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NEWSLETTER



15th December 2013 - 30th January 2014

Bunga Raya Restaurant

歡慶豐收宴

ANNUAL GATHERING SET MENU

RM 598+ (10 PAX)

- Bunga Raya Hot & Cold Combination
冰火拼盤
- Braised Crab Meat with Bamboo Pith Soup
竹筴蟹肉羹
- Steamed Talapia Fish in Home Style
家鄉石斑
- Smoke Chicken in Home Style
椒香古法雞
- Braised Bean Curd with Mushroom
金時菜豆腐
- Preal Rice with Lotus Leaves
荷葉紅豆沙
- Red Bean Soup
雙料紅豆沙
- Omochi Dumplings
迷你湯餃

RM 798+ (10 PAX)

- Three Seasonal Combination
三時三喜拼
- Fish Lips Seafood Boque
魚唇海鮮羹
- Steamed Sea Bass with Thai Style
泰國蒸石斑
- Crispy Roasted Duck
脆皮燒鴨
- Baked Sea Prawns with Salted Egg
黃金煎成豆豉蝦
- Preal Rice with Lotus Leaves
荷葉紅豆沙
- Red Bean Soup
雙料紅豆沙
- Double Pasty
黃金酥蛋餅

RM 1198+ (10 PAX)

- Four Seasonal Combination
四時四時喜
- Four Treasures Seafood Soup (Per Serving)
海味四寶湯 (每位上)
- Steamed Grouper Fish with Chef Sauce
蒸鮮高麗
- Two Varieties Sea Prawns in Salted Sauce
沙律雙龍蝦
- Braised Bean Curd with Fish Maw & Mushroom
年菇魚翅豆腐
- Waxed Duck Rice
北風燒鴨飯
- Lemon Sea Coconut with White Fungus
宮前西行海菜椰
- Sweet Fancy Duets
雙料小龍點

RM 1698+ (10 PAX)

- Four Seasonal Combination
四時四時喜
- Abalone Seafood Soup (Per Serving)
鮑魚海鮮湯 (每位上)
- Steamed Promtrel Fish with Maggie Sauce
蒸鮮斑腩
- Water Prawns with Cheese (Spicy)
金蒜芝士焗大蝦 (5.7L)
- Braised Mixed Vegetarian with Oyster
椒土八寶扣上湯
- Waxed Duck Rice
北風燒鴨飯
- Lemon Sea Coconut with White Fungus
宮前西行海菜椰
- Sweet Fancy Duets
雙料小龍點

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1st February - 28th February 2014

Bunga Raya Restaurant



2014 CHINESE NEW YEAR SET MENU 新春吉祥宴

年年順景則源廣
岁岁平安福寿多

RM 488+ (10 PAX)

- Salmon Fish Yee Sang
鴻運三文魚撈生 (三文魚生)
- Bamboo Pith With Crab Meat Boque
鮮年大蟹肉羹 (竹筴蟹肉羹)
- Steamed Sea Bass With Soy Sauce
年年次有春 (清蒸海石斑)
- Crispy Roasted Chicken
金肉燒滑雞 (風燒鴨)
- Pan Fried Tiger Prawn With Chef Style
椒香虎蝦
- Steam Rice With Waxed Meat
滿屋式半豬 (雙拼飯)
- Sweetened Ginger Tea With Dumplings
糖柑開花大地春卷 (廣東湯丸)
- Golden Chinese Pan Cake
步步登高甜餅 (廣東文餅)

RM 688+ (10 PAX)

- Salmon Fish Yee Sang
鴻運三文魚撈生 (三文魚生)
- Dried Scallops With Crab Meat Boque
鮮年乾蟹肉羹 (干貝蟹肉羹)
- Deep Fried Grouper With Chef Sauce
脆皮炸魚排
- Pan Fried Tiger Prawn With Soy Sauce
椒香虎蝦
- Braised Mushroom With 5-Skin & Fish Maw
金時菜海鮮羹 (香港豆豉魚翅)
- Steam Rice With Waxed Meat
新嘉坡味飯 (雙拼飯)
- Sweetened Ginger Tea With Dumplings
糖柑開花大地春卷 (廣東湯丸)
- Deep Fried Pan Cake & Sweetened Omochi
步步高升甜餅 (文餅糖春卷)

RM 888+ (10 PAX)

- Salmon Fish Yee Sang
鴻運三文魚撈生 (三文魚生)
- Four Treasures Seafood Boque
鮮年四寶海鮮羹 (海味四寶羹)
- Crispy Roasted Spring Chicken
沙律脆皮炸春雞 (沙律雞)
- Steamed Star Grouper With Soy Sauce
一級又級半 (清蒸七星斑)
- Braised Dried Seafood With Blood Abalone
旗北干菜海鮮羹 (海味四寶羹)
- Dried Oysters With Lobster Hun Chye
鮮年又級半 (椒土八寶)
- Steam Rice With Waxed Meat
雙拼燒鴨飯 (雙拼飯)
- Sweetened Ginger Tea With Dumplings
糖柑開花大地春卷 (廣東湯丸)
- Deep Fried Pan Cake & Sweetened Omochi
步步高升甜餅 (文餅糖春卷)

RM 1388+ (10 PAX)

- Salmon Fish Yee Sang
鴻運三文魚撈生 (三文魚生)
- Fresh Scallop With Crab Meat Boque (Per Serving)
鮮年大蟹肉羹 (每份)
- Steamed Star Grouper With Soy Sauce
鴻運七星斑 (清蒸七星斑)
- Braised Dried Seafood With Blood Abalone
旗北干菜海鮮羹 (海味四寶羹)
- Two Varieties Salad Tiger Prawn
月夜雙龍蝦 (沙律雙龍蝦)
- Baked Claypot Rice With Waxed Meat
雙拼燒鴨飯 (雙拼飯)
- Sweetened Ginger Tea With Dumplings
糖柑開花大地春卷 (廣東湯丸)
- Deep Fried Tin Kuit & Sweetened Omochi
步步登高甜餅 (廣東文餅)

RM 1888+ (10 PAX)

- Steak Abalone & Salmon Fish Yee Sang
椒香三文魚撈生 (椒香三文魚生)
- Min Bucha Jump Over The Wall (Per Serving)
喜臨登頂跳城
- Steamed Promtrel Fish with Chef Sauce
蒸鮮斑腩 (蒸鮮斑腩)
- Baked Water King Prawn With Cheese & Minced Garlic
北風燒鴨飯 (北風燒鴨飯)
- Stewed Dried Oysters With Mix Veg
鮮年干貝炒時蔬 (椒土八寶)
- Baked Claypot Rice With Waxed Meat
雙拼燒鴨飯 (雙拼飯)
- Sweetened Ginger Tea With Dumplings
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Organic Vege Yee Sang
有機菜撈生

Medium Large
RM 68.00 RM 98.00

Thai Style Squid Yee Sang
泰式鮮魷撈生

RM 68.00 RM 88.00

Fresh Prawn & Fruits Yee Sang
水果鮮蝦撈生

RM 88.00 RM 128.00

Soft Shell Crab Yee Sang
鴻運軟殼蟹撈生

RM 88.00 RM 118.00

Salmon Fish Yee Sang
鴻運三文魚撈生

RM 78.00 RM 108.00

Sliced Abalone Yee Sang
鮑魚片撈生

RM 188.00 RM 388.00



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Dear Fellow Members,

Christmas is just over. I hope that for those members' who had celebrated Christmas, you would have had a joyous and wonderful occasion. A belated 'Merry Christmas' greeting from all of us in the General Committee.

We are almost through the last couple of days of 2013, waiting to send off the "old 2013" and to welcome the New Year 2014, with warm hearts filled with new plans and fresh hopes for a better and brighter year ahead. I wish all of you a very Happy New Year 2014. May you and your families be blessed with Good Health, Happiness and Success in your every endeavor all through the year.

Looking back on the year that would be over in a couple of days, it would not be wrong for me to suggest that with its balance of ups and downs, 2013 had brought about some good happenings to our beloved Club and members.

At the recently concluded Annual General Meeting of the Club on 8 December 2013, we were privileged to have the strong support and co-operation of our members present to allow for a smooth conduct and pleasant conclusion of our Annual General Meeting. I feel that it would be appropriate for me to thank all members who were present on 8 December 2013 for sharing relevant views and comments drawn from your invaluable experience to guide your General Committee on the management of our beloved Club for the benefits of our members.

Most of the items on the agenda for the day were duly received and/or passed by members present after appropriate discussion and deliberation. The only item on the agenda which was not passed or approved by members present at the AGM was item 3. Under item 3, we were supposed to receive and, if approved, pass the Audited Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2013. Many amongst members present were concerned with the "Qualified Opinion" report given by the Auditors, Messrs Azman, Wong & Salleh & Co. in respect of the Audited Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2013.

The basis for the "Qualified Opinion" as presented by our auditors involved a difference of RM718,056.00 between the Club's cash and the bank statements issued by a particular bank as at 30 June 2013, which had remained unreconciled.

For information of members who were not present at the recent AGM, the matter would still be pending total resolution i.e. "Reconciliation". Management had proceeded to resolve this matter on an urgent basis and to date, it would be apparent that the difference was mainly due to the implementation of the new computer system and the incomplete recording of the data entries. Notwithstanding the above, there was no reason to believe that the difference arose from any loss of monies at this point of time. Also, we would take note that all Fixed Deposits and other bank accounts had all tallied or reconciled with respective bank statements and confirmation.

Members present at the AGM had resolved to give the Management a grace period of 3 months to work towards a resolution of this matter. They had further appointed A Special Ad-Hoc Committee comprising of 3 senior members of the Club namely YBhg Dato' Eddie Shun Leong Kwong, Mr L T Kulasingham and Mr Bernard Foong Khee Seng to help the Management and the Finance Sub-Committee to resolve the difference and to revert to the house in an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting).

The Management, in concurrence with the Special Ad Hoc Committee at a meeting on 12 December 2013, proceeded with monthly bank reconciliation for the months July 2013 to December 2013 by keeping the said difference as a constant. The Management would be pleased to report that there had been no further change/impact to the said difference.

We would continue to work on the reconciliation and resolve the difference. However, if the difference could not be reconciled then we would consult with the 3 Member Special Ad-Hoc Committee together with our Auditors to propose to adjust any difference to the profit and loss account.

Moving forward, we would suggest for the Club's Management to spend time and effort to consider the impact on the Club's financials and therefore, the members' interests, by the impending Electricity Tariff hike, Water Tariff hike, higher assessment levied on Club's properties by Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur, GST and the ensuing escalating costs. We would need to ensure that measures would be in place to contain costs within current levels so that our Club would be able to maintain a 'balanced and healthy' financial position in the near future.

As the Chinese New Year would be around the corner i.e. 31 January 2014, on behalf of our General Committee, I wish all our Chinese members a very 'Happy and Prosperous' New Year..."Gong Xi Fa Cai"

Till our next issue, Happy Clubbing.



TEOH CHENG HAI



2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 8 December



Dr Yap Chung Mui, Editor 2012-13

The 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Royal Lake Club held on Sunday 8 December was attended by 578 Voting Members.

The proceedings of the AGM commenced soon after 10.00am upon the establishment of the required quorum (100) after 102 Voting Members had registered their attendance at the AGM, in pursuance to the Rule 25.13 of the Constitution of the Club.

