

the whole election process seemed a healthy sign that the Club is on the move. On the big day itself, pink and white “hand-outs” were discreetly distributed by representatives of two contesting “parties.” The “pink” party which even had thumbnail sketches of its candidates’ academic qualifications on the back of its leaflets, won by a landslide with a few changes in the line-up. If there had been any bitterness at the hustings, it was not apparent. There was some disappointment, of course, but is this not part and parcel of the democratic process?

Results were announced much later in the evening.

The incumbent president Mr. P. Raveentheran who was re-elected to the post, thanked members for their support and stressed:

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President welcomes members to the A.G.M.

1. Voting in progress
2. Some of the Members who attended the AGM on Saturday 27th May 2000
3. Counting the votes

“THANK YOU” from the President, MR. P. RAVEENTHERAN

Thank you very much for your support. You have given us a resounding and overwhelming support. Everyone who supported us know what we are capable of achieving , as we have produced tangible results and have established a good track record. You also understand that what we are trying to do is for the common good for all members of the Club, and not to please a few individuals.

We need more people of good Calibre.

CSC must run on a performance based system where the Management Committee is judged by their performance and by the vibrancy of the Club. They must not be allowed to hold office if they cannot produce on the average, good results in finance, sports and in the general improvement of the Club. It is only then we can attract good ones and not incompetent ones with no good track records to hold office. We should not allow for freak elections. We owe this assurance to our members. It is our collective responsibility to uphold the good name of the Ceylon Sports Club.

Dear members, we have a long way to go. The Club needs more urgent repairs and renovations. We will attend to these as soon as possible with your overwhelming support. I would like to say a few words about my Chairman of the Renovations Committee, Mr. K. Surendran who went all out to motivate and supervise the contractors and staff. He went to great lengths to have this Hall renovated in time for this meeting. Please give him a hearty round of applause. He had been seen here until 1 A.M. on many occasions, overseeing this project which was completed in record time. We thank him, our staff and everyone else who were involved in the project.

Our sportsmen and sportswomen need additional training. This has to be looked into.

We have brought Dr. Kasinathan to introduce cultural activities in the Club. In conclusion, as I have said, if we have more capable and educated people amongst our membership we can have more of them to help run the Club. The search for a new leadership of capable people to succeed us, is all the more urgent.

Let us unite and build a dynamic and robust Club.

Thank you and God bless you.

