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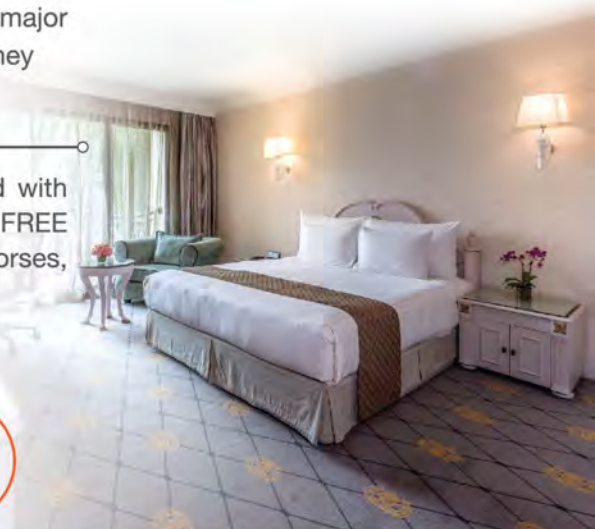
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The Club takes this wonderful opportunity in wishing our new King, His Majesty Sultan Mohammad V, heartfelt congratulations on His Majesty's ascension to the throne. His Majesty's reign of tenure will be until 2022, a period of 5 years. MENJUNJUNG KASIH, TUANKU. DAULAT TUANKU!

The Finance Department is currently working towards addressing the accounting and administrative issues highlighted by our external auditors. Our bank reconciliation statements are now up to-date, save for ongoing inquiries to resolve the uncredited lodgements which would require further information and assistance from certain members. We would like to urge all members to review their respective monthly statements of account and contact us if there are any discrepancies noted. As part of our initiative to resolve the accounting issues, the Membership Department and the Finance Department are working together to reconcile the members' deposits.

The Finance Department has also planned to undertake an exercise to tag the Club's fixed assets (plant and equipment) in order to safeguard these assets and to minimise the risk of pilferage or damage to these assets. We are also working towards updating the Club's financial statements and our main objective is to ensure that all items carried on the statement of financial position (as at the Club's financial year-end of 30 June 2017) are supported with auditable evidence. Discussions with external auditors are under way in preparation for the upcoming audit of the year-end financial statements. With the support from members and staff, we will work relentlessly towards obtaining an unqualified audit opinion on our financial statements.

The budget for 2017/2018 ("Budget") has been prepared in line with the principles of financial prudence and cost efficiency, and with the objective of reducing the monthly operating loss of the Club. The Budget will be tabled to the General Committee in May 2017 for review, revision (if necessary) and approval. The Budget also incorporates the expected increases in revenue in terms of subscription, F&B and Machine Room earnings. The budget will be presented to members at the next Annual General Meeting to be convened in November/December 2017. "

The F&B initiatives for Pavilion, Garden Café, Poolside Café, Bunga Raya and Buttery are bearing fruit by way of increase in patronage. The Breakfast Menu at Pavilion is a hit with Members, especially during weekends. The serving of Malay kuihs and the ever-popular nasi lemak Tanglin at Garden Café have brought in more crowd. There will be more new choices at Poolside stalls in the coming months and The Orchid should see some revision in menu.

The E&E (Event & Entertainment) programme started off with a big bang, with The Kumar Show on April 7 at the Banquet Hall. It brought in nearly 400 Members and guests. There is currently a waiting list of some 200, hoping that E&E will bring back the same show in the latter part of this year.

Coming next is Alleycats Concert, slated for Saturday, May 20. To date, the attendance list stands at 325 and this looks set to be another packed and enjoyable evening. There will be at least one more comedy show, not to mention other interesting events, planned for later this year.

The holy month of Ramadhan will be upon us come May 27 and this also means the commencement of 'Buka Pusa' or 'Iftar' at Banquet Hall. This year, E&E has worked out a good deal with Felda D'Saji, with only the best in mind for Members. Promotional banners are already out, so make sure you make your bookings early.

The Library Talk entitled "The Resurgence of the Right" on Saturday April 22 too was well attended, by some 50 people. This was unprecedented, considering such talks usually would attract 20 or so members. The talk was presented by Tommy Thomas, a renowned lawyer and 'social scientist'. The Library Sub-Committee intends to bring in more presenters with equally interesting topics later this year.

As always, the Staff Party & Family Day was held on April 30-May 1 and this year's venue was Bayou Lagoon Park Resort in Melaka. This annual outing has always been an event of great anticipation, thus it was heartening to see Club staff and their family members enjoying themselves thoroughly at the Resort. This year's party theme was "Walk through the Decades." There were many lucky draw prizes given out to the delight of staff. Several GC members also attended the Party.

On the home front, as H&G (House and Grounds) carry out their maintenance work around the Club, we continue to see more Members returning to enjoy its facilities, social events, camaraderie and of course the good food served at the 7 main outlets.

Even our newsletter too has been refreshed to give a new dimension to news and information about the Club and its Members. A page has also been apportioned to staff events to recognise the importance of our staff to the Club.

Lastly, I take this opportunity in wishing all Members a happy Mother's Day, Father's Day and Wesak Day, and last but not least, Selamat Menyambut Bulan Ramadhan Al-Mubarak.

Happy Clubbing!



Dato' Kamil Noor Ariff
President





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NEW APPOINTMENTS

We are glad to welcome the following new employees to Royal Lake club:-



Callie Tan

Our new Finance Manager started her career 10 years ago after graduating with a bachelor degree in accountancy from Universiti Utara Malaysia. She also has a professional ACCA qualification. Previously attached to Schlumberger Business Support Hub Sdn Bhd, Callie is excited about joining the hospitality industry and we wish her the best in her new undertakings.



Wan Suhaila

Wan Shamsulbahrin

Suhaila is not new to Club scene, having worked in a similar environment twice before, in Kelab Golf Negara Subang and Royal Selangor Club respectively. She graduated from the University of Toledo, Ohio where she majored in Human Resource and has almost two decades of experience in her chosen field. Suhaila has been with RLC since December 2016.



Puspanathan Kathiravelu

Puspa is our new Senior IT Executive. He has a degree in Computer Science as well as a diploma and advanced diploma in Computer Network and Programming. He has 11 years of working experience in IT, having worked in Fraser Place Kuala Lumpur and Boh Plantations Sdn Bhd before.



Yasmin Fowzi

Yasmin came on board in April 2017 as Senior Finance Executive in the Finance Department. The Penang-born was previously attached to Samadhi Retreats Sdn Bhd. She graduated in Hospitality & Hotel Management from Universiti Teknologi Mara and also has a diploma in Finance/Accounting/Banking from the same institute.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

The Club is reopening application for Temporary Membership leading to eventual Voting Membership. Application forms are available for collection from Membership Service Desk at the Lobby. Completed forms together with the necessary documentation must be returned on or before Wednesday 31 May 2017 to the following address:

GENERAL MANAGER / SECRETARY
Royal Lake Club Kuala Lumpur,
Taman Tasek Perdana, Jalan Cenderamulia,
Off Jalan Parlimen, 50480 Kuala Lumpur.