The President, Mr Teoh Cheng Hai, who was re-elected as the President (2013-14) for a second one-year term, and again unopposed, welcomed the Members and thanked them for their presence at the AGM, a very important occasion for the Club, and then presided as the Chairman of the AGM.

He introduced the Members of the General committee (13 Members, all present), Members of the Audit Committee (three Members, all three could not attend because of prior important commitments), the Club Secretary Cik Anita Osman, the

General Manager Johnny Lau, representatives of the Recording Secretary of the AGM, Securities Services (Holdings) Sdn. Bhd., and the representatives of the Auditors, Messrs Azman, Wong, Salleh & Co.

The AGM was for the General Membership to assess the performance of the 2012-13 General Committee and to agree upon on the direction the Club would need to take for 2013-14 and beyond by electing suitable candidates into the Office of the General Committee of the Club for the implementation of their vision.

The post of the Vice President was contested by two candidates (the incumbent, Encik Jon Azman and a Committee Member, Dato' Kamil Noor Ariff).

The 11 positions of the Committee Members were contested by seven incumbent Committee Members and seven new candidates with two of them having served as Committee Members in past General Committees.

Soon after the welcome address by the President, the Club Secretary confirmed the establishment of the required quorum

and read out the Notice of the AGM and the Agenda (13 Items).

The Chairman then read out the list comprising 38 Members who had passed away from December 2012 to December 2013 and requested the House to be upstanding to observe a minute's silence as a mark of respect to the departed. The minute's silence was duly observed by the House.

Item 1: To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 9 December 2012 was deliberated from 10.20am.

Item 6.6 of the Minutes of the 2012 AGM on page 16 of the Annual Report 2013, the proposal by Dato' Haji Sulaiman Abdullah that the photographs of the deceased Members be placed next to their names at the List of the Deceased Members had been implemented.

Item 7.10 of the Minutes of the 2012 AGM on page 18 of the Annual Report 2013, the proposal by Dato' Haji Sulaiman Abdullah that the Club be more user friendly to the physically less-abled had





been attended to by the House & Grounds Sub-Committee. Where possible, the Club would make the majority of its facilities to be able to be accessed by all Members.

The Minutes of the 2012 AGM was confirmed unanimously by the House. (Proposer: Mr Cheah Chip Fun; Seconder: Dr A Patmanathan)

Item 2: To receive the Report of the General Committee was deliberated at 10.45am.

The Chairman informed the House that for the financial year ended 30 June 2013, the audited accounts showed a deficit of RM592,000. This was mainly due to the lower intake of new membership and a significant drop in revenue from the Fruit Machine Room. The Food & Beverage Income was a record of RM3.43 million.

The Report of the General Committee was received by the majority of the House with one objection. (Proposer: Dato' Y Sivaloganathan; Seconder: Dr A Patmanathan)

Item 5: To appoint Scrutineers for the Ballot at 11.15 am (so that balloting can take place from 11.30am to 2.00pm) was deliberated at 11.10am.

The House accepted unanimously the list of 24 Scrutineers proposed by the Chairman, with Mr Yap Yok Foo as the Chief Scrutineer.

The candidates for the positions of Vice President and Committee Members were then given two minutes each to introduce themselves to the House.

The Chairman informed the House that two incumbent Members of the Audit Committee (Dato' R Jaya Raj and Mr Radhakrishnan Nadarajah) had submitted their nominations for re-election. As there were three positions for the Audit Committee, he proposed that the House allow the two successful candidates of the Audit Committee to select a third member and then to propose that member to the General Committee for approval. The House accepted the Chairman's proposal unanimously.

Item 3: To receive and, if approved, pass the Audited Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2013 was deliberated from 11.55am to 2.25pm, with an adjournment for lunch from 1.05pm 2.00pm.

As there was a qualified opinion by the Auditors, Messrs Azman, Wong, Salleh & Co., the Audited Accounts was received but not approved by the House. The auditors had noted a discrepancy of RM718,000 in a particular bank account where the cash balance is RM1,381,953 and the statement issued by the bank showed RM663,897. The representatives of Messrs Azman, Wong, Salleh & Co. explained to the House the possible causes of account reconciliation differences. The Chairman, who was also the President and the

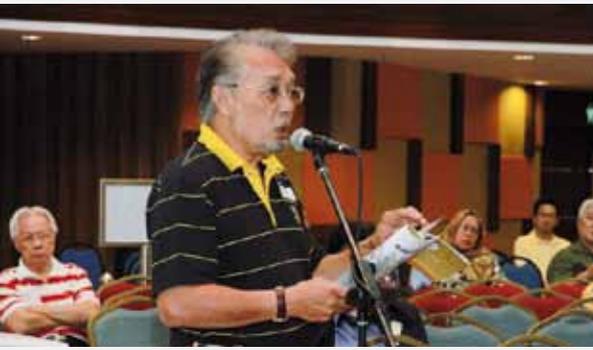
Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee, stated that the forensic accounting so far had noted that our fixed deposits had been confirmed by the banks, and there was no tampering of book keeping at the Finance Department, no leakage of fund out of the Club, no wrongful practice, no dishonouring of cheques issued by the Club, and no third party claim against the Club. As the incoming President, he would take great effort with the forensic accountants to reconcile the financial accounts of the Club. The House accepted the President's commitment to the account reconciliation. The House also elected a 3-member ad hoc committee, comprising Dato' Eddie Shun Leong Kwong, Mr Bernard Foong Khee Seng and Mr L T Kulasingam, who were senior financial figures, to work with the incoming Finance Sub-Committee to reconcile the financial account. The House further proposed that an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) be called in three months time for the 3-member ad hoc committee to report its findings.

A question regarding the misappropriation of RM8,000 from the cash register in the Fruit Machine Room was posed to the Chairman as the incoming President. The Chairman, as the incoming President, answered that a domestic inquiry had been scheduled to be held the week following the AGM.

Item 4: To receive the Audit Committee's Report was deliberated at 2.25pm and was subsequently received by the House.



AGM



Item 10: To elect Auditors for the financial year ending 30 June 2014 and to authorize the General Committee to fix their remuneration

The current Auditors, Azman, Wong, Salleh & Co., had confirmed in writing their acceptance of their reappointment as the Club's Auditors. The House unanimously elected Azman, Wong, Salleh & Co. as the Club's Auditors and authorized the General Committee to fix their remuneration.

(Proposer: Mr Venkiteswaran Sankar;
Seconder: Ms Pansy Lee)

Item 11: To elect Trustees for a term of one year

The current trustees, PB Trustee Services Bhd., had expressed their wish in writing to continue as the custodian trustees of the Club. The House unanimously elected PB Trustee Services Bhd. as the Club's trustees. (Proposer: Mr William F C Loong ;
Seconder: Encik Salih Amran Jamiaan)

Item 12: To transact any other business of which due notice had been given in accordance with Rule 25:10

There was no resolution submitted for transaction.

The AGM was adjourned at 3.00pm and to be reconvened when the counting of the balloting had been finalised.

Item 13: To declare the results of the Election

The proceedings of the AGM recommenced at 4.00pm upon the finalisation of the balloting by the scrutineers.



Mr Yap Yok Foo, the Chief Scrutineer, announced the following results:

President:	Teoh Cheng Hai	(Elected unopposed)
Vice President:	Jon Azman Dato' Kamil Noor Ariff	(Elected – 346 votes) (Not elected – 204 votes)
Committee Members: (11 positions)	K A Kumar Dr Yap Chung Mui Dato' Gee Siew Yee (Nik) Chew Kar Meng Ir Lai Hook Kian Shahizan Hasnan Mahinder Singh Randhawa Choo Tiow Peng Roslan Hassan Dr Molly Cheah Bee Li Vishnu Kumar Visvanathan Goh Keng Khim Hassanudin Puteh Pansy Lee Mew Kwan	(Elected – 337votes) (Elected – 332 votes) (Elected – 325 votes) (Elected – 319 votes) (Elected – 306 votes) (Elected – 299 votes) (Elected – 293votes) (Elected – 291votes) (Elected – 286 votes) (Elected – 284 votes) (Elected – 267 votes) (Not elected –262 votes) (Not elected – 257 votes) (Not elected – 233 votes)
Audit Committee: (3 positions)	Dato' R Jaya Raj Radhakrishnan Nadarajah	(Elected unopposed) (Elected unopposed)



There being no other business to transact, the Chairman thanked the Scrutineers for their hard work and expediency in collating the results of the election. He also thanked the Members for their kind support and patience at the AGM and wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2014.

The AGM ended with Mr C Ayadurai proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

SUB-COMMITTEE APPRECIATION DINNER

Thanking Volunteerism

Wednesday 13 November
 Dr Yap Chung Mui, Editor 2012-13



The 2013 Sub-Committee Appreciation Dinner in recognition and appreciation of the noble volunteerism of Members of the Sub-Committees/Committees/Panels was held on Wednesday 13 November in the recently refurbished Banquet Hall.

The Appreciation Dinner was attended by the President Mr Teoh Cheng Hai, Vice President Encik Jon Azman, three former Presidents (Dato' Y Sivaloganathan (1986-1990), Datuk M Feisol Hassan (1996-1998) and Datuk Dr Lim Chee Shin (1994-1996), Datin Jeannie Lim (widow of former President Datuk Dr Lim Say Wan (1990-1992), Life Members (C Ayadurai, Ir Pang Leong Hoon), 10 Committee Members of the General Committee (Ir Lai Hook Kian, Dr Yap Chung Mui, Mr Chew Kar Meng, Encik Roslan Hassan, YBhgDato' Kamil Noor Ariff, Mr Sim Poh Khun, Mr K A Kumar, Mr Choo Tiow Peng, Mr Jaikrishin Tirathdas and Encik Shahizan Hasnan) and many Members of the Sub-Committees/Committees/Panels and their spouses, and Management Staff.

The President, Mr Teoh Cheng Hai, thanked the volunteers and said it had been a pleasure for the General Committee to have been able to work closely with the Sub-Committees/Committees/Panels.

At the Sub-Committee Welcome Cocktail on Thursday 21 February, as the newly elected President, he had the honour to welcome about 150 Members of the Sub-Committees/Committees/Panels. Since then, these Members had worked extremely hard to help the General Committee shoulder the heavy responsibility in running the Royal Lake Club, the premier family club in the country. At times, the Sub-Committees/Committees/Panels, an extension of the General Committee of the Club, had worked beyond midnight to ensure that the projects under their watch would be implemented most efficiently – a 110% effort to ensure a 110% success. Their unconditional support for the General Committee and love for the Club were most noble. They had made great sacrifices in forfeiting the quality time they should have had with their loved ones to be at the Royal Lake Club. In appreciation of the spouses understanding, the Club has traditionally invited them to the Sub-Committee Appreciation Dinners to let them know that the valuable quality times they had missed having with their loved ones were well spent by their loved ones at the Club – to bring the Royal Lake Club to a higher glory.

Finally, the President said he wished to thank the General Membership for their strong unfailing support for the past four years of the 5-year Vision Plan initiated four years ago by the 2009/2010 General Committee – to improve the Ambience, Food & Beverage, Events & Entertainment, Services and Sports Facilities of the Club. Their strong support in making the





5-year Vision Plan a success was most appreciated. It had been a privilege and honour for the General Committee, Sub-Committees, Committees, Panels and the Staff to be able to serve the Royal Lake Club.

