-	1	1	9	115	-	115
UWC I	9	-	5	3	1	-	-	23	109	-	109
IA I	9	-	4	3	2	-	-	32.5	108.5	-	108.5
SCA I	8	1	3	3	-	1	-	17	95	-	95
CSC I	9	-	2	5	1	-	1	42	92	-	92
NTU I	9	1	3	5	-	-	-	23.5	91.5	-	91.5
NUS I	10	-	-	8	-	-	1	52	64	-	64

Division II

Club	Played	Won 16	Lost	Tie 5	Draw 5	A 10	Bonus	Points	Umpire Deduction	Net Points
SRCII	7	5	2	-	-	-	13	93	-	93
SCC II	7	3	2	2	-	-	27	85	1	84
SIA	6	4	1	-	-	1	6	80	-	80
IA II	7	3	3	-	-	1	19	77	-	77
UWCII	6	3	2	1	-	-	20	73	-	73
Island CC	5	3	1	1	-	-	15	68	-	68
SCAII	7	1	5	-	-	1	35	61	-	61
MUCC	6	1	3	-	1	1	27	58	-	58
CSC II	4	1	2	-	1	-	20	41	-	41
SCC III	5	1	4	-	-	-	23	39	1	38

Division III

Club	Played	Won 16	Lost	Tie 5	Draw 5	A 10	Bonus	Points	Umpire Deduction	Net Points
IA III	7	6	1	-	-	-	9	96	-	105
NTU II	10	3	4	-	2	1	31	99	-	99
Deutsche Bank	6	5	-	-	1	-	5	90	-	90
NUS II	6	5	1	-	-	-	8	88	-	88
UWC III	7	3	3	-	-	1	20	78	-	78
CSC III	7	3	4	-	-	-	24	72	-	72
SPA	6	3	2	-	-	1	12	70	-	70
Bengal CC	6	3	2	-	1	-	12	65	-	65
SCC Colts	6	2	4	-	-	-	20	52	1	51
Singapore Polytechnic	6	1	5	-	-	-	26	42	-	42
SACA	6	-	5	-	-	1	27	37	-	37
SCA III	5	1	4	-	-	-	18	34	-	34



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 see page 8

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Lessons from General Colin Powell, Secretary of State, USA.

"Being responsible sometimes means pissing people off."

Good leadership involves responsibility to the welfare of the group, which means that some people will get angry at your actions and decisions. It's inevitable, if you're honourable. Trying to get everyone to like you is a sign of mediocrity: you'll avoid the tough decisions, you'll avoid confronting the people who need to be confronted, and you'll avoid offering differential rewards based on differential performance because some people might get upset. Ironically, by procrastinating on the difficult choices, by trying not to get anyone mad, and by treating everyone equally "nicely" regardless of their contributions, you'll simply ensure that the only people you'll wind up angering are the most creative and productive people in the organization.

Part I: "Use the formula $P=40$ to 70, in which P stands for the probability of success and the numbers indicate the percentage of information acquired."

Part II: "Once the information is in the 40 to 70 range, go with your gut."

Don't take action if you have only enough information to give you less than a 40 percent chance of being right, but don't wait until you have enough facts to be 100 percent sure, because by then it is almost too late. Today, excessive delays in the name of information-gathering breeds "analysis paralysis." Procrastination in the name of reducing risk actually increases risk.

"Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier."

The ripple effect of a leader's enthusiasm and optimism is awesome. So is the impact of cynicism and pessimism. Leaders who whine and blame engender those same behaviours among their colleagues. I am not talking about stoically accepting organizational stupidity and performance incompetence with a "what me worry?" smile. I am talking about a gung-ho attitude that says "we can change things here, we can achieve awesome goals, we can be the best." Spare me the grim litany of the "realist," give me the unrealistic aspirations of the optimist any day.

"Have fun in your command. Don't always run at a breakneck pace. Take leave when you've earned it: Spend time with your families. Corollary: surround yourself with people who take their work seriously, but not themselves, those who work hard and play hard."

Herb Kelleher of Southwest Air and Anita Roddick of The Body Shop would agree: seek people who have some balance in their lives, who are fun to hang out with, who like to laugh (at themselves, too) and who have some non-job priorities which they approach with the same passion that they do their work. Spare me the grim workaholic or the pompous pretentious "professional;" I'll help them find jobs with my competitor.