For further enquiries, kindly contact
Ms Malathy at 03-26987878 ext 6114,
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FROM CHILDREN OF MEMBERS

In keeping with the Constitution, the Club shall only accept membership applications from Children of Members subject to the following:

- a) Application for Lady Membership at the preferential rate of entrance fee of RM2,000 shall be strictly for female children between the ages of 18 and 21 years old. There shall be no other restrictions except that the Parent Member must have completed 5 years of voting membership before the child reaches 21 years old.
- b) The application for Voting Membership at the preferential rate of entrance fee of RM7,500 shall be opened to Members' children of both gender, above the age of 18, subject to payment of all debts and other liabilities to the Club to be incurred by them prior to attaining the age of twenty-one years is guaranteed to the satisfaction of the General Committee. As there are no other eligibility provisions relating to application for Voting Membership by children of members, the following shall apply:
 - (i) The Parent Member must have completed 5 years of voting membership before the child applicant reaches 21 years old.
 - (ii) Applications must be submitted before the child applicant reaches his/her 25th birthday or 6 months from the date of his/her return from overseas or 6 months from the date of graduation, whichever is the earlier.

All earlier provisions are hereby repealed.

Please contact the Membership Manager, Pn Nurzuraida Abdullah, at 03-26987878 ext 8506
or membership@royallakeclub.org.my for further clarification.

CHARGES BY RECIPROCAL CLUB, THE HONG KONG CLUB

The Hong Kong Club currently charges HKD240 as registration fee for Members visiting its Club since 1 July 2003. In addition to that, the Club is now imposing a 10% service charge effective 1 May 2017.

SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNT - ONLINE BANKING

Our portfolio of banking and fixed deposit accounts is being revamped. Accordingly, members previously making payment via Club accounts at HSBC, OCBC and Standard Chartered Bank respectively are advised to kindly utilise either of the following accounts instead:

CIMB, KL Main Branch	-	80-0024 095-4
MBB, KL Dayabumi Branch	-	5141-0531-7874

Once payment has been made, please notify the Club via e-mail, directly to the Finance Department at quest@royallakeclub.org.my. Please do not forget to include your name, membership number and evidence of payment when notifying.

Other members too are kindly advised to effect payment online. Those not on 'Auto Debit' are urged to consider this mode of payment based on your debit or credit card for convenience.



Membership Induction is held quarterly to welcome our new Temporary Members and to apprise them of the various facilities and recreational activities available to them and their families. It is also a platform for these new Temporary Members to get to know the General Committee and the Membership Sub-Committee Members as well as the Management staff whom they would liaise with for any queries and/or issues.

The Club held its second Membership Induction for new Temporary Members at 6.00pm on 19 April at The Orchid. In his welcome speech, Vice President Bernard Foong urged the new Temporary Members to patronize and enjoy the various facilities and food outlets the Club has to offer. He also reminded them of the need to comply with the Club's Constitution and Byelaws so as to maintain harmony in a membership club with close to 9,500 Members.

The Club also extended its hospitality to and welcomed the High Commissioner from New Zealand, His Excellency Dr John Subritzky. Vice President Bernard Foong presented His Excellency with the Membership Kit.

The evening continued with the new Temporary Members getting to know each other over coffee and tea with many photographs being taken before the evening came to a close.



MEMBERSHIP INTRODUCTION

15 March 2017 | Nurzuraida S Abdullah

The second Membership Introduction for 2017 was held on March 15 with the Club welcoming 41 new members. The Club extended its hospitality to the Ambassador from the Kingdom of Netherlands, Her Excellency Mrs Karin Mossenlechner and the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka, His Excellency Mr Ahamed Jamaldeen Mohamed Muzammil.

In his opening address, Vice President Bernard Foong congratulated the new members for choosing the Royal Lake Club as their preferred Club. He then introduced the Members of the General Committee, and the Membership Sub-Committee as well as and the Management Team.

He stressed the importance for all new members to familiarize themselves with the Club's Constitution. He also reminded the newly admitted Lady Members that they are required to apply and convert their Lady Membership to Voting Membership upon them getting married. The gentle reminder to the Proposers and Seconders that they are still liable and responsible over their candidates for the next three years never fails to draw laughter.

After dinner, President Dato' Kamil expressed delight at the spirit of camaraderie present that evening in spite of the diversity in members' background and interests as well as expertise. Besides patronizing the Club's nine F&B outlets and the various recreational facilities and activities, he called upon the new members to volunteer their services and assist the Committee in improving all areas of Club governance. More importantly, he reminded the new members that they should take the opportunity to get to know each other and to build and establish mutually-beneficial relationships.

The new members were then presented with their Membership Kit and the evening ended with well-wishing amongst members, photographs taken for keepsake and quiet enjoyment of music performed by the band in attendance, the City Rhythm.



HE Karin Mossenlechner
(Ambassador of the Kingdom
of the Netherlands)



HE Ahamed Jamaldeen
Mohamed Muzammil
(High Commissioner
of Sri Lanka)



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B Mohamad Zain



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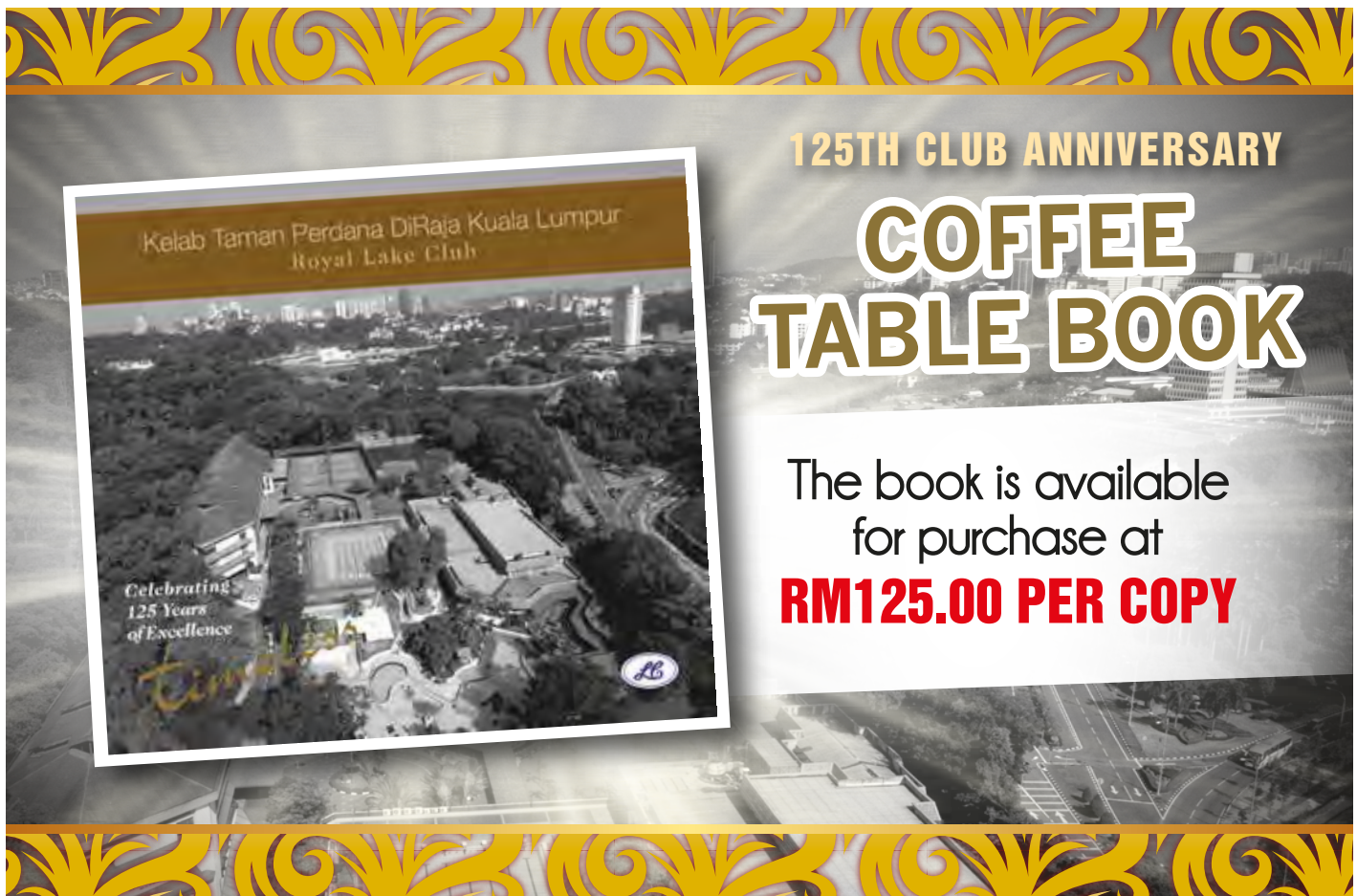
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Mohammad