Dato' Y Sivaloganathan, former President (1986-1990), in his reply speech on behalf of the Sub-Committees/Committees/Panels said that they should consider that it was an honour to be appointed by the General Committee into the Sub-Committees/Committees (Constitutional Review Committee, Investigation Committee, Project Implementation Committee, Royal Lake Club 125 Year Book Committee, Tender Committee)/Panels (Disciplinary Panel, Wine Panel). An Ordinary Member of the Royal Lake Club has the most difficult decision to make in his/her relationship with the Club – to continue as an Ordinary Member, or to be more active

as an appointed Member of Sub-Committees/ Committees/Panels or to be elected as a Member of the General Committee or Audit Committee. They should endeavour to make The Royal Lake Club a place for fun for all its Members - "Let's have fun, let's go the Royal Lake Club." The Orchid should be like the "Talk of the Town" in London. How is it to be done? The General Committee, Sub-Committees, Committees, Panels and the General Membership should answer that question and make a great effort to make the Royal Lake Club as the "Talk of the Town" realisable.

All of us must be involved in bringing the Royal Lake Club to greater heights – from a small haunt for a few expatriates in 1890 to the present "The preferred family club in Malaysia" with a Membership of 9,300.

*The Sub-Committees (23) in alphabetical order are:

Editorial, Events & Entertainment, Finance, Food & Beverage, Golf, Gymnasium, Hash House Harriers, House & Grounds, Human Resources, Indoor recreation I (Aikido, Fencing, Tae Kwan Do, Tai Chi, Qigong, Sun Wushu), Indoor Recreation II (Aerobics, Belly Dance, Dancesport, Pilates, Yoga), Indoor Recreation III (Billiards, Bridge, Darts, Karaoke), Information Technology, Library, Badminton, Machine Room, Membership, Special Functions, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Youth.



MEMBERSHIP INTRODUCTION NIGHT

Wednesday 27 November
 Dr Yap Chung Mui, Editor 2012-13

The Royal Lake Club welcomed 36 new Members at its third Membership Introduction Night of the year that was held on Wednesday 27 November at The Orchid.

The new Members comprised two Ambassadors as invited Members, His Excellency Matti Pullinen and His Excellency Jose Antonio Amorim Dias, two Lady Members (conversion from Child Membership), and 32 Voting Members (seven conversion from Child membership and 25 conversion from Provisional Membership).

A total of more than 160 Members were present. With the welcoming of 32 new Voting Members at the first Membership Introduction Night that was held on Wednesday 27 March and 39 at the second that was held on Wednesday 19 June, a total of 107 new Members have been welcomed by the present General Committee.

The immediate Past President Datuk Ir A Sani Karim and Dato' Ir Pang Leong Hoon were

inducted as Life Members for their exemplary services and contributions to the Club.

The Vice President, Encik Jon Azman, welcomed the new Members, their family Members, and their Proposers and Seconders. He said that the attendance of the new Members at the Membership Introduction Night is a constitutional requirement of the Club. The occasion is to let the new Members to become acquainted with Members of the General Committee and the Membership Sub-Committee. The occasion was also to enlighten the new Members as to the governance of the Club.

The President, Mr Teoh Cheng Hai, then formally welcomed the new Members to the Club. He said that by the end of the fourth year of the 5-year Vision Plan that was initiated in 2010 by the 2009-10 General Committee, in which he was the Vice President, to improve the Values, Dignity, Activities, Ambience and Vibrancy of the Club, there

had been much improvement in the patronage of the food & beverage outlets, entertainment events and sporting activities, due to the improvement in the quality of the food & beverage, entertainment events, and sporting activities. He was greatly honoured to be able to welcome not only two ambassadors, many senior corporate figures and many child Members who have come of age to become permanent Members, but also to induct two senior Members, Datuk Ir A. Sani Karim and Dato' Ir Pang Leong Hoon, who had served the Club in an exemplary manner, as Life Members.

Finally, he was glad that he was able to say that the Club is **the Preferred Premier Family Club** in the country. He thanked the past and present General Committee Members, and the past and present Sub-Committee Members for their excellent voluntary services to the Club, and most importantly, the General Membership for their strong support in continuing to brand the Club as **the Premier Family Club in the country**.



HE JOSE ANTONIO AMORIM DIAS
 (AMBASSADOR OF TIMOR LESTE)



HE MATTI PULLINEN
 (AMBASSADOR OF FINLAND)



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YBHG DATUK CHAN CHONG CHOON



YBHG DATO' DR VENUGOPAL M



DR ANUSHA PALAKRISHNAN



DR MUSHIRA CHE MOKHTAR



DR SKANTHA RAJAH SOMASKANDAR
 RAJA SARMA

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DR ADILAH ALIA ZAKI MORAD



MS RACHEL LIM SZE YING



MS MANKIRANJIT KAUR MEHINDER SINGH



EN ABDUL RAHIM BIN YAHYA



EN AMRAN BIN IDRIS



EN MUHAMMAD JAMALUL ALAM
@ JEFFEREY ZAIN



EN SYAHRUNIZAM BIN SAMSUDIN



MR DORAIRAJU SUPPAN



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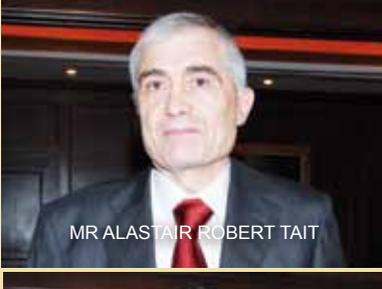
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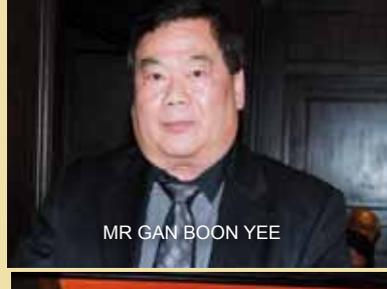
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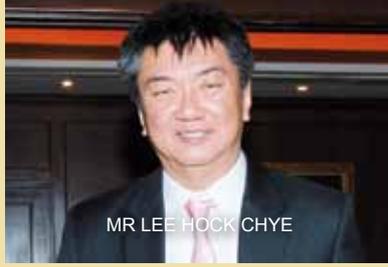
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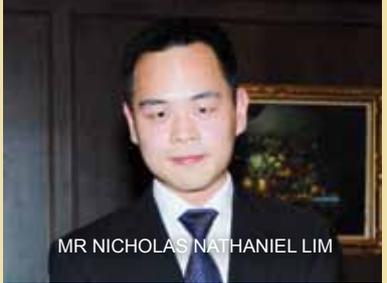
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MR MANSHAN SINGH JESWENDER
SINGH



MR NICHOLAS NATHANIEL LIM



MR TAY CHUEN JEIN



MR YEOH SENG YEOW



WINE MAKER'S DINNER
Yves Cuilleron – A leading light of Rhone wines

Wednesday 21 November 2013

@ The Orchid

Wine by Geovinum

Dr Yap Chung Mui

Food & Beverage Chairman 2012-13

The Wine Maker's Dinner held on Wednesday 21 November 2013 at The Orchid was well attended by 91 wine connoisseurs. The prince of wine making, Yves Cuilleron, was present to enlighten them on the vintage wines from France's Northern Rhone region. The dinner was served by the kitchen of Edward Chee, our in-house chef.

Cave Cuilleron is a three-generation wine maker. The Cave was started in 1947 when Yves's grandfather bottled the wines from their vineyards for commercial sale. The family business was continued by Yves's uncle. Yves unwillingly took over the family business in 1987. However, he was not to fail his grandfather, converting the vineyard into a parcel-based vinification. The Cave is a 59 hectares vineyard, producing about 400,000 bottles of vintage wines straddling in taste from the traditionalist to the new-wave, but yet keeping and preserving the purity of the grapes.

The wine connoisseurs had four varieties of appealing wines to sample that were sponsored by Geovinum Sdn Bhd. Apart from the Royal Lake Club, the wines for the evening were only available in 5-star hotels. A great honour indeed to the wine connoisseurs of the Club –to Geovinum, no supermarket wines for the Royal Lake Club!

The pre-dinner wine was the 2012 Yves Cuilleron Marsanne. An excellent pre-dinner wine and wine for a starter! The

green-tinged yellow wine has aromas of peach and poached pears with a honey overtone. It is broad, fleshly and smooth, with good upfront appeal in the straight forward pit fruit and melon flavours. The finishes have good length and cut, with the peach note reappearing.

The 2010 Yves Cuilleron Marsanne was paired with the starter, Treasure of the Pacific Ocean (a combination of chilled salmon, oyster and prawn with lemon and cocktail sauce).

The wine paired with the soup of cream of beetroot was the 2010 Yves Cuilleron Roussanne. The Roussanne has a better focus and finesse on the nose when compared with the Marsanne. The tart finish that is long and lemony leaves more interest through the mid-palate.

The wines paired with the main course were the 2009 Yves Cuilleron Gamay for the grilled miltique striploin with portobello fla jus or the 2010 Yves Cuilleron Syrah for the oven roasted duck breast with spinach and raspberry.

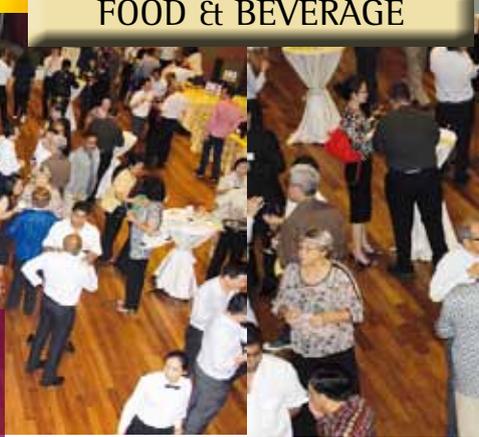
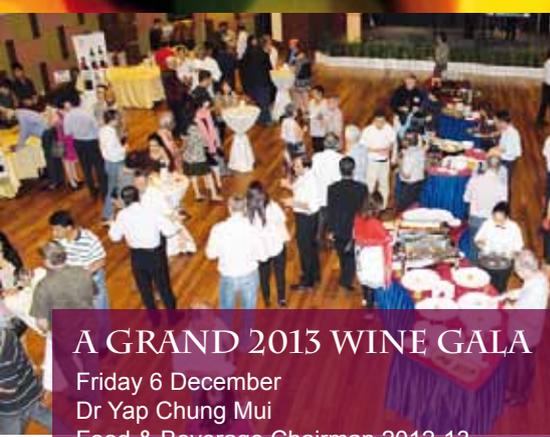
The 2009 Yves Cuilleron Gamay has the taste of purities of various types of fruits, a par excellence vintage red wine. It is a bright ruby red with vibrant aromas of strawberry, cherry, smoking minerals and dried violet, and a whiff of pipe tobacco. It is also racy and gently sweet with supple texture and lovely red berry flavour uplifted and sharpened by a peppery nuance. It has the finish of clean red currant and dried cherry character of good tangy persistence. A must have red wine!

The violet-tinged brick-red 2010 Yves Cuilleron Syrah is another vintage wine. It has a smooth leather nose, and savory green peppercorn, black peppercorn and meaty palate with a dusky kiss of tannin on the back. Another must have red wine!

