

President's Column

The past year has been an eventful and a good year.

We have just had our Annual General Meeting and I would like to welcome all new Management Committee Members and sub-committee members into our fold.

This year's AGM is historic in many ways, in the Club's 72-year history. Our AGM was held in air-conditioned comfort and in a very congenial ambience.

We also had a record turnout: 176 members eligible to vote, attending the AGM. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank all of you who attended the meeting and the Social Function that was held that evening after the AGM. All the members attending the AGM should be applauded, in that the AGM was conducted very well, and the major items in the Agenda were completed in record time. Many members and their families stayed till late in the night renewing old acquaintances and meeting new friends.

The General Body also endorsed the appointment of Mr. C. R. Rajah as our new Patron of the Club and Justice S. Rajendran as Trustee of our Club. We welcome both of them and thank them for graciously accepting these roles.

The past year has also seen a record number of new and young players representing the Club in the various games. We have also seen a record number of selectors' meetings held almost every Tuesday. We have many students who are with us in the various coaching clinics—cricket, hockey, netball, soccer, tennis and golf. Several schools are working closely with us in this programme. These include Raffles Institution, Whitley Secondary, Nan Chiau High School, Temasek Polytechnic and International School of Singapore.

The Insurance Scheme for all fully paid up sports persons for injuries incurred while representing the Club during official matches is now in operation. As mentioned in my AGM speech, our sportsmen and sportswomen are our dearest and most valuable assets. The Insurance Scheme would not have been possible if not for the team led by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. Mahendran.

The calendar ahead of us is filled with activities. The first will be our Members' Night to be held on 22 July 2000, followed by our National Day Celebrations planned for 16 September. Jackpot Night will be held on 23 August. Our Deepavali Night will be held in conjunction with the CSC / TPCA Games in November. The Children's Christmas Party will be in December.

The year of activities will culminate with the New Year Dinner and Dance on December 31, 2000. We look forward to a fruitful and fulfilling year ahead.



Best Regards

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