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Bt Ahmad Redza




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125TH CLUB ANNIVERSARY

COFFEE TABLE BOOK

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HAPPY

Mother's & Father's

DAY



8 March 2017



From Left to right :

Teoh Cheng Hai (Past President), YBhg Dato' Kamil Noor Ariff (President), KSN YBhg Tan Sri Dato' Dr Ali bin Hamsa, YBhg Dato' Y Sivaloganathan (Past President), Mohamed Ansari Mohamed Ibrahim and Bernard Foong Khee Seng (Vice President).

On 8 March 2017 the Club hosted a private dinner at The Orchid in honour of a special guest, Malaysian Chief Secretary (Ketua Setiausaha Negara), YBhg Tan Sri Dato' Dr Ali bin Hamsa.

In attendance were Club President Dato' Kamil, Vice President Bernard Foong and some senior members of RLC. Among issues raised and discussed were land matters around the Club, encouraging senior government servants to take up membership as well as the hosting of government functions at RLC.

LIBRARY TALK

THE RESURGENCE OF THE RIGHT

23 April 2017 | V Jeyaratnam



A morning talk on 'The Resurgence of The Right', organised by the Library Sub-Committee in collaboration with Gerakbudaya and presented by renowned lawyer and "social scientist" Tommy Thomas, was held on Saturday, 23 April 2017.

Some 50 members and guests turned up for the thought-provoking talk in which Tommy spoke at length on topics ranging from Brexit, the election of Trump and Duterte and other recent trends, many of which have drastically shifted the so-called status quo in the world.

He was of the view that globalisation, rising unemployment,

immigration and an overall sense of helplessness of the man on the street was driving the masses to support the right. The big question is whether this phenomenon is a short-or long-term trend.

The Library Talk was well-received by members who attended the event and felt that more of such programmes be held.

Tommy Thomas also presented two books - 'Anything But The Law' – essays on Politics and Economics, and 'Abuse of Power' – selected works on Law and the Constitution, both of which compiled by him, to the RLC Library.

7 April 2017 | Rozita Teh

KUMAR



Kumar the politically incorrect but much loved local funnyman strutted onto the Club stage on Friday, 7 April 2017 to loud cheers and thunderous applause from a packed audience.

The Singaporean Indian standup comedian and TV host, actor and drag queen, is a household name in the Malaysian/Singaporean entertainment industry. His wit, coloured with some of the funniest lines ever, is legendary. Kumar is a master of innuendos and he lived up to crowd expectations as he regaled them with stories, many deliciously off-colour, that kept everybody in stitches all the way.

The comedy show with almost 400 people in attendance was a runaway success. Due to limited seating, many reservations could not be met. However, take heart that the Club is planning to have more such performances in the near future.



Bollywood, raucous and heady, came to Pavilion on the evening of 20 April 2017. Guest singer Rosie Shrestha enthralled members and guests for hours with upbeat music and songs. The evening was a success from the word 'go'.

To whet the crowd's appetite, a delicious spread of typically Indian fare was served. They included *Chicken Onion Pakora*, *Mulligatawny Soup*, *Seekh (lamb) Kebab*, *Chicken Tikka*, *Naan*, *Biryani Rice*, *Dalcha* and *Gajrela*.



CLUB EVENT

WINE & CHEESE EVENING

21 April 2017 | Zulkifli Adam



Some 28 members and guests gathered at the President's Room of The Orchid on 21 April 2017 for the year's first Wine & Cheese Evening. The spread included an extensive and excellent cheese platter, including chicken boxing, mixed sandwiches and a variety of nuts.

Wines tabled for the occasion was supplied by Milawa (M) Sdn Bhd. Featured were six selected wines from the prestigious Brown Brothers Winery Estate in Victoria. In fact, Brown Brothers Windmill Chardonnay and Windmill Shiraz are already available for our RLC Select Wines from now till June 2017.

Milawa's Brown Brothers selection included the Moscato, Everton Red, 18 Eighty Nine Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Thank you Milawa for the tasting opportunity, not to mention friendly and informative staff at hand to guide us through the wines presented. For those who did not make it this time around, our next Wine & Cheese Evening will be on Thursday, 20 July 2017.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Time:
Saturday, 20 May 2017

Venue:
Banquet Hall

Time:
9.00pm

Ticket Price:
RM70 Member | RM90 Guest
INCLUSIVE ONE HOUSE POURING DRINK

EVENTS

JULY

Children's Recycle Art & Craft Competition



AUGUST

Merdeka Junior
Art Competition



Joget Night BB Park



Country & Western Night
with Os Pombos



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May & June 2017



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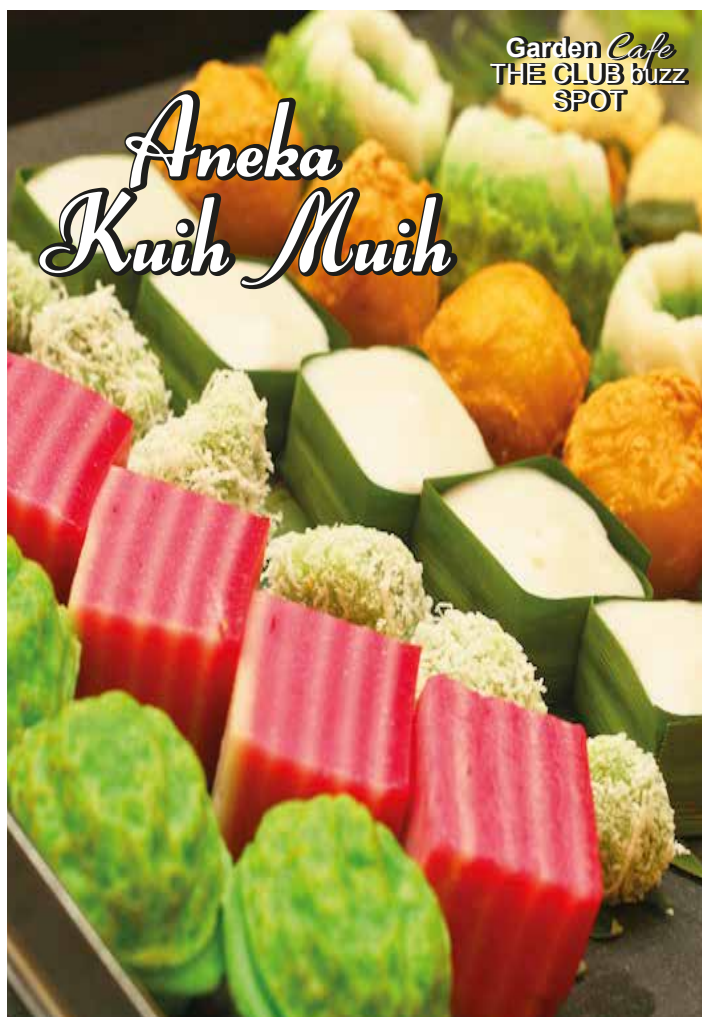
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NLB + Rendang Daging	RM 8.00
NLB + Ayam Berempah	RM 8.00
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ANNUAL STAFF DINNER