With such an excellent choice of wines it was no surprise that the wine connoisseurs made a purchase of the wines in excess of RM6,000.

The Club wishes to thank Geovinum Sdn Bhd for the sponsorship of the wines.





A GRAND 2013 WINE GALA

Friday 6 December
 Dr Yap Chung Mui
 Food & Beverage Chairman 2012-13

The Wine Gala held on Friday 6 December was very well patronised with more than 140 wine connoisseurs (Members and their guests) appreciating 55 varieties of wines from the Old and New World sponsored by seven suppliers (in alphabetical order, Albert Wines, AsiaEuro, Finlux, Luffy Trading, Geovinum, Milawa, Nam Lee Cheong). The sale was a remarkable RM21,000.

Winemaking, whether in the Old World of winemaking (Europe and the other regions of the Mediterranean basin with a long history of wine making) or the New World (from regions outside the traditional wine making areas) is an art form. The resulting wines are developed in oak barrels.

In general, the Old World wines tend to be more subtle in flavour and more reserved in profile compared to the bolder and more expressive counterparts found in the New World wines. The Old World wines pride themselves in the grapes' singular soil location, and the New World wines in their mixture of grapes from a few locations to build the best bottle of wine.

The Old World wine styles are usually earthier and drier, and depend on structure and features to bring out the best of their grapes. They need to be drunk with food. The New World wines tend to be "fruit-forward" style with prominent fruit flavour and bouquets. Their up-front ripe and fruity flavour allow them to be drunk immediately on their own or with food.

How does one appreciate wine?

Simple! Eyes for the sight of the wine
 Nose for the smell of the wine
 Palate for the taste of the wine

For the eyes: Is the wine cloudy, clear or brilliant?
 For the white wine – green, straw or golden
 For the red wine – light purple, ruby red or brick red
For the nose: Aroma/bouquet
 The smells – are they closed, distinctive or very distinctive

For the palate: The acidity – flat, crisp or tart
 Sugar/acid balance – balanced or unbalanced

Body/texture - thin, round or full

Astringency – tingly, drying or bitter
 Flavour – intensity and persistence of flavour and aftertaste

The stages of tasting the wine:
 1. Attack What is the first impression as the wine introduces itself to the palate?
 2. Evolution Does the flavour expand?
 3. Finish Is it light, medium or full?
 4. Aftertaste Does it linger?
 Is it worth remembering?

Now, have you realised what you have been missing!

Interested?

The Club has wine appreciation occasions in the form of Celebrity Guest Chef Wine Dinners, Executive Guest Chef Wine Dinners, Wine Maker's Dinners, Wine Dinners, Wine and Cheese Parties, and the year-end Grand Wine Appreciation Gala. On these occasions, the vintage wines tasted can be purchased at a discount.

Why wait any longer?



Start with a glass of the house pouring wine (red or white) in the Batek Bar or the Pavilion!

The Club wishes to thank, in alphabetical order, Albert Wines, AsiaEuro, Finlux, Luffy Trading, Geovinum, Milawa, Nam Lee Cheong for their generous sponsorship and noble participation.



COCKTAILS

promotion

Caipirinha
RM 9+

Cuba Libre
RM 9+

Mojito
RM 9+

Batek Bar

GLENMORANGIE
SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

Pavilion

RM255.00 per bottle
RM12.50 per shot

DISTILLERY OF THE YEAR
2010 San Francisco World Spirits Competition

Pavilion Set Lunch Promotion

Monday and Wednesday:
Beef Pot Roast with Root vegetables and French Onion Gravy.
Dessert: Creme Brûlée

RM **23** each

Tuesday and Thursday:
Rosemary slow braised Lamb Shank, Garlic Mash and peas.
Dessert: Pannacota

Friday:
Truffle Oil Fish Pie.
Dessert: Chocolate Brownie

Pavilion Pizza Promo

hot & fresh from OVEN....

<p>Margherita Tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, sausage & basil RM19.00</p>	<p>Dialova Spicy pepperoni, black olives, mozzarella cheese & tomato sauce RM25.00</p>
<p>Hawaiian Sautéed chicken, pineapple, mozzarella cheese & tomato sauce RM18.50</p>	<p>Capriciosa Chicken ham, mushrooms, salami, mozzarella cheese & tomato sauce RM26.50</p>
<p>Napoletana Panchetta, capers, mozzarella cheese & tomato sauce RM18.50</p>	<p>Marinara Pancetta, fish, mozzarella cheese & tomato sauce RM27.00</p>

Batek Bar & Pavilion

RM 380.00 bottle
RM 17.00 shot

RM 555.00 bottle
RM 25.00 shot

Wine of the Month

Alamos Torrontes **RM 58.00**

Alamos Malbec

Valdivieso Cabernet Sauvignon **RM 42.00**

Valdivieso Chardonnay

House Pouring

Batek Bar & Pavilion

SUPER HOT DEALS UNBELIEVABLE PRICES

GLENGRANT 16YR
2 bottles @ **RM580+**

Enjoy Responsibly. GLENGRANT SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

BATEK BAR & PAVILION

RM 220.00 per bottle
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THE GLENLIVET DISTILLERY
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CELLAR COLLECTION

RM 370.00 per bottle
RM 17.00 per glass



**Lion Dance
performance**
Saturday, 8 February
2013 12.30pm

*Valentine's Day
Dinner & Dance*



*Friday 14 February
@ The Orchid 7.30 pm*

Deepavali Night at Batek Bar
Friday, 15 November 2013



Halloween Kids' Party

Saturday, 9 November 2013





One Night To Remember
Saturday, 30 November 2013





The Night of Revelry

How we ushered in 2014

Uncle Yap



New Year's Eve 2013 dawned bright and sunny, a refreshing foretaste of the good weather amidst the gloom of the monsoon season in this part of the world.

The RLC Harriers completed their run in perfect benign condition and started their circle and party at the Gazebo. With the theme of Blue Hawaii, the gaily-garlanded guys and gals were soon seen limboing away with guts and gusto. Sinners were hauled up and made to atone for offences, real or imaginary. Hashers certainly know how to enjoy.



Over at the Pavilion, the sell-out crowd of the young and the young-at-heart started trickling in for the annual celebration of youth. Music Machine, that erstwhile provider of funky music began animating the crowd with pulsating beats and throbbing sound, punctuated by flashing lights and special effects.

Gangnam Style was given a revival and sunglasses were not out of place. There is hope yet for this Club, usually thought of as a geriatric haven and enclave.



At the Main Building, the multitude of wassailers tucked into their posher version of nosh, served by an army of attendants. Members and their guests were decked out in their Sunday best of tuxedo, lounge suits, batek silk and evening dresses. The Raw Band entertained at the Banquet Hall while the ever-smiling Md Noor & his Sophisticates set the gleeful mood in The Orchid.



The featured act was Black Stallion, a stand-up comedian who rattled off his series of one-liners and not-so-fresh jokes to the polite delight of the audience. Sample : "You are wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger" "I married the wrong man"



Down in the Batek Bar, Zack & Alia kept the members enthralled with their potpourri of songs, old and new such as Abba's *Money, Money, Money* and *Sunny*. The Snake Pit gang continued with their games of darts, happily



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oblivious to the gate-crashers in their domain.

As the bewitching hour approached, the screen was switched on to RTM to synchronise and co-ordinate the countdown. In the Orchid, the totally irrepressible and effervescent Shahizan led the normally dignified Orchid crowd while a fired-up Ruymand did the honours at the Banquet Hall.



10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!



Balloons dropped from the ceiling and the bands struck up ye olde familiar tune of *Auld Lang Syne*, which resonated through the Club. Anacondas started appearing and morphed into long lines of writhing humanity, greeting the arrival of another new year.

May the year 2014 bring us all greater erudition, contentment and ruddy good health. On! On!



Celebrating XMas in RLC

Children's XMas Party Saturday 14 December



**Christmas Tree Baubles and Decos...
by children at the poolside Saturday 21 December**



Celebrating XMas in RLC



XMas Eve Dinner @The Orchid
Tuesday 24 December



XMas Day Lunch @ The Orchid
Wednesday 25 December



2013 Tennis Annual Championship

2013 Tennis Annual Championship

Friday 22 - Sunday 24 October

Dr Yap Chung Mui

Chairman, Tennis Sub-Committee 2012-13

The 2013 Tennis Annual Championship was successfully conducted over the weekend of Friday 22 to Sunday 24 November. There were many participants and all the matches were keenly contested.

The Tournament Organiser was Jenny Chan and the Tournament Referees were Shahizan Hasnan and R Krishnasamy.

The highlight of the Annual Championship was the Men's Open Doubles Final between Dr Oommen George & Erick Arjunan and the Ling brothers, Dato' Ling Hee Leong & Ling Hee Keat. Though Oomen and Erick won in straight sets, the final was a captivating epic 2-hour 2-set classic.

The disappointment of the Annual Championship was the winning of the Men's Open Singles by Peter Redford, due to the inability of Ahmad Azhar Aminuddin to play a third final on the same evening of Sunday 24 November, after having won the Men's Veterans Doubles with Lawrence Tan Ahmad Jaafar & Ahmad Abdullah and the Men's Veterans Singles against Shahizan Hasnan earlier in the evening.

The format of play and the entries were:

1. Men's Veterans Doubles (45 – 54 years) Entries - 4 pairs
2. Mixed Veterans Doubles (45 – 54 years) Entries - 6 pairs
3. Men's Veterans Singles (45 -54 years) Entries - 6 players
4. Men's Senior Veterans Doubles (55 years and above) Entries - 4 pairs
5. Men's Open Doubles Entries - 4 pairs
6. Men's Open Singles Entries - 6 players



The results were:

- 1. Men's Veterans Doubles (45 – 54 years)**
Champions - Ahmad Azhar Aminuddin & Lawrence Tan
Runners-up - Ahmad Jaafar & Ahmad Abdullah
- 2. Mixed Veterans Doubles (45 – 54 years)**
Champions - Shahizan Hasnan & Jenny Boey
Runners-up - Dr Tay Yong Guan & Loh Siow Liu
- 3. Men's Veterans Singles (45 -54 years)**
Champion - Ahmad Azhar Aminuddin
Runner-up - Shahizan Hasnan
- 4. Men's Senior Veterans Doubles (55 years and above)**
Champions - R.Krishnasamy & Thaw YJ
Runners-up - Lawrence Tan & David Siew
- 5. Men's Open Doubles**
Champions - Dr Oommen George & Erick Arjunan
Runners-up - Dato' Ling Hee Leong & Ling Hee Keat
- 6. Men's Open Singles**
Champion - Peter Radford
Runner-up - Ahmad Azhar Aminuddin



The prize presentation, after the Sunday Finals, was attended by 48 tennis enthusiasts at the Pavilion. They enjoyed the fellowship and the party games. The lucky draw prizes were from the generous contribution of Dato' Yeoh Beow Tit, Clara Sapwell, Penny Toh and Paul Cheng.

The year 2013 was a very successful year for the tennis fraternity of the Club.

RLC Tennis wins The Championships



RLC Tennis wins The Championships

Sunday 17 October

Dr Yap Chung Mui

Chairman, Tennis Sub-Committee 2012-13

The Club was the Champion of the Royal Selangor Golf Club Inaugural Tennis Invitational Tournament that was held on Sunday 17 October. The two other participants were Kelab Darul Ehsan and The Raintree Club Kuala Lumpur.

