

President's Message

Dear Members,

It has been another eventful year for the Club and members. The Management Committee members have been busy on several projects and functions, too. The first year of the Millennium has almost come to an end.

In the last quarter, we have had several successful functions, namely the Membership Promotion Nite and the National day 'Hawaiian Nite' Celebrations, with Mr Chan Soo Sen, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Health as our Guest of Honour. We are indeed grateful for his presence and for his inspiring speech to the members and guests present at the Club.

My thanks to the Organising Committee led by our Social & Cultural Chairman, Mr Shreepathy; House Chairman, Mr T Ravindran, Mr 'Matt' Singh, Mr Patrick Joseph and Mr Patrick Rudge and their team and our staff for a very successful function. The Club also hosted children from the Sunlove Home, that night.

The SCA Div I Trophy is finally back with us. Our Club's Div I won the Championship on the final day on 15 October, 2000, after defeating SCC II in a close finish. Our congratulations to all the players led by our Captain, Sarika Prasad, as well as our cricket Convenor, Selectors and the Chairman, Board of Games for the good team performance and superb teamwork this season. Our thanks are also due to all supporters and well-wishers who have given their encouragement throughout the season. The last time we won the Trophy was in 1985 and in 1996.

The Club plans to renovate the Outer Lounge and its Roofing. We also plan to adorn the entrance to the 2nd Floor Function Hall, with a beautifully designed Waterfall and some foliage, with coloured spotlights, providing an attractive landscape especially at night; provided we have sufficient funds.

This will certainly enhance the CSC landmark in the Balestiar Plain. We hope to begin the renovation sometime in early 2001.

The Club will have the preliminary designs displayed soon on the Notice Board. Members and well-wishers are welcome to contribute their ideas and designs.

The Club also plans to launch a Coffee-table Book to record its history, with photographs. It will truly be a Collector's item that every loyal member would be proud to have. We specially invite Senior Members to lend or contribute any interesting photographs and even write articles and anecdotes that speak of the bygone years of our colourful history as a Sports and Family Club and also on its active Community Work.

In the pipeline is the new CSC Membership Card, also known as the Loyalty Card, where members can accumulate points based on the number of visits to the Club and purchases of drinks at the Club. All members would be expected to have their cards when visiting the Club. This will also

help Security in carrying out their duties.

Another Jackpot Machine, 'Enchanted Forest' had been installed in September. The Club has also started to organise bi-monthly buffet for Jackpot players only. This would be held on a Wednesday. The first Jackpot Buffet was held on 11 October 2000.



Based on feedback received, the Club is prepared to install Wireless LAN (Local Area Network) to enable visitors to the Club to access the Internet, without the use of cables. We hope that with this facility, the Club could provide an Internet-friendly environment for those who patronise our Club and wish to surf the Net with their own P.C. Notebooks. This facility will also be available in our Conference Room. Members need only to purchase or rent out the LAN access cards if they do not have their own. Whilst adopting a different mindset, we must be ready to tackle new challenges and continue to be innovative and creative in our approach in managing the Club and fulfilling the aspirations of all our members.

We have several major functions remaining before we herald the New Year. They are the Deepavali/TPCA Nite (11 November); the Violin Recital (18 November); Medical Talk on Ageing and its Problems (25 November); Jackpot Night (6 Dec); Jackpot Bi-monthly Buffet (13 Dec) Christmas Childrens' Party (17 Dec); and the New Year Eve's Party.

At this juncture, I wish to sincerely thank my fellow Committee Members and Sub-committee members and many other members for their time, effort, contributions and support for the betterment of the Club. Without their unselfish efforts, we would have been all the poorer; without the benefits that had accrued. Rarely do we have an opportunity to serve an Organisation and make things happen.

We are all indeed privileged to have been given the opportunity and trust by you, our dear members. It has been a real challenge like any worthy Organisation to ensure that the Club finances continue to be in the black, whilst engaging in many activities and projects for our members and their families. The alternative is to lead dreary routine life without leaving an indelible mark on one's life and other lives; and without making any contribution to society and country. No one else either would have known that they had walked the Earth a hundred years from now.

In conclusion, I join the Management Committee to wish members, and their families, staff and well-wishers a Very Happy Deepavali.

With Best Wishes,
P. RAVEENTHERAN