30 April 2017 | Wan Suhaila Wan Shamsulbahrain

It was that time of the year again for the staff to let their hair down in celebration of Labour Day. This year, the annual family day cum staff party was held at Bayou Lagoon Resort Melaka on 30 April. Some 300 people made up of staff and their family members made their way to Melaka Bandar Bersejarah for a weekend of fun and frolic with loved ones.

Joining the merriment were several GC Members and HR Sub-Committee Members, among them Club President Dato' Kamil Noor Ariff and wife, HR Chairman K A Kumar, HR Deputy Chairman Abdul Rashid Abdul Majid and wife, GC Member Ahmed Zakki Abdul Jabbar and HR Sub-Committee Member Harpal Singh Gill.

The theme was 'Walk Through The Decades' and many indeed lived up to it by dressing sharply and creatively, parading styles from the '20s to the '80s. Below are the names of winners for the Best Dressed category:

Male

1. Mohamad Zaid Bin Shahari
2. Baidillah Bin Che Ya
3. Abdul Shukri Bin Abdul Majid

Female

1. Sri Rajeswarye A/P Parmasevam
2. Herni Patinah Binti Oetjik
3. Nurul Nadiyah Binti Abdul Razak





There were also prizes for House Champion, Best Sports Man of the Year and Best Sports Woman of the Year. And for long service, we proudly present the following:

Long Service Award-15 Years

1. Mohd Rosle Bin Mohd Nor - (Security Officer)
2. Rozilawani binti Zamri - (Library Assistant)
3. Mohd Hilmie bin Abdullah - (F & B Clerk)
4. Malathy A/P Marimuthu - (Membership Junior Executive)



Long Service Award-30 Years

1. Siti Azura binti Abdul Jalil - (Senior Clerk)
2. Ibrahim bin Abas - (F & B Supervisor)

Overall, it was an enjoyable evening with entertainment by Lily Dancers and Roslan Shah. We ended the night with songs from the Strollers Band.



Balan Moses



Tanglin Nasi Lemak, Talam Berlauk and Teh Tarik? Tantalising? These delectable breakfast items and more are available at RLC's very own Garden Cafe, almost a neighbourhood kopitiam. The growing coterie of enthusiasts making a beeline for all-day dining at this eatery is ample testimony of its popularity that is growing by the day. Its location just past the entrance to the club is enough to "sell" the eatery as the place is little more than a hop step and jump away from the lobby. I invariably stop by for a cappuccino (no dainty cup here) and nasi lemak like many others before embarking on a day at the club.

As I ease into the chair at the air-conditioned section, I cannot help but see a few regulars enjoying their teh tarik or beverage of choice with their favourite tidbit. Some are happily perusing the days news or opening emails on their laptops while enjoying a hearty breakfast. A few are taking in liquids after a challenging time on the tennis courts or a tiring walk. The ambience notwithstanding, it is definitely the food that is doing the trick in popularising the Garden Cafe. Few nasi lemak, in my humble opinion, beat Tanglin's which has been warming our hearts (and stomachs) for years. General Manager, SuhailiAzman Johari and I swung by the other day to renew our gastronomical ties with the place.

We saw satisfied smiles on the faces of patrons, regardless of age. For one, it has a little something for everyone, whatever the time of day, Tanglin Nasi Lemak can be had for breakfast or lunch with half-boiled eggs and a cup of fresh-brewed coffee (Arabica Robusta, no less). There is also toast, butter and jam with coffee or tea of choice for that "Englishy" feeling.

Azman told me efforts are underway to enhance the nasi lemak selection with the addition of meat or squid. We wish him well as he and outlet supervisor Sakila Che Pa try to get us the best for our money. As to the kueh mueh that have graced the shelves of late, the initial excitement has arguably died down due to teething problems. Azman hopes to put the kueh mueh idea back on the tracks soon. There is an assortment of murukku in a corner that will go very well with a teh tarik anytime. I would be remiss in my duties if I did not mention, among others, the pizza, sandwiches, pies and spaghetti that I hope to try soon.

The eye-catching cakes in the refrigerated compartment have won over many a member.

(There is a 20 per cent discount on cakes between 7.30pm and 9pm daily). Azman, an ex-hotelier who always has an eye on the bottomline, says the eatery is very much in the pink. "We are doing well and expect to do better in time to come," he says in understatement given the Garden Cafe's popularity. One can spend all day at the cafe but a word of caution: no formal meetings or use of mobile phones. On a personal note, I am most happy that the newspapers are back at the rack, after a brief absence. They somehow lend something extra to the eating experience in the garden.



When I was asked to share my experience growing up in Lake Club, warm memories started to surface...

It all began when my parents brought me to the Club when I was a mere tot. Many happy hours were spent in the pool, after which we would head for the poolside eatery where I would make a beeline to the Pak Cik Satay's stall.

As for swimming, I clearly remember an event where coins were thrown into the pool and the children were asked to pick as many coins up from the bottom of the pool. You got to keep what you found. Guess who won? Suffice to say my earnings went into my "Donald Duck" coin bank to be used for a rainy day.

Over time, reading became a passion. I spent many hours in the library, engrossed in countless wonderful books by Enid Blyton and the like. On occasions, I would sit at Mum's feet with other like-minded children, listening to her story-telling.

To this day I am still an avid reader and could read up to two to three books daily. When I am home in Malaysia and visit Lake Club, I still go into the library to browse, apart from checking out the movies with my parents. Occasionally, I would take part in events like the swimming carnivals and Christmas parties.

As I grew older, Mum and I joined weekly taekwondo classes whilst Dad did laps in the pool. It was there that I made several friends with whom I sparred and had lots of fun. Our friendship perseveres to this day despite all of us being dispersed in different countries and with busy lives.



Occasionally Dad and I would use the tennis courts and badminton courts. Of course dad played much better than I did and he continues to be a very good player. I guess sports weren't my forte; I am more of a bookworm.

On weekends the Club's banquet hall held a buffet which had a good spread of goodies, both Western and Asian. This was well before hotels began to offer buffet meals. It was here that I was introduced to crème caramel, which later became one of my favourite desserts. If you have never been to the Club's buffet, I thoroughly recommend that you try it at least once!