The Tournament was played in the pristine immaculate grass courts of the Royal Selangor Golf Club (RSGC). The weather was fine, just like the midsummer weather in SW19 5AE. An ideal day and location for the inaugural Kuala Lumpur Tennis Championships!

The Club was represented by a strong contingent of eleven players: Eric Arjunan (captain), and in alphabetical order, Chin Yong Wei, Dr A Vijayalakshmi Venugopal, Dr Oommen George, Gan Tian Hooi, Goh Chooi Hong, Hj Ahmad Azhar Aminudin, Kam Ka Vhei, Kwan Hui Ming, Peter Radford, and Souren Norendra.

The format of the Tournament was a knockout system with the following match play:

- 2 Men's Open Doubles (30 – 45years)
- 1 Ladies Doubles (30 & above)
- 1 Men's Veteran Doubles (45 & above)
- 1 Mixed Doubles (45 & above)

The Club competed against The Raintree Club, a powerhouse in tennis, in the morning session, winning the hard fought round 3 to 2, and thus entered the final in the afternoon to play against RSGC.

Understandably, after disposing the tennis powerhouse, the Club should have no difficulty to be Champion of the inaugural The Championships. The strong RLC team showed its mantle and won The Championship by winning all the five matches.

Congratulations to the RLC Tennis A Team!





Night of Feathers

HHH 15th Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday 10 December 2013
Dr Yap Chung Mui
Hashing Editor

The HHH (Hash House Harriers) of the Club, formed on Tuesday 15 December 1998, celebrated its 15th Anniversary on Tuesday 10 December with its 791 Run (run, jog or walk) - a tradition of non-stop Tuesday hashing in the surrounds of the Club or in the granite surface or limestone outcrops of the foot hills of Buffalo (Korbu or Kerbau) Range, come any weather. The trek to the summit of the Buffalo Range, the Buffalo Mountain or Hump, at 7,162 feet above sea level, will probably be the next outing.

The celebration started with an in-run at 6.00pm, flagged-off by the second term President, Mr Teoh Cheng Hai, who was successfully re-elected unopposed at last Sunday's Annual General Meeting, also the second time he was unopposed in the election for the position of the President.

The early heavy rain did not hamper the die-hard and big-hearted hashers, who had vowed in their induction that they would hash in all weathers. By then, Mother Nature was kind, deciding that her shower was long enough and the heavy rain trickled to light drizzle and then to no rain drops.

It was a 4-check hashing trail through the wet and slippery gentle foot hills of Buffalo Range. The impending darkness and slippery dragon trail skirting the outside of the Seat of Authority of the country was too much for the walking hashers. They bade farewell to the dragon trail and had their own on "on paper" trail walk. The running hashers returned to the Club at 7.00pm - a perfect on-time trail setting for an in-run by the consultant hashers.

The high point of the Anniversary celebration was the "Night of Feathers" in the Banquet Hall, attended by hasher members, non-



hasher members, and guests – 150 of them. Many of them had dressed themselves to the kill with the finest feathers.

Jennifer Kuan, the mistress of ceremonies, not only did a command performance in that capacity, but also a command performance as the producer for the hashers' award-winning dance act of "Beyonce Single Girls" that was performed by Fire Ball K. A. Kumar and Fire Chicks Prema, Alka, Vivien, Lillian and Katharine, and choreographed by Wendy Lum.

The highlight of the night was the special appearance of Ms. Poova, a popular singer and song writer, and the winner of 2013 VIMA Music Award. Poova, many thanks for your very noble and kind gesture!

The other highlight of the night was the two sessions of lucky draw. The Organising Committee, with Lum Seng Yip as the Organising Chairman, did a Herculean job in getting generous sponsorship from the section members of printed red-feather black t-shirts, Maxwell Williams fine bone china tableware, and eighteen prizes for the lucky draw. A very big thank you from the hash section to all the generous sponsors! The best prize of the lucky draw, a Samsung smart phone, was won by the holder of lucky draw number 88. The lucky 88 had aptly to be Jennifer Kuan – a smart reward for a smart top class mistress of ceremonies and producer.

The "Night of Feathers" was indeed a grand "Night to Remember".



A DAY TO DIE FOR

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2013
 TMBT - THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING
 THE 25 KM, 50 KM & 100 KM TRAIL
 RACE, KOTA KINABALU
 Jagjit Singh
 The 100 km trailer

It was late morning, Saturday 14 September 2013. The winds on the ridge en route to the Kiau valley and Miki's Jungle Loop, which had been gradually building up over the preceding hours, took a sudden turn for the worse.

Bolts of lightning flashed eerily in the dark clouds that had blown in with the storm: thunder clashed terrifyingly closely overhead. The wind brought with it mist that would change the landscape out of all recognition for the descending climbers, some of whom became hopelessly lost in the near white-out conditions.

The late morning light overhead disappeared into swirling misty clouds. There was a sense of foreboding in the air.

We had been on our feet for some three hours after the delayed start of the ultra race - the TMBT. The race began on the north western side of Mount Kinabalu, over the Crocker Range, and finished over the south eastern side at the foothills in Kundasang. The race consisted of three categories: 25 km, 50 km and 100 km, with specific cut off times of 7.5, 15 and 30 hours respectively. There were more than 800 of us and only less than a third of us could make the mark. For this year, this abusive and atrocious race would be remembered more for those DNFs (Did Not Finish) rather than celebrate for those who did. The trails were tough; the climbs steep and the weather adverse.

Crocker Range in Sabah offers hilly terrains, village trails, open gravel roads, tarmac sections and several hanging bridges, heavy cloud bursts, knee deep mud and extreme temperatures. These were the ingredients of this extremely perfect challenging run that day.

These trails are deep within Kinabalu, Ranau and Kundasang. Runners are rewarded with literally breath taking scenes bursting with explosive hues of padi and pineapples; where grasses and secret flowers grow; where a toad may live and a bird may awaken in the sultry afternoon and how trees and rainy seasons smell like. The memories of odours are very rich and exquisite, and it is "coup de fondre" or love at first sight.

We crossed various hanging bridges over roaring waters with the strain of the theme song of the "Bridge over River Kwai" ringing in our heads. There were 10 water stops and four



check points for the 100 km run. Food and drink were only available at 50 km and 100 km stops. Runners had to carry their own bars, gels and munchies. Water flowed copiously at all stops but the rare soft drink tasted like unicorn tears and the scraps of food tasted like angel entrails.

We were grateful for the spirit of camaraderie amongst the runners, especially when the route markings were missing and we were confronted by barking disdainful dogs.

It was nightfall when we reached the 50 km mark at Perkasa - bedraggled, caked with mud, sore, blistered, hungry and dog-tired. Temptation loomed when one could quit here after 12 hours and settled for the 50 km medal and restful repose after a warm bath. We thought "It is better to look back on life to say I could not believe I did that than to say how I wished I did that."

Ahead laid the next 50 km shrouded in darkness. The jungle woods and paths were dark, deep, lovely and leechy. We had miles to go but we were also sleepy. The much dreaded cabbage-strewn muddy slopes and loops held a peculiar terror. There were at times knee-deep trenches and one also had to look out for the reflector markers among the muddy foot steps. We had to babysit each other and rid of our innate selfishness for nothing in nature lives for itself.

Rivers don't drink their own water.
 Trees don't eat their own fruit.
 The sun does not give heat for itself.
 Flowers don't spread fragrance for themselves.
 Benefiting others is the rule of nature and the path to happiness.

Clearly I was losing the plot.

The pallid cabbage leaves were reeling in the moonlight, the air was charged with organic scents like there was a haunting presence. Perhaps this was all due to our excessive consumption of caffeine and some hallucinogens!

You could hear your stirring heart, feel the slimy mud beneath your feet, hear echoes of lost whispers, see dots of headlights far ahead; and breathe the cool night air.

It was to be free; to journey with vigour and abandon, and to be rendered utterly wonderfully spellbound.

The daybreak revealed angelic light shafts and the cerulean skies lit up the majestic Mount Kinabalu. There was a sudden gush of emotions with images of family members, the unforgiving hills, the swollen rivers and the muddy inclines we had just repeatedly come through.



We repeatedly and remorselessly made mistakes of asking the natives and race volunteers regarding remaining distances and were regularly shortchanged.

The home stretch of the last 30 km was remorseless tarmac and with the strains of AC/DC, "the highway to hell", we inspired ourselves for the last gruesome inclines and final atrocities. The destination proved elusive and illusory. We were dehydrated, demented and depleted by all the monsoon madness and mountain mania.

One could imagine our unbridled excitement with supportive locals when we trudged and limped up the pitiless inclines on the final stretch. I imagined "The Chariots of Fire" in my head.

I momentarily shut my mind of all pain as I came to the final bend. The feeling of seeing familiar faces was ecstatic and Henley's poem "The Invictus" was apt.

*"Out of the night that covers me
 Black as the pit from pole to pole
 I thank whatever Gods there may
 For my unconquerable soul!"*

Lest we forget the participants from the Royal Lake Club -

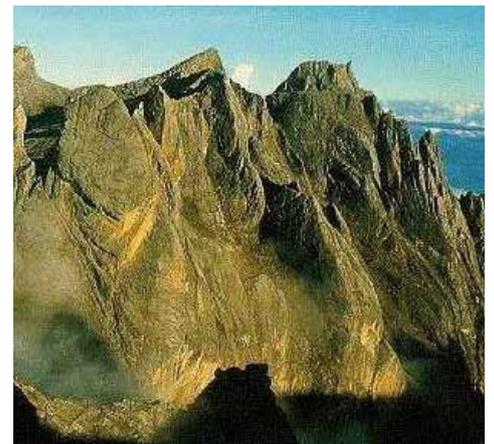
"The cannon fodder, carnage and casualty list, in alphabetical order"

25 km
 Ash Matthews
 Yong Hui Yoong

50 km
 Huang Yin Tsang
 Peter Miller
 Dr Wong Fock Seong

100 km
 Chia Hiap Wei
 Chua Yong Wei
 Jagjit Singh
 Lillian Wong
 Mark Leong (DNF)
 Dato Steven Oon (DNF)

There was no DNS (Did Not Start) nor DNA (Did Not Arrive).



2013 ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA

9.00AM SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Dr Yap Chung Mui

Editor 2012-13

The 2013 Annual Swimming Gala held on the morning of Sunday 17 November was participated by 27 boys and 19 girls.

There were 30 events, including three non-competitive events of dress up the baby, water polo and treasure hunt. Unfortunately, due to the small entry, 24 swimming stroke events were not contested. Perhaps parents could encourage their children to participate in next year's swimming events.

The golden girls were Adira D.S. Yahya and Derrica Lau, each with five golds.

The golden boy was Adam Loh, also with five golds.