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2002 SUNDAY, 16 JUNE 2002 @ Marina Promenade

CSC will be taking part in the Dragon Boat Festival 2002 organised by Central Singapore CDC which will be held on Sunday, 16 June 2002 from 9.30am to 12.30 pm.

The details are as follows:

No. of Participants - 10 paddlers

Steerman/trainer will be provided by Singapore Dragon Boat Association (SDBA).

Age Limit - 12-55 years old

Duration - One hour time slot

Race distance - 300m within Marina Bay Waters

Safety conditions-Lifevests/Jackets must be worn when in dragon boats.

Participants will be selected on a first-come-first-served basis (maximum 10)

For further information or clarifications, please contact Mr. Buddhika @ 62971009.

CSC ADOPTS Two Schools for Cricket Coaching

For the first time in the Club's history, CSC adopted Serangoon Secondary School & Bendemeer Secondary School for Cricket Coaching under the auspices of SCA wef May 2002. A total of 40 students are participating in the programme.



Coaching Sessions are as follows:

Every Monday	-	2.30pm to 4.30pm
Every Wednesday	-	2.30pm to 4.30pm

CSC YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Coaching for juniors, continued to be conducted by Sarika Prasad, Buddhika Mendis and Chaminda Ruwan on Tuesdays & Saturdays. A total of 80 students are involved in the various coaching programmes.



Coaching Sessions are as follows:

Every Tuesday - 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Every Saturday - 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Age Group - Between 6 yrs old and 18 yrs old

Those who are interested please contact Mr. Buddhika @ 62971009 for further details.

LADIES' HOCKEY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME CSC IN COLLABORATION WITH CENTRAL SINGAPORE CDC

Club is currently working with CDC to start a coaching programme for ladies' hockey-age from 7 to 16 years. The main objective of the programme is to promote the sport within Central Singapore District.

Those who are interested please contact Mr. Buddhika Mendis at 6297 1009.



NATIONAL HERITAGE BOARD

BALESTIER PLAIN

Balestier Road, from which Balestier Plain takes its name, was named after Joseph Balestier, a keen botanist and agriculturist who arrived in Singapore in 1834. He was appointed as the first U.S. Consul in Singapore in 1836 by the then President of the United States of America, Andrew Jackson.



Balestier Plain and Race Course Plain were vast open spaces in the early 1900s. Buffalo Road, Race Course Road, Balestier Road and Moulmein Road enclosed the whole plain.

Today, Balestier Plain (the Plain) refers to the playing fields bounded by Balestier Road from Tessenlohn Road to Moulmein Road. Eight sports clubs in its vicinity have been associated with the Plain – the Ceylon Sports Club (CSC), the Ceylon Tamils' Association (CTA), the Singapore Indian Association (IA), the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), the Singapore Chinese Recreation Club (SCRC), the Singapore Khalsa Association (SKA), the Singapore Malay Football Club (MFC) and Kamala Club (KC), collectively known as the Balestier Plain Clubs.



The Ceylon Tamils' Association (CTA) was formed in 1922, and was the first of its kind in Singapore. It was the first of its kind in Singapore. It was the first of its kind in Singapore.

located at the Plain were the Singapore Malay Football Club (founded 1910), the Ceylon Tamils' Association (founded 1922) and the Ladies' Union (founded 1932/33) which was replaced and run by the Kamala Club in the early 1950s. The MFC and Kamala Club were in the area till 1983.



Various sportspeople from these clubs have represented Singapore on state teams in the Olympics and other major sporting events. Several players from CSC and IA represented Singapore in Hockey at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. The British destroyed the clubhouse on 14 February 1942 as a defensive measure – a day before Singapore fell to the Japanese. The Plain was used as a dumping ground for the spoils of war and temporary storage for Japanese military equipment during the Japanese Occupation. Except for this period, the Plain has always been the venue of sporting activities like cricket, hockey,



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netball, tennis, soccer, badminton, athletics and indoor games such as billiards and darts.

The Plain also witnessed the laying of the Foundation Stone of IA on 17 June 1950 by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India. CSC was rebuilt with the aid of contributions mainly by the Ceylonese community and well-wishers with the support of Mr. M. Saravannamuthu, the first Ceylon High Commissioner to Singapore.

On 13 October 1951, CSC's foundation stone was laid by the Rt. Honourable Mr. D. S. Senanayake, the first Prime Minister of Ceylon. Upon completion, the building was officially opened by the Rt. Honourable Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Governor General for the United Kingdom in South East Asia on 13 April 1954.



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