In my teens I joined my parents in the RLC Hash Runs. Come rain, hail or shine, we would trudge through muddy jungles, climb hills, down slopes, on the highway... Anywhere you could imagine, they would go.

Then, after utilising all our energy and perhaps losing a kilo or two, the harriers would indulge in a feast, and all the weight lost would be piled back on! Here too I had made some friends. Regretfully, friendship had to take a backseat as I had to go abroad to attend university.

Although I am still away, I maintain my membership and visit the Club every time I come home. There have been much changes and improvements made since I first set eyes on the Club. I have enjoyed my years here and I hope you will too.

Dr Soong Mei Min is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin. She's a medical doctor specialising in Medicine for the Elderly (Geriatrics), and is currently practicing in a main government hospital in the Central Coast of New South Wales, Australia

Dato' Y Sivaloganathan

This is a story about Kunjuraman, an interesting and colourful tonsorial artist (plain old 'barber' to you and I) who had shaped and crafted many a head. Kunjuraman came all the way from India half a century ago to seek his fortune in this country. He ended up running the Club barber shop, tending to the tonsorial needs of many a privileged head there.

Enter Tun Hussein Onn, our Prime Minister of the period. Although very busy, he had time to come to the Club and enjoy the fellowship of his fellow men. A very meticulous man Tun Hussein was. Apart from the ministerial responsibilities that he shouldered, Tun Hussein also took good care of his appearance.

Now, Kunjuraman had somehow managed to convince Tun Hussein that his hair needed weekly attention. From then on, taking his barber's advice, Tun Hussein was on Kunjuraman's chair every single week for many years, without fail.

Barbers and masseurs, unknown to many, have always been receptacles of membership joys and woes. Amongst their manifold functions is to be repositories of information and secrets. Hence my regular visits to Kunjuraman when I was a committee member; to be updated of woes, if any, and to correct them just as quickly to keep everybody happy.

One day, Tun Hussein turned at the barber shop but found it locked. There was no one inside. He seek out then General Manager, Hakimi, and was told that Kunjuraman had been hospitalized with a mild heart attack. On my part, as a loyal patron of Kunjuraman, I felt it was only right to drop by on him, so off I went to the General Hospital, accompanied by Hakimi and our then F&B manager Kamaralzaman. The barber was in his element, laughing merrily and making friends with everyone.

He seemed relieved to see us and inquired if Tun Hussein had been informed of his set back. We assured him that the needful had been done. Whilst at the ward, we heard police sirens blaring. His most loyal customer, Tun Hussein Onn, had arrived to cheer him up. Tun Hussein's visit had resulted in Kunjuraman being moved from the small and overcrowded ward to the first-class ward.

The following evening I once again visited him. This time he looked terribly sad. When asked why, he replied, "Here I have bigger TV, bigger waiting room, bigger bed, bigger fridge with plenty of food, and cold air-cond. But here I don't have friends." Lamenting that his friends were all in the other ward, he asked to be sent back there. Subsequently, Hakimi made the necessary calls to have him transferred back to third-class ward.

Years went by and with time, I became Club President. In my fifth year as president, the barber came to see me. He said he no more had spring in his step and that he wanted to retire and return to India, to be with his family and to enjoy a long and deserving retirement.

It was sad to let him go. To honour him, we decided to host a farewell tea party. Some 300 people turned up. Our GM, Hakimi, was tasked with garlanding Kunjuraman but when told, the barber said with a wink, "Don't trouble Hakimi as I have already made arrangements for Tun Hussein Onn to come and garland me".



At the appointed time, Tun turned up, had tea and garlanded his "loyal and trusted barber". The barber then asked me for 200 copies of the newsletter to be brought back to India, Boy, was I shocked! "Nobody reads newsletters in the Club — here the barber wanted 200 copies of it!". He later explained "I want to give the newsletters to my relatives and my neighbours and show them the picture and tell them that the Prime Minister himself came and garlanded me on my retirement".

We took him to the airport on the day of his departure. His flight to Madras was also memorable. Captain Azmi Radzi, one of his Club regulars, heard of his retirement and departure to India and made arrangement to himself fly the said MAS aircraft to Madras.

Kunjuraman became a VIP aboard the flight. Captain Azmi, exercising his discretion, upgraded his popular barber to first class (in those days the commandant of the flight had plenty of discretions). Barber having enjoyed the privileges and pleasures of the Club for 30 years, had somehow acquired the taste for the good things in life. He availed himself fully to "Dom Perignon" — the finest of French champagnes. Dom Perignon was standard fare on MAS flights in the early days of the airline.

Clad in neatly pressed and well laundered white tunic with a "Nehru like collar" and with pleasant disposition, he could have easily passed off as the Captain's doctor. Whatever it was barber was at home in his first class environment.

Upon landing in Madras, our over-indulgent barber was seen to be somewhat unsteady. With Captain Azmi's steadying hands, the barber was helped down the aircraft's gangway. He was the last to leave the aircraft. Kunjuraman then proceeded to the airport's immigration centre in the crew's transport vehicle. Barber truly lived like a VIP and returned home a VIP.

Captain Azmi on his return to Kuala Lumpur reported that when he finally bade "sayonara" to his barber at the Madras immigration post, Kunjuraman with tears in his eyes hugged him and said "terima kasih & selamat jalan". Our barber went back and never returned.

Kunjuraman was a colourful and loveable man...a legend in his own right....



DARTS

10 February 2017 | Ahmed Zakki



The Dart Section kicked off 2017 with its annual duel between the President's Team and the Dart Chairman's Team. The event was held during the Dart Monthly Section Night on 10 February 2017.

The game was set at a foursome comprising 3 singles and 2 doubles. All players did well. In the final tally, the Chairman's Team scored 10 points over the opponent's 4 points to emerge victorious.

For the record, the Section currently has new upcoming players. We welcome anyone who is interested. Training nights are every Wednesday and Friday from 8pm to 10pm. As the norm, player selection is based on darting experience.



SQUASH ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND DINNER

25 and 26 March 2017 & 2 April 2017 | Auzani Azmi

The Squash annual championship took place over the weekend of 25 and 26 March 2017. There were four categories altogether; Men's Open, Veteran Men's 50 Years & Above, Boys U-15 and Boys U-19. It was keenly contested, with the finals played out on Sunday.

Prize presentation was held a week later, on 2 April, at the Poolside Dining Room. Some 40 squash enthusiasts, including Chairman and his deputy attended the function. Results of the annual championship are as follows:-

THE RESULTS

Men's Open

Champion	Mark Low Chun Kit
2nd Placing	Nicholas Lee Heng Jin

Veteran Men's 50 years & Above

Champion	Huang Ying How
2nd Placing	Dr Saw Khay Yong

Boy's U – 15 years

Champion	Aidan Yunus
2nd Placing	Saw Yan Yu

Boy's U – 19 years

Champion	Nicholas Lee Heng Jin
(Tan Sri Datuk Alex Lee Trophy)	

2nd Placing	Andrew Wong Shi Wen
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KRUNGTHER-KANCHANABURI GOLF SOJOURN

28 February - 4 March 2017 | Dato' Mustafa Mohd Ali



On Tuesday 28 February 2017, a group of 28 (of which 21 were golfers) comprising RLC members, their spouses and some guests left for the 'Land of Smiles' on a 5-day 4-night golf sojourn.