The result of the swimming gala is as follows:

1. Category 8 years below (boys):

Yau Shen Ming - 4 golds

2. Category 8 years below (girls):

Sarah Kong - 3 golds

Alysa Marcellus - 1 gold & 3 silvers

3. Category 9 & 10 years (boys):

Adam Loh - 5 golds

4. Category 9 & 10 years (girls):

Adira D.S. Yahya - 5 golds

5. Category 11 & 12 years (boys):

no entries

6. Category 11 & 12 years (girls):

Jerriel Lau - 3 golds

Sharifah Aminah - 2 golds & 3 silvers

7. Category 13 & 14 years (boys): no entries

8. Category 13 & 14 years (girls):

Derrica Lau - 5 golds

9. Categories 15 & 17 years (boys & girls): no entries



Tentative 2014 Swimming Diary:

1. 2nd Inter Club Triangular Swimming and Water Games
2. First Swimming Assessment Test
3. First Age Group Swimming Competition
4. 3rd Inter Club Triangular Swimming and Water Games
5. Second Age Group Swimming Competition
6. Annual Swimming Gala



Truffles - *Diamonds of the Culinary World*

Truffles Hunt - The Ultimate Treasure Hunt

Gerard Soong
Member, Editorial Sub-Committee

A truffle hunt? Never heard of it? Neither had I. "Hunting for what?" I asked exasperatedly. To me, a hunt is the pursuit and killing or capture of wild animals regarded as a sport. But to hunt for truffles! One must be crazy!

Whatever it was, it had me interested when I went on holiday during the Australia winter. Doing a bit of homework led me to Canberra, one of the two places in Australia where truffles are found. And one can only hunt for truffles in winter. Just my luck – I was there in the right season.

So what is a truffle?

A truffle is the fruiting body of a subterranean Ascomycete fungus, predominantly one of the many species of the genus *Tuber*. Its name is quite appropriate, as the origin of the word truffle is from the Latin, *tuber* or lump. Truffles have been referred to as "black gold" and "diamonds of the kitchen" as they are very expensive and difficult to find. Depending on their quality, truffles can be sold for up to RM25,000 per kilogramme!

The French black truffle is considered the ultimate delicacy of the edible fungi and it compliments the finest foods and wines. The aroma and flavour of the French black truffle is described as uniquely intoxicating and indescribable. The use of the French black truffle is limited only by the imagination of the chef.

Truffles have been grown under a veil of secrecy across parts of Europe for centuries. They have a aroma or fragrance which continues to fascinate food lovers across the world.

Truffles are found in Europe and are particularly popular in France and Italy. They can also be found in North America, New Zealand and in Australia, particularly in Perth and Canberra. They grow well in temperate countries, where there are no extremes of weather - hot or cold.

Truffles grow from spores that live underground in a symbiotic (you scratch me, I scratch you - Editor) relationship with the roots of a few tree species in particular the hazel tree and oaks. The fungus helps the tree extract nutrients from the ground and the tree provides the truffle with carbohydrates to grow.

This fungus is a member of the mushroom family and is recognised as one of the world's agricultural treasures.

In its growth, the truffle keeps its spores to itself by wrapping them up in a smelly shell. When it is ready to be harvested, it grudgingly releases the first smell that defines the truffle. Its enticing scent is to attract the animals that will eat the truffle and then distribute its spores in their dung.

As mentioned, truffles are grown below the ground and cannot be seen from above the ground. To get the truffles one has to dig, if possible, using bare hands so as not to damage the root of the truffles just in case the truffle is not yet ripe enough to be harvested. Using a spade may cut the root and thus destroy the young truffle.

How can one detect truffles?

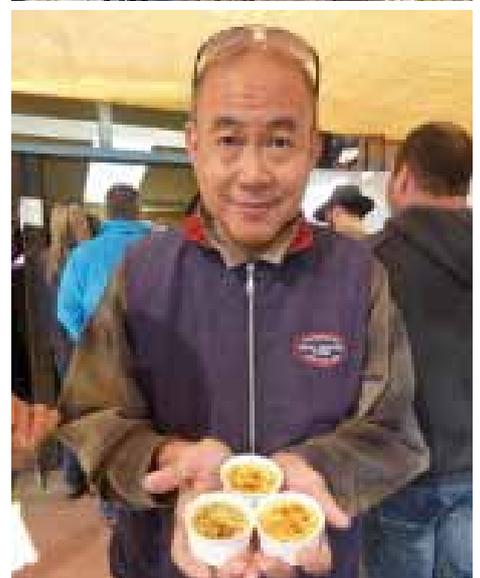
Looking for truffles is like looking for gold as they have to be detected and dug out. Dogs are normally used to sniff out the truffles.

Training a dog to sniff out truffles can take up to six months. First the dog is taught to retrieve a rubber ball. Next, a bit of smelly cheese is substituted for the rubber ball. After the dog has learned to retrieve the cheese, the cheese is hidden forcing the dog to sniff it out in order to get a reward of food. Finally a small truffle is substituted for the cheese. The dog is trained to sniff, and then dig gently at the spot the truffle is located. Dogs normally do not find young truffles because their odour is too weak. Their odour becomes stronger with age, as the spores mature.

In Italy and France some truffle hunters use pigs to sniff out the truffles. But dogs are preferred to pigs because pigs love to eat truffles. To get the truffles, the hunters who use pigs will have to force the pig to back off, once the pig has located a truffle. It is also easier to train dogs to sniff out the truffles than pigs.

And there I was in Canberra in winter in the Ruffles Estate in freezing temperature hunting for truffles. With the help of Snuffle, our hunting dog, we went hunting. We followed the dog from tree to tree and Snuffle did indeed sniff out some truffles. Unfortunately we were not allowed to keep the truffles. We had to hand the truffles over to the estate owner.

So as not to disappoint us the estate owner rewarded each of us with a truffle brulee. It was certainly goldy-delicious and I managed to have two helpings! The hunting experience was certainly worth the AUD\$60 which the estate owner charged per participant for the ultimate treasure pleasure!



Hard Sudoku Made Easy (Part 9)

HOW SUDOKU IMPROVES PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

By Jeff H. S. Keow, MBM (AIM, Phil.), BSc (UM), DipEd (UM)

Author of "Think out of the Block with Sudoku" and "Breaking the Extreme Sudoku Code" and Royal Lake Club Newsletters' past series of 14 articles on "Secrets of Sudoku Solving" and on-going "Sudoku Challenge" competition and on-going "Hard Sudoku Made Easy" series of articles.

The Brain and Problem Solving Brainpower

Our brain produces and controls our every thought, action, memory, feeling and experience in our life. How then do we train and develop our brain to acquire the knowledge, experience, skills and attitude to solve problems in real life, at work, at home, at play and at school? We maintain a healthy brain through diet, nutrition, hygiene, sleep and exercise. We learn and acquire problem solving skills through studying, learning, practising and applying process, methodology and systems based on "plan, evaluate, implement and control". For information on the structure and functions of the brain, go to Wikipedia.

Criteria for Developing and Improving Problem Solving Skills

While required knowledge, experience and skills as well as process and methodology vary from problem to problem, we only need to be trained in basic concepts, universal approach and methodology and the general skills that can be adapted and modified to address any type of problem. The strategy then is to train and develop the brain for problem solving through the acquisition of the following basic skills:

- a) Critical and creative thinking skills
- b) Process, methodology and systems thinking skills
- c) Emotional and attitudinal thinking skills
- d) Mental, conceptual and intellectual skills
- e) Manipulative skills

Sudoku Solving as an Experiential-Learning Tool for Problem Solving

This article seeks to explain and illustrate why regular, consistent and improvement-oriented Sudoku solving fosters and inculcates the habit for applying and practicing the thinking skills relevant to problem solving in the real world. Accurate and speedy solving of hard Sudokus enhances brainpower with quick reflexes and mental thinking, ability to focus and concentrate as well as the ability to analyse, interpret and deduce results of analysis.

Critical and Creative Thinking Skills

Critical Thinking Skills: a) When we deduce the digit solution we effectively have to perform *analysis* of the row, column or block for its missing digits. We use *logical reasoning to interpret and deduce* the results of analysis to arrive at the digit solution by the only-cell logic or by the only-digit logic. b) We perform *directional thinking* when we use a digit for horizontal and vertical analysis. c) We perform *systematic thinking* when we use *sequencing and prioritising* of digits on a band-by-band basis to obtain digit solutions. d) We seek to *relate* digits based on the rules of Sudoku. From the relationships we seek *logic-based patterns of locked set of candidate digits* from which we *generalise and hypothesise* solving properties. Such skills are vital in problem solving in the real world.

Creative Thinking Skills: a) We *combine* relationships to discover new logic-based locked sets of candidate digit patterns in the rows, columns and blocks. They provide the key to unlock the Sudoku code. b) We develop *strategies* that enhance the performance of Sudoku solving such as the follow-up of a digit solution or a locked set candidate digit pattern. c) We seek the *best alternative method* to solve the Sudoku in the shortest possible time. d) We seek *effectiveness and efficiency* by selecting the most simple and most direct path of analysis. e) We *anticipate and predict* where a candidate digit pattern would most likely be discovered. f) We develop relevant *analytical tools and techniques* and incorporate them within a *methodology* that drives the solving process. g) We identify principles that are used to logically deduce directly digit solutions like that which is based on the fact that the Sudoku must have only one set of solutions. h) We practise *visualization* when we use 2 or 3 digits at the same time to discover locked sets of candidate digits. The foregoing skills are essential to real-life problem solving.

Process, Methodology and Systems Skills

In real life, problem solving is facilitated by a well-planned, well-defined, structured and formalised framework of objectives, tools, techniques, procedures, strategies and principles that are based on established standards and practices of good performance. When we are able to solve hard Sudoku quickly and easily we already use a methodology. Our methods can be different but they perform the same function.

In Sudoku solving, I develop the upgraded **KHS Formula 3 Plus 2 solving methodology** that is consistently and successfully used by me in providing the worked examples in "Sudoku Challenge". The methodology has also enabled me to secure 3rd Placing in the aged 60 and above category in the recently concluded 4th Malaysia Sudoku Championships held on 30 November to 1 December 2013 at the Summit Hotel in Subang Jaya, Selangor. The championship with puzzles supplied by Nikoli of Japan was organised by the Malaysia Sudoku Society. The process, methodology and systems used in Sudoku solving have been described, explained and illustrated in the various articles on "Hard Sudoku Made Easy". Knowing the features and characteristics of a methodology provides valuable knowledge and experience in creating and designing a useful and effective methodology for problem solving in the real world.

Emotional and Attitudinal Thinking Skills

Sudoku solving provides *feedback on our level of emotional and attitudinal thinking skills*. Such knowledge can be used to improve our *temperament, mentality, attitude and personality* in the areas of positive thinking, self-confidence, self-esteem, self-courage, self-belief, patience, determination and perseverance. Additionally, through Sudoku solving, we can seek to improve our ability to focus and concentrate, to be calm and cool and to seek to be accurate and fast in thinking, saying and doing. When we are able to manage and control our feelings and emotions, we can think better, we can better focus and concentrate and more importantly we can be more creative and imaginative in *idea generation*. Regular Sudoku solving practice develops our ability to maintain a *well-balanced emotional frame of mind*. Certainly such a disposition and temperament facilitates *sound sleeping*.

Mental, Conceptual and Intellectual Skills

Consistent and frequent Sudoku solving enhances mental thinking skills owing to frequent identification of missing digits and to having to remember the solving methodology amongst other mental activities. This mental analysis of the digit patterns to determine the missing digits sharpens mental thinking. Our ability to focus and concentrate improves as Sudoku solving requires intense mental concentration and attention. The need to identify logic-based relationships and patterns develops conceptual and intellectual skills. Development of such skills improves our skills in problem solving in our daily activities. Quick Sudoku solving produces fast-response mental skills which mean that we are intellectually adept at sizing up a situation, interpret the features of the situation and make useful, wise and effective deductions and conclusions based on knowledge, experience and maturity.

