

## **Mr. P. RAVEENTHERAN, President of the Club, welcomed the General Body of Members to the Annual General Meeting, the first of the Millennium**

*Dear Members,*

*“Today marks an important milestone in the Club’s 72-year illustrious history.*

*For the first time you are with us for the Annual General Meeting in a fully air-conditioned elegantly renovated Hall.*

*When my Committee and I first took office a year ago, we decided to focus on 4 areas.*

*First, to realise our vision to excel in sports.*

*Second, to strengthen our financial position.*

*Third, on the Social Front, to have more activities in the Club, such as the 2nd Raffle Draw, additional Music Nights, Fashion Shows, Karaoke Night, etc... The Music Nights alone, incidentally, cost us \$3000 to \$4000 per month.*

*Fourth, to upgrade the Club’s facilities, and hence this lovely Hall, which is just the beginning of other upgrading projects which are in the pipeline.*

*The past year has been a good year, much better than expected. We have managed to take the Club to greater heights. The Bar operations are now in the black.*

*He went on to say, “Our net income has exceeded \$100,000, despite a slight drop in revenue”.*

*On the sports front, we have revamped the selection process and placed greater focus on Merit, Performance and Training. As a testimony of this effort, our cricket team is, at present, undefeated in the SCA Division One League and is at the top of the table.*

*The Selectors have been meeting almost every Tuesday, and their dedication and sacrifice together with the efforts of the Chairman, Board of Games, Mr. Augustine Antony, Convenors and respective Captains have been exemplary.*

*Today I am pleased to report to you, dear members, the CSC is once again doing well in the League, after several years in the doldrums.*

*Our 1st Team played 2 games and won both, defeating SCC, the strongest team in the League,*

*by 2 runs. Our 2nd Team, though started badly has started to win games. Our 3rd Team, which we did not have last year, is also in the League.*

*Our new talent from Sri Lanka, Buddhika Mendis, just barely a month in Singapore, has already hit the headlines by scoring a century in only his 2nd outing.*

*To the Convenors, Captains, Coaches, Selectors and most of all the players, who have directly and indirectly made all this possible, I would like to place our deepest appreciation.*

***I need not remind you that only those who think and practise like winners deserve to win.***

*The last one year has seen the launch of Coaching programmes for at least 6 games : Cricket, hockey, netball, soccer, tennis and golf.*

*Through our **Youth Programme**, we have more youth from the various schools such as R.I., Whitley Secondary, Nan Chiau High School, Temasek Polytechnic and ISS (International School of Singapore) playing in our Club.*

*We have more Sri Lankan players representing our Club than in previous years. We have about 10 of them from the Temasek Polytechnic of which 5 of them are representing us in the League.*

*It is hoped that over the years, with the SCA National Programme and our own training programme, we will have more local boys in our teams. This will also ensure that the Club has a steady pool of talent over the long term.*

*In all other sports, the Club has done well wherever possible, including hockey and darts.*

*This beautiful Function Hall would not have been possible without the diligence and sacrifice of a group of dedicated members led by our Hon. Secretary, Mr. K. Surendran. I also wish to thank the Renovation Advisory Panel.*

*Our Advisor, Mr. Puhaindran; and Mr. K. Sigamoney had indicated that they are happy to offer their services for the Solemnisation of Marriages in this Hall for our members and their children. Please give them a round of applause.*