Although the morning flight by Malindo Air was delayed by some 90 minutes, we reached Bangkok in good time. From Suvarnabhumi Airport it was a 3-hour journey by bus to our destination, the River Kwai in Kachanaburi.

Three rounds of golf were played, at Nichigo Golf Resort & Country Club at River Kwai, Mission Hill Golf Club in Kachanaburi and Summit Windmill Golf Club in Bangkok, respectively.

The Organising Committee decided that all 21 golfers should get a prize of some sort. It was decided that the 7 winners on the first day would not be entitled for prizes on the second and third day and the 7 winners on the second day would not be entitled for prizes on the third day.

The Committee also decided to collect RM30.00 from each golfer for prizes No. 4 to No. 7 as the tour agent would be providing trophies for the first 3 winners on each day and two trophies for the Overall Champion and Runner up.

The overall prize winners were Dato' Tan Seng Chee with Dato' Lian Chin Boon as runner up. Dato' Tan Seng Chee graciously bought delicious ice cream for all.

The non-golfers too had their own interesting itinerary which included visiting the cemetery of the Allied prisoners of World War II and Jeath Museum as well as a short trip by a longtail boat along Kanchanaburi's Mae-klong River to the Bridge in River Kwai.

In Bangkok they took in the Grand Palace, Emerald Buddha and the Big Reclining Buddha. It was a trip enjoyed by all and I was given to understand that the next overseas trip is likely to be to Hainan Island in South China.



The prize winners were as follows :-

Nichigo	Mission Hill	Summit Windmill
Dato' Lian Chin Boon	Dr Kok Tack Sang	Khoo Wei Tong
Che Roslan Abd Ghani	Ong Tien Kai	Tan Sri Mohd Khatib
Dr Sorana Valli	Dato' Mustafa Mohd Ali	Raymond Lye
Dato' Tan Seng Chee	Datin Noor Aini Samsudin	Dato' Seri Noordin Omar
Tan Sri James Tan Yin Wah	Khor Kin Seok	Md Ridzuwan Mansor
Hooi Tuck Kok	John Cheang	Yap Keng Lib
Achannan	Wong Heng Hooi	Thong Swee Cheong





SWIMMING ASSESSMENT TEST

5 March 2017 | Auzani Azmi

Ten young swimmers underwent their assessment test on 5 March 2017. The assessment was to enable successful swimmers to use the main pool while at the same time continuing to use the 25 M pool to improve their swimming strokes.

Criteria for the two grades are as follows:

Grade 3 (Beginner)

- Jump into pool
- Breaststroke 2 laps
- Front Crawl 1 lap
- Backstroke 1 lap
- Treading Water
- 1 minute



Grade 2 Distance & Qualifying Time

- Able to Swim 4 laps of Breaststroke (Nonstop) (100M - 1Minute 50 Seconds)
- Able to Swim 2 laps of Front Crawl (Nonstop) (50M - 40 Seconds)
- Able to Swim 2 laps of Backstroke (Nonstop) (50M - 50 Seconds)
- Able to Swim 1 lap of Butterfly (Nonstop) (25M - 23 Seconds)
- Able to perform 2 minutes of “ Treading Water”
- Able to perform surface dive from the starting platform

FIRST AGE-GROUP & MASTERS SWIMMING COMPETITION

12 March 2017 | Auzani Azmi



The Club held its First Age-Group & Masters Swimming Competition on 12 March 2017, with participation from 37 boys and 26 girls in all four strokes events, and 5 adults in the Masters category. This total number of 68 swimmers ranked as the biggest turn-up in the Club's swimming competition in a decade.

Comparison chart of number of participants in the RLC Age Group & Master Swimming Competitions

Year	Date	Boy	Girl	Adult
2017				
First Age Group	12 March	37	26	5
2016				
First Age Group	15 May	20	14	6
Second Age Group	24 July	20	12	6
2015				
First Age Group	17 May	18	17	-
Second Age Group	2 Aug	24	16	8



As the norm, the competition ended with the 'dive for coin' event, followed by a buffet lunch at the Poolside Gazebo. The Swimming Sub Committee would like to thank the General Committee and the Club for their unwavering support and F&N for the sponsorship of packet drinks and parasols.

PENANG SPORTS CLUB INTERNATIONAL TENNIS INVITATIONAL

10 - 12 March 2017 | Shahizan Hasnan



Held from 10-12 March 2017, it marked RLC's maiden participation in the tournament. Thirteen teams took part, including the very competitive Trang team from Thailand. Others included the SCSC team from Singapore and Kamikaze from Japan.

Our team played their hearts out and gave their best but regrettably, their journey ended in the semi-finals of the Plate Event. Our heartfelt thanks to all the players for sacrificing their time and energy for making the trip to Penang. For the record, Trang came out tops, defeating Penang Sports Club with an impressive 5-0 score.

TENNIS: PRESIDENT TEAM VS CHAIRMAN TEAM

18 March 2017 | Auzani Azmi



The first social of the year came in the guise of the traditional event opener i.e. the President vs Chairman team. Twenty-three highly-charged and enthusiastic section members participated, undeterred by the heavy downpour at the start of the game. They sat out the rain and the moment it stopped, rushed to the courts and played their hearts out.

Everyone had an enjoyable & memorable time which rendered the results irrelevant but for the record, the Chairman's team won by a narrow margin of 6 to 5.



CHINESE NEW YEAR JOINT CELEBRATIONS

5 March 2017 | Eileen Chew



The Club's Karaoke Section spearheaded an evening of festivities together with Dancesport, Aerobics, Belly Dance, Pilates and Yoga in celebration of Chinese New Year. Held at Bunga Raya restaurant, the evening turned out splendidly, prompting President Dato' Kamil to remark in his address that the 6-in-1 event was certainly a worthy do.

Dinner, complete with the traditional 'lo hei', was decidedly value for money and entertainment came from our own members. Karaoke regulars Irene Ng, David Wong, Wan Ban Ong, May Liew and Tony Chiu set the mood with a repertoire of Chinese favourites.

Adding flavour to the evening were Dato' Kamil with *'I Just Gotta Get A Message To You'*, Karaoke chairman Loke Wai Mum and fellow crooner Leona with Awie's *'Terima Kasih Sayang Ku Ucap Pada Mu'*, Zuriah with *'Lipstick On Your Collar'* and dangdut *'Penasaran'* which had patrons hitting the floor spontaneously. Volunteers from each table also contributed their songs.



Vice President Bernard Foong drew the lucky numbers for the night and presented 1+3D Lottery Tickets (compliments of Chairman Loke) to 10 elated participants. The Best Dressed Male and Best Dressed Female awards for the evening went to Tony Chiu and Janice Lim respectively.

Just as we thought the night's entertainment was finished, a bevy of belly dancers burst onto the scene, gyrating and twirling with shimmery tasseled outfits and tantalizing music.... bravo ladies!



MEMBERS VS STAFF KARAOKE COMPETITION

22 April 2017 | Puteri Kamaliah

If past competitions are anything to go by (there have been four before this one), it's proven beyond any doubt that there is no dearth of singing talent at the Royal Lake Club. On the contrary, the challenge gets stiffer each year.

Members and staff squared off once again recently to vie for the honour. The event, held on 22 April 2017 at Teratai Lounge, saw participation from 24 closet crooners (including a few who have since outed, in style too).

The evening started with a buffet dinner at Poolside Café. Competition proper begun at 8.30pm and concluded just before 11pm. Teratai Lounge was packed with supporters from both sides. There were clappings and catcalls aplenty, making the atmosphere very festive indeed.



It was a hard-fought contest. All 16 soloists and 4 duet pairs sang their hearts out to ensure maximum marks for their respective team. Alas, there could only be one victor. Last year Club members took the trophy home but this year victory belonged to the staff with the narrowest of margins; they topped their opponent by only one point. Congratulations to the winners and kudos to the organising committee for a smooth show.

The Karaoke Section also invites all Club members to come sample what Teratai Lounge has to offer. Truth be told, its repertoire is quite extensive.

11 April 2017 | Alice Yap



It was raining cats and dogs in Kuala Lumpur but when we neared Bukit Beruntung, the Weather God came through for us and we had a dry and glorious evening and night.

The hares, with their consultants, had laid a very challenging trail through the hills in this remote and unspoilt part of Selangor. Tricky parts with thorns were cleared and rubber trees, freshly tapped, reminded us of the twin commodities that gave Malaya and later Malaysia a sound economic start.

As the 60 of us climbed the seemingly unending series of upward slopes, we heard no sound of motor and luxuriated in the fresh country air. Checks were broken until we came upon a junction which allowed people to opt for a shorter run. FROP on the shorter run were Dr Tie and Uncle Yap in 80 minutes whilst S**t-Stirrer Arthur came in a couple of minutes later for the regular run. The rest trickled in soon after as the checks had succeeded in keeping the pack bunched up.

JointMaster Bala started the Circle and he was ably backed by the Village Elder, Uncle Yap and the Bomoh, Quiksilver Fox Mike. Hashers were punished for answering the call of nature on the course, holding hands with their spouses and a medley of other frivolous and flippant sins and transgressions. We all thoroughly enjoyed this particular feature of hashing where hashers are called up and have to finish a glass of beer to atone after a suitable song is sung.

Soon the beer barrel ran dry and we convoyed a short distance to a restaurant in a busier part of Bukit Beruntung. We sat down to a slap-up feast washed down with beer, wine and Scotland's best. The birthday boy, Teh Kan Tong was feted. It is remarkable that at his age, he runs the hash regularly and never short-cuts, patiently finishing each trail with his wife, Margaret. Bravo, Uncle Teh!

So, in this remote rural town, 70 of us RLC Harriers and guests continued to do what we do best - we dined and we wine and had a jolly good time.

Photographs by Ki Chelsy





SERIES OF GAMES WITH RAINTREE CLUB

8 April 2017 | Penny Toh

The series of games with the Raintree Club took part on Saturday, 8 April 2017. Representing RLC were 17 Tennis and 10 Table-Tennis players. Also present were the Darts and Billiard Section teams; they were there for their annual friendlies.

Although the visitors fought valiantly, luck was not on their side. In the final tally, Raintree won 7-3 for Tennis, 23-11 for Darts and 8-8 draw for Snooker. RLC emerged 2nd runner-up in Table-Tennis. Better luck next year, folks!



46TH WORLD MORNING CUP & WU WEN DA MEMORIAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

18 April 2017 | Goh Kim Chuan

Several members of the Royal Lake Club, among them Datuk P Venugopal, Loong Chee Meng, Dato K P Lim, Lim Beng Jin, H L Wong and Dr Goh Kim Chuan, headed for Taiwan in April to participate in the abovementioned championship which was held in Taipei from 7-9 April 2017.

The event saw 3,800 participants from all over the world, with ages ranging from 25 to 90 years old. Matches were held in two venues, one with a total of 30 badminton courts on three floors, and another with 26 courts.

All matches where our members took part in their respective age ranges were hard fought. On the whole we performed reasonably well, clinching 4 golds, a silver and a bronze.

Datuk P Venugopal and Loong Chee Meng won the gold medal in the 140 years combined age men's doubles event. Datuk Venugopal later partnered Dr Goh Kim Chuan to take the gold medal in the 70-74 age men's doubles event.



Dr Goh teamed up with Dato' Irwan Shah Abdullah (D J Dave) to win the bronze medal in their 140 combined age men's doubles. Loong later partnered a lady participant from China to win the Mixed Doubles event.

GENERAL COMMITTEE
ROYAL LAKE CLUB

Date : 17th March, 2017

TO MEMBERS
ROYAL LAKE CLUB

Dear Sirs,

Re : Corrective Information
Club "De-Registration" : An Update

The above article was published in our newsletter Jan / Feb 2017 edition.

It was held out in paragraphs 2 & 3 of the said Article that "the information stated therein was made available to Mr Mahinder Singh by Dr Molly Cheah Bee Li in confidence and in breach of the said confidence Mr Mahinder Singh had relayed it to Mr Radhakrishnan".

Mr Mahinder Singh takes the position that this is not correct as Dr Molly did not allege this in the Disciplinary Proceedings nor did she say this in her reply to Mr Radhakrishnan's complaint, though she had been telling members in her conversation with them "that confidence was breached". He further says that he has been embarrassed by this article.

The Editorial Committee, in retrospect, takes the position that since Dr Molly did not raise the issue of "breach of confidence" in her official reply and before the Disciplinary Committee that Mr Mahinder Singh has a valid point.

The Editorial Committee takes the further position that it was never its intention to mis-report the facts and that any embarrassment caused to Mr Mahinder Singh is inadvertent.

With regard to Mr Mahinder Singh's complaint against Dr Molly the General Committee takes the position that it is every member's right under the Constitutional Rules of the Club to lodge disciplinary complaints of misconduct against other members.

Mr Mahinder Singh also wants it to be known to the general membership, that when the General Committee through its emissaries went to see the ROS – "he had categorically stated that the information to the ROS must be in the proper perspective and most importantly it must be accurate".

Witness
Strangely M
20/3/17

Confirmed -
Correct
MKandhane
20/3/2017.

Staff Resignation

March and April saw several staff resignation, mostly in pursuit of work and financial betterment. To those leaving, we wish them the best in their future endeavours.

1. Masnizasuryani bt Mahmod (F&B Executive) left on 24 March 2017 after nearly 2 years of service.
2. Chong You Peng @ George (Finance Manager) left on 31 March 2017 after 10 months of employment.
3. Mohd Azrim bin Abdul Malik (Security Guard) and Mohd Fairus Ashraf bin Abu Bakar (Waiter) left on 31 March 2017, both after a short duration with the Club.
4. Sophie a/p Nganpragasam (In-house Attendant) left on 30 April 2017 after 3 years of service.

Two long-serving staff, namely Rose Seni bt A Rashid and Karupayee@Neela a/p Murugesu, also left in the month of March. Rose Seni was the Club's Library Assistant and had been with RLC for almost 14 years while Karupayee had served RLC for nearly 35 years. Their dedication and commitment to the Club over the years are very much appreciated.

Team Building Training Programme

Wan Suhaila Wan Shamsulbahrain

Any organization big or small requires a good team to help bring employees together and create a cooperative spirit that is effective and focused on achieving its goals.

Bearing this in mind, the Royal Lake Club organized a two-day team-building programme for 20 selected staff at Semenyih Eco Venture Resort and Recreation (SEVTR). The session was held over the weekend of 25-26 March 2017.

Our maiden challenges upon arrival were Ninja Warrior and Flying Fox. These two activities were packed with obstacles but it taught us team spirit and how to face tough challenges. That night we had karaoke and other fun group activities as tension-relievers.

On Day Two we endured Ninja Mud Obstacle but thoroughly enjoyed the Water Polo Game. Our session concluded with river canoeing. On the whole, the outing was a success, achieving the target of higher team spirit. Here's looking forward to improved productivity and efficiency in the workplace!



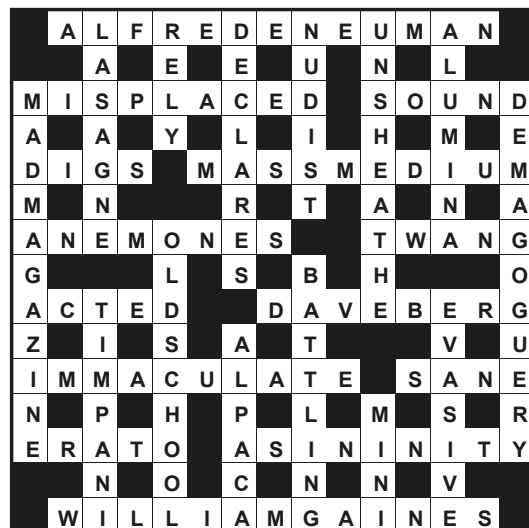


I am so pleased that many of you share my love for Mad Magazine which used to be compulsory reading during my misspent youth. I am also pleasantly surprised that it is still alive and kicking. Go to <http://www.madmagazine.com> for details.

The standard of clues submitted for NUDIST was quite good and Maureen Mokhlis (10262) wins RM100 for her clue, "*Naturist solved whodunits without question*" (6) an anagram of "*whodunits*" minus "*who*". "*Enthusiast uncovered?*" (6) an excellent cryptic definition by Chew Yoke Lim (7906) also wins a RM100 F&B voucher.

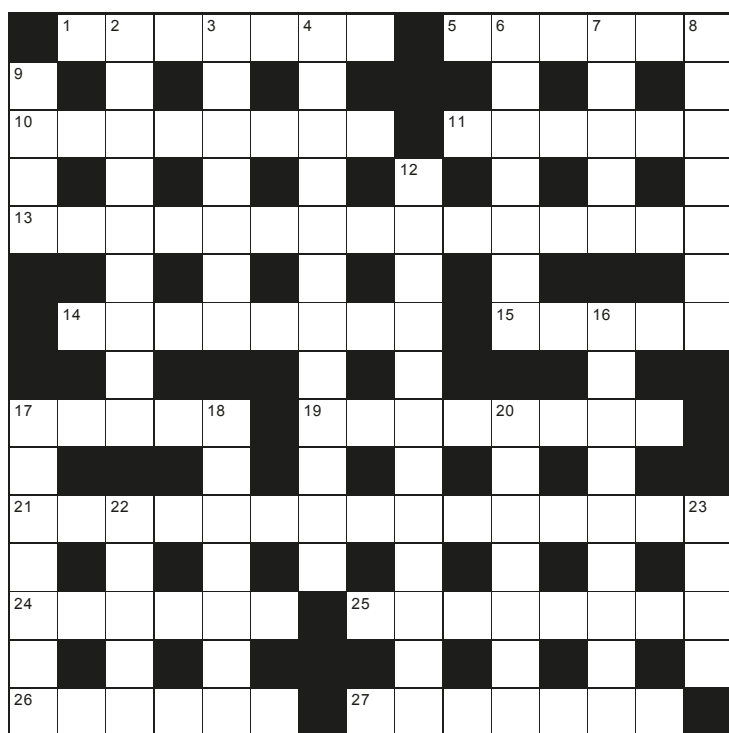
The following will receive RM15 F&B vouchers for their all-correct entries. Heah Kok Soon (6480), Tan Chooi Suan (11143), N Suryamurthy (10581), Lim Kar Han (12372), Tunku Yahya (14189) & T V Sekhar (15678).

For RLC220, solve the puzzle and create a clue for the answer to 14 Across. Place entry in the box at the Main Library before noon Wednesday 31 May 2017. Happy solving.



Answer Grid for RLC 219

RLC CROSSWORD NO 220 SET BY UNCLE YAP



Entry Form for RLC 220

Name: _____
 Membership No. : _____
 Clue: _____

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.

Across

- 1&5 Pop group gathering no moss (7,6)
- 10 Real gun in flight (8)
- 11 First character is in story to act as go-between (6)
- 13 Bias denotes sunniest disposition (15)
- 14 Article backing employment starts to attack transients, evoking disgust (8)
- 15 Itch to make money by the end of Sunday (5)
- 17 Praise Porgy's partner for embracing trainee (5)
- 19 Veiled or disguised criminal (8)
- 21 Each is not stupid, confused or naive (15)
- 24 1&5 leader first to jump a horse with hesitation (6)
- 25 Return notice (8)
- 26 Unknown directions to find fermenting agents (6)
- 27 Continue with first person, not on at the front (7)

Down

- 2 Bewildered trainee to determine position (9)
- 3 What the postman carries from A to Z (7)
- 4 Testing on car abandoned - it's not vital (3-9)
- 6 First, do not start to enter your old dry ... (7)
- 7 ... empty stable with no one in front - pandemonium could result (5)
- 8 Stay with the original issue of headgear (7)
- 9 Pure bull (4)
- 12 Conjuring up nice sex on Net is no life (3-9)
- 16 Vigilance resulting from a right inserted in lease to Scottish lake (9)
- 17 Flier's obscene letter? (4,3)
- 18 Wise to deplete a hospital department (7)
- 20 Aristocrat initially doesn't understand game (7)
- 22 Letter from Greece for general manager in airline (5)
- 23 Take out fruit (4)



Results/Worked Example of Sudoku Challenge: March/April 2017 Issue.

Tetsuya Nishio "Extreme Sudoku" (Vertical, Inc. NY) Adapted **No. 19** HARD; 24 clues; 57 digit solutions. Solving process is based on a systematic and structured methodology involving analyzing in the 3 bands and 3 stacks (tools: analysis of R, C, B, using *missing* digits; techniques: by only-cell (OC) or by only-digit (OD); logic: OC or OD. Where possible, *only OD logic used is stated*. Sequence of solutions depends on tools and techniques used. The choice of which band or stack to analyse first depends on the situation. For band/stack analysis, we use original digits as missing digits; digit solutions/strategic locked sets of candidates deduced on follow-up strategy are not considered.

	C1	C2	C3	C	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9
R1	9	4	5						
R2		7	8	24	24	34	1	91	
R3	3	4		9		6		2	
R4									
R5		9	76	8		1		6	
R6			4				92		
R7		1			4		83	9	
R8			6			3	5		
R9			95		2				1

Figure 1: Band 1: R2: Due to initial digit 9 in B1, B2, C9, deduce 91, R2C8. **1st F. up 91, C7:** Deduce 92, R6C7. **2nd F. up 91, C8:** Missing [13478]. Due to [147] in R7, [3] in B9, deduce 83, R7C8, **OD, 3rd F. up B2:** Missing [23456]. Due to [56] in B2, [24] in C6, deduce 34, R2C6, **OD, F. up 34, R2:** Due to [56] in B2, deduce 1st LS(24), R2/B2. **F. up on LS(4), B1:** Deduce 2nd LS(4), B1/C2 **Stack 1: C3:** Deduce 95