Clearly then Sudoku solving enhances our mental, conceptual and intellectual skills for critical and creative thinking.

Manipulative Skills

Manipulative skills are developed through coordination between the eyes and the hands when we insert the digit solutions in the blank cells. Such skills are useful in handling equipment in investigations.

Conclusion

From the foregoing paragraphs, we have seen that Sudoku solving involves actions that deal with a) critical and creative thinking skills, b) process, methodology and systems thinking skills, c) emotional and attitudinal thinking skills, d) mental, conceptual and intellectual skills and lastly e) manipulative skills. Everyone can enjoy Sudoku solving which costs very little. The challenge is to learn how to solve hard Sudokus quickly and easily so that we do not spend too much time on Sudoku solving. Through constant and consistent Sudoku solving, we develop the habit of thinking, feeling, behaving and acting. This habit equips us to be better prepared and be more adept at problem solving in the real world. Sudoku is indeed be a very powerful experiential-learning tool for enhancing problem solving skills at work, at play, at home and in the community. Enjoy Sudoku and profit from it!

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Uncle Yap



The last puzzle proved a tad elusive for RLC members as many tripped on 15 across *Setter in order (4)* which is a double definition as Monk is the name of a setter in the Financial Times.

For the clue-writing competition, T.V. Sekhar (15678) won first prize of a RM100 F&B voucher with his double definition clue : *Quarantine a person lacking in social skills (7)*

Two others who submitted all-correct entries won RM50 F&B vouchers. They are Chung Thian Sin (7690) & Maureen Mokhlis (10262). Congratulations. Please collect your prizes from the Main Library.

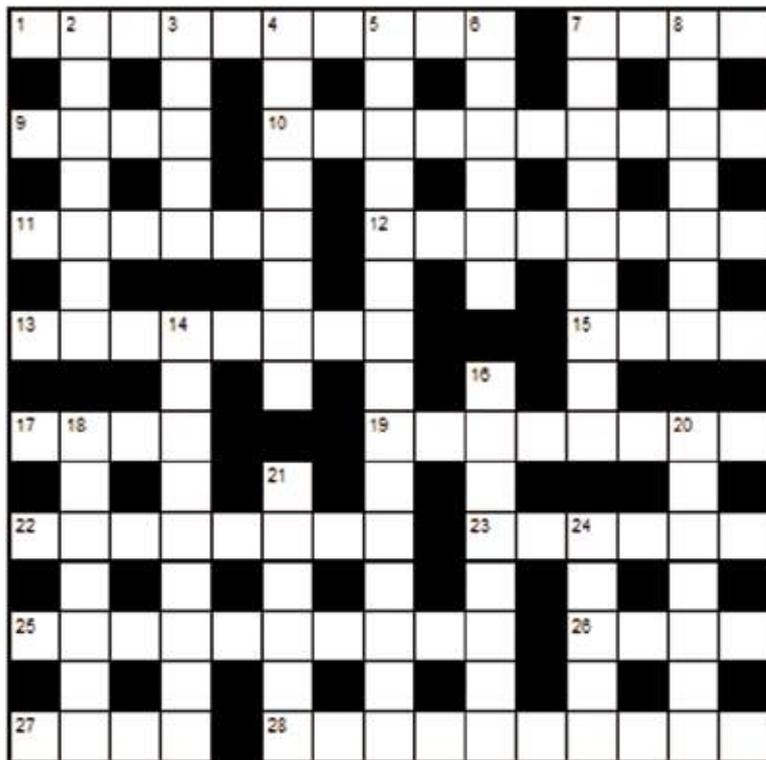
For RLC 200, in addition to solving the puzzle, you are required to write a clue for the answer marked with * together with a brief explanation of your clue. Entries are to be put in the special box in the Main Library before noon, Friday 31 January 2014.

Uncle Yap takes the opportunity to wish you a glorious new year and may you be blessed with good health, gratifying fortune and great erudition.



Answer Grid for RLC199

RLC Crossword No. 200 set by Uncle Yap



ACROSS

- 1 Number of this puzzle is a score of (3+7)
- 7 Expert fed up with treatment initially (4)
- 9 Story-teller rejected protest (4)
- 10 Stern giant playing stern (10)
- 11 Well, it must hold name of acidity test (6)
- 12 Have one too many at a Hash circle? (8)
- 13 Heartless warrior slaughtering fat pig – make a neat package (4-4)
- 15 Addict arrested in bus erroneously (4)
- 17 Tree is top-notch, right? (4)
- 19 Teoh Cheng Hai's contact with golf ball, perhaps (8)
- 22 Russian savoury made from pork is half dish (8)
- 23,3 Ten pins removed from corporal punishment meted out to pop group with a whiter shade of pale (6,5)
- 25 Entire term wasted in retreat (10)
- 26 Upfront money for Indian tea container (4)
- 27 Lively Canterbury sale by auction (4)
- 28 Don Quixote, perhaps, made dreary arrangement (10)

DOWN

- 2 Hawaiian beach in Perth, Western Australia? (7)
- 3 see 23
- 4 Absence of surprised cry when reaching island where pairs of creatures were housed (5,3)
- 5 Clever pottery is recast with hindsight (15)
- *6 Choice is not common in hollow democracy (6)
- 7 Co-setter having endless murky hours in confused state after drug abuse (2,7)
- 8 ntended to accept new funding (7)
- 14 Guerrilla first shortly after the initial blunder (9)
- 16 Representative in cleaner skip (8)
- 18 Fancy monster (7)
- 20 Preacher, a job for the French (7)
- 21 Piece of armour is held loosely (6)
- 24 Nothing to acquiring two degrees for this powerful man (5)

ENTRY FORM – No 200

Mr/Mrs/Ms/ _____

Membership No : _____

Members who want an explanation for all the clues in last month's puzzle are invited to e-mail yfap88@gmail.com with the subject "Crossword answers please" and you will be placed on the mail-list to receive by e-mail, explanations for all the clues.



Sudoku Challenge

By Jeff H. S. Keow

Results/Worked Example of Sudoku Challenge: November/December 2013 Issue.

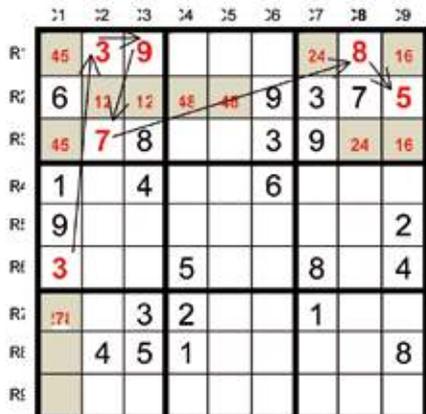


Figure 1 Maki Kaji, Puzzle 90 Hard (Nikoli, Japan) S(169), B7; LS(278), C1/B7; LS(24); LS(156), B3.



Figure 2 Key find is LS(125) in B2. Another key find is by R8 analysis which yields 7 in R8C6 by OD.



Figure 3 After 6 in R8C7, we obtain LS(57), C7; then S(16), B6; then LS(39) followed by 8 in R4C4.

Band 1: Use digits in band 1 for horizontal and vertical analysis. [169] in C1 yield LS(169) in B7. Deduce LS(278) in C1/B7. Missing {345} in C1. With [45] in R6, deduce 3 in R6C1 by OD. Deduce LS(45), C1/B1. Follow up, 3 in R1C2 by OC. Follow up, 9 in R1C3 by OC. Follow up, 7 in R3C2 by OC. Deduce LS(12), B1/R2. Deduce 8 in R1C8 by OC. Deduce LS(24), B3. Missing {156} in B3. With [16] in R2, deduce 5 in R2C9 by OD. Then, deduce LS(16), C9/B3. Deduce LS(48), B2/R2. Analyse B2.

Analyse B2 to yield LS(125). Follow up, B2: deduce 7 in R1C4 by OC and then 6 in R3C4 by OD. Digits in Band 2: B4: LS(58). Follow up, 2 in R4C5 by OC, then 2 in R1C6, then 2 in R3C8, then 4 in R1C7. Next we analyse rows and columns with 4 or more missing digits. Eureka! R8: missing {23679}. [369] via C6 and [2] via B8 face R8C6 which must contain 7 by OD. Follow up, B7: missing {278}. [78] via R8 face R8C1 which contains 2 by OD.

Follow up, R8: missing {369}. Deduce 6 in R8C7 by OD. Follow up, C7: 2 in R9C7 by OC; follow up, deduce LS(57) in C7. Follow up, B6: LS(16). Then deduce LS(39), B6/R4. With (39) in R8C8, deduce split LS(39) in C8. Follow up, R4: missing {2578}. [257] via C4 face R4C4 which must contain 8 by OD. After this solution, the Sudoku is solved straightforwardly.

Results of Analysis (Figure 1 to Figure 3) (up to the 9th solution)

LS(169), B7; LS(278), B7/C1	1. R6C1 3 C1, OD	2. R1C2 3 C2, OC
3. R1C3 9 R1, OC	4. R3C2 7 B2, OC	LS(12), B1/R2; LS(48), R2.
5. R1C8 8 R1, OC	6. R2C9 5 R2, OD	B2: LS(125)
7. R1C4 7 R1, OC	8. R3C4 6 B2, OD	LS(58), B4; then 2 in R4C5

The Solution

Band 1	Band 2	Band 3
539 712 486	154 826 739	893 265 147
612 489 375	386 374 512	245 137 698
478 653 921	327 591 864	761 948 253

Heartiest Congratulations to the following successful entrants:
 RM50/- Meal Voucher: 1. **Ms Tan Chooi Suan** (M'ship No: 11143); **Ms Chin Fui Ning** (M'ship No: 11156)
 RM10/- Meal Voucher: 1. **Mr Graham Moffatt** (M'ship No: E 4933), 2. **Mr Osman Khan** (M. No: 13780), 3. **Ms Chew Kim Sion** (M'ship No: 8715); 4. **Mr Chua Giok Loon** (M. No: 14678); 5. **Ms Tam Mee Ying** (M. No: 11729)

Prize and Recognition

For this Sudoku Challenge, two (2) entries with the best answers will receive a food voucher worth RM50/- each valid at any food outlet of the Club for a period of 3 months. In addition, 5 entries will receive a food voucher of RM10/- each as consolation prizes.

Submission of Entries

Submit your entry by hand to the Library or by post to reach the Library by 31 January 2014.

Name of Member: (Mr/Ms/Dr/Dato' etc) _____

M'ship No: _____ Tel/HP/Email: _____

Instructions

- Fill in the blank cells in the Sudoku with digits from 1 to 9 so that each row, column and block contains the digits from 1 to 9 without repeating any.
- Also, mark-in the useful "locked" sets of candidate digits that are essential to break the Sudoku code. This is a required condition.
- Record your sequence of results in the columns provided up to the stage when the solving process can proceed straightforwardly.
- The decision of the judges is final.

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9
R1					6			7	1
R2	8		3			5			
R3	2					4			
R4						6	8	9	
R5									
R6		4	1	2					
R7				7					2
R8				6			3		5
R9	6	9			5				

Adapted from book compiled by Maki Kaji, the Godfather of Sudoku (Nikoli, Japan). Puzzle No 91 Hard

No.	Position	Digit															

2013 Annual Badminton Night

Saturday 30 November
Dr Yap Chung Mui
Badminton Chairman 2012-13

This year's Annual Badminton Night at The Orchid was attended by 47 Members, 11 of which were Badminton Section Members and 20, their guests. The occasion was strongly supported by 17 Hash House Harrier Section Members



The Badminton Section had a successful year. The most successful event was the visit to Royal Bangkok Sports Club.

The Annual Badminton Night was not only well attended. It also showed the strong camaraderie within the small group of Badminton Section. They had contributed RM3,300 for the social gathering – a very noble act indeed.

The highlight of the night was the comedian act by standup artiste, Radda Krishnan, a.k.a. Black Stallion.

The winners of the Annual Badminton Championship were awarded with plaques.

The generous contribution had created a bumper Lucky Draw. There were 34 prizes for the lucky winners - electrical appliances, hampers and vintage wines.

The Championship list is as follows:

1. Men's Veteran Doubles - 55 years and above

Champions : K A Kumar & V T Selvam
Runners-up : Datuk K P Lim & Loong Chee Meng

2. Men's Veteran Singles - 55 years and above

Champion : Lim Beng Jin
Runner-up : K A Kumar

3. Men's Open Doubles

Champions : Ahmad Azhar & Lim Chin Han
Runners-up: Kevin Wong & Datuk K P Lim



2013 Darts Annual Night

A night to remember- Friday 29 November 2013,

73 section members turned up for the 2013 Darts Annual Night. It was the second year in the row that the Darts Sub-Committee decided to organize the annual dinner affair in a relaxed mode at the Pavilion. Section Members attended the dinner with their casual wear without having to search their wardrobes in order to comply with any dress code or themed-dress.

The event was emceed by the most creative and popular emcee amongst the Dart Section Members – Mr. Senthil who was also appointed as Organizing Chairman for the Annual Night.

A total of 19 tasty dishes were served that made the section members felt it was worth their while attending the dinner on top of the 3 beers and 2 whiskeys.

The night started with the welcome remarks from 2012 & 2013 Darts Section Convenor, Mr. P Sivan followed by the Chairman's address. The night was honoured when the President, Mr. Teoh Cheng Hai, was invited to give his speech before the dinner. The night was filled up with lots of games that involved almost all the section members who had attended the Annual Night. It was a night with laughter and joy amongst the section members.

As usual the section allocated an amount of budget to be spent for lucky draw prizes. A total of 26 lucky draw prizes consisting of 2 bottles of 16-year whiskey, 3 bottles of finest whiskey, 5 bottles of house wine, hampers and some electrical items were given away. The night was concluded with a karaoke session and most of the regular section members who are also regular karaoke enthusiasts sang their favorite songs till midnight.



Congratulations to the 2013 winners :-

2013 Darts League Game (March to June 2012)

1st Robert Low	6th Jai Belani
2nd Robert Newton	7th Mabel
3rd Osman Khan	8th S W Chong
4th P. Sivan	9th Ramjan Din
5th Sivenesan	10th Jo Ong

2013 Darts Annual Championship

Open Singles
1st Connie Ang
2nd Nick Chia
3rd Robert Low
4th Osman Khan



Open Doubles

1st Jai Belani & Jo Ong
2nd Osman Khan & K A Kumar
3rd Nick Chia & P Sivan
4th Connie & Ramjan Din





2013 Golf Annual Championship

2013 GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
Tan Sri Hj Mohd Yunus Tasi, Convenor

Some 83 golfers put their names to play in this our highest ranked golf activity of the year! This is a record since we never had this high number of golfers for any Championship before! The venue, the exclusive and prestigious par 71 The Mines Resort and Golf Club at Seri Kembangan, must have attracted a lot of members! The choice of a weekday, Thursday 21 November 2013, was also acceptable to most members. Thanks to our sponsors and subsidies from the Club and Golf Section Funds the cost per participant was kept to a minimum increase compared to last year. Thank you also to well-wishers who came forward to donate prizes for the lucky draw.

Attendance at the Dinner was also good! Those that missed it for one reason or another missed a lot of fun and a chance to win good lucky draw prizes! The Organizing Committee for the night was Francis Campos who also acted as the MC.

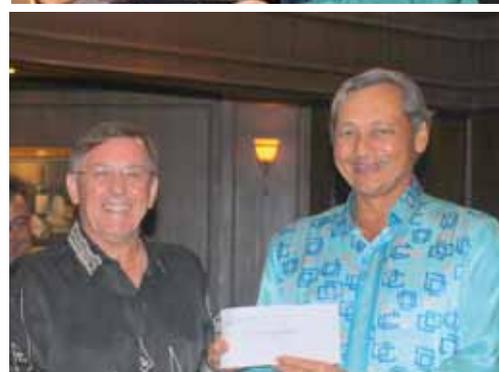
This year's Championship was a comparative-tame affair. The potential winners played together in one flight but Hamdan Zambahari comfortably romped home for the fifth time and three times in a row as The Royal Lake Club Champion on 79 gross. His nearest rival was



Bernard Loh on 81. In the net category Tengku Malek (22) who had been showing consistently good form before the Championship in Vientiane and elsewhere was ahead of Johnson Gilbert (15) by 3 strokes. Tengku Malek was the only one to play below handicap on net 68. The ladies did not seem to show much interest in our Championship. As like last year, only three participated.

This year's Lady Net Winner is the up-and-coming Emy Yap on handicap 36 with a score of net 75. Last year's Lady Net Champion played well above her handicap scoring no better than this year's Order of Merit Winner who finished in 63rd place on net 85. The Winner in the Seniors Group was Pietro Martucci (21) who scored net 72. He also won 5th prize in the Overall Net Competition.

The runner-up among the Seniors Category was Hamdan Zambahari (5) on 74. Since the Seniors Game was a separate Competition with additional entry fees the prize winners were allowed to win a prize in the main Championship categories. To those that did not perform to their own expectations at this year's Championship: Do not lose hope, try again next year, besides, the Golf Section has lined up at least one competition per month



for 2014. Go for it! Go for the Grand Order of Merit Prize of RM500 and the honour of wearing the coveted special RLC Golf Green Jacket. It is easier than winning a prize in the Annual Championship!

The prize giving dinner was a grand but semi-formal affair at The Orchid. The Organising Committee headed by Francis Campos worked extremely hard to ensure everyone had a good time and brought home at least one lucky draw prize. As usual the Golf Section paid special tribute to the non-golfing spouses present that night.

Everyone was happy and look forward to another busy golfing year in 2014.

Happy New Year!





AL-FATIAH TAKZIAH

Tunku Datuk Farid bin Tunku Hussein 1939 - 2013. a Negeri Sembilan royal. An active Club member since 1973. Great racquet player especially Squash for which he partnered another Royal Member, who was later installed as the current His Royal Highness The Yang DiPertuan Besar, Negeri Sembilan, in their regular Wednesday lunch-time games for decades. Member of the General Committee 1985, and several Sub-Committees. Made his mark as an energetic and innovative Chairman of Entertainment when he produced several successful in-house entertainment events by talented members. A great resource to the Club on protocol for Sovereign Balls & Patron Banquets. He was an exemplary gentleman and will be best remembered for his beautiful baritone 'Sinatra-like' voice for which he was crowned the Club's Karaoke Champion for several years. He is mourned by his wife, Datin Ainul, daughter Farah, sons Farahat, Farazil and Izzat, who themselves are members of the Club, their spouses, and 11 grandsons and 3 grand daughters.

Our sincere Condolences to Datin Ainul and Members of the family.

OBITUARY



YBhg Dato' Phang Kon Hee passed away peacefully on 11 October 2013.

He had been a member since 27 November 1972.

The Club extends her heartfelt condolences to the family.

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YBhg Dato' Dr George D Ananda passed away peacefully on 13 October 2013.

He had been a member since 12 August 1985.

The Club extends her heartfelt condolences to the family.

OBITUARY



Mr Henry Yuen Kam Wah passed away peacefully on 15 June 2013.

He had been a member since 12 December 1990.

The Club extends her heartfelt condolences to the family.

OBITUARY



Mr Chong Keng Pin passed away peacefully on 17 September 2013.

He had been a member since 28 April 1980.

The Club extends her heartfelt condolences to the family.

OBITUARY



Mr Sim Poh Meng passed away peacefully on 24 September 2013.

He had been a member since 25 June 1975.

The Club extends her heartfelt condolences to the family.

OBITUARY



Mr Tham Keng Woo passed away peacefully on 19 October 2013.

He had been a member since 11 July 1988.

The Club extends her heartfelt condolences to the family.

AL-FATIAH TAKZIAH



Ir Hj Abdul Rahman Yaacob passed away peacefully on 21 October 2013.

He had been a member since 24 February 1976.

The Club extends her heartfelt condolences to the family.

OBITUARY



Mr Chan Kok Wah passed away peacefully on 25 November 2013.

He had been a member since 9 February 1976.

The Club extends her heartfelt condolences to the family.

OBITUARY



Mr S. Muthu Kumar passed away peacefully on 6 December 2013.

He had been a member since 30 May 1980.

The Club extends her heartfelt condolences to the family.

OBITUARY



Mr Anthony Lee Chiew Wah passed away peacefully on 24 December 2013.

He had been a member since 1 May 1999.

The Club extends her heartfelt condolences to the family.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY MOVIES

SUNDAY

5 JANUARY

11.00AM
THE SMURFS 2

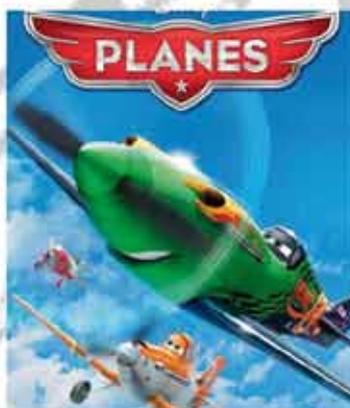
3.00PM
AFTER EARTH



19 JANUARY

11.00AM
PLANES

3.00PM
CONSPIRATORS



2 FEBRUARY

11.00AM
SOFIA THE FIRST

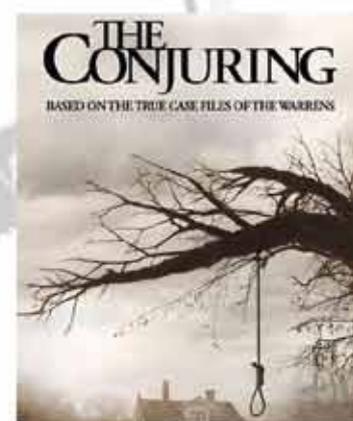
3.00PM
SIDE EFFECTS



16 FEBRUARY

11.00AM
SEA OF MONSTERS

3.00PM
THE CONJURING



Children below 12 may enter the Mini-Theatre with adult supervision. Entrance is on a First-Come-First-Served basis. Registration for exactly 54 seats is open one hour before the show. Once the Mini-Theatre is full, no other members will be allowed to enter.



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

*Valentine's Day
Dinner & Dances*



• *Friday, 14 February 2014*

• *The Orchid*

• *7.30 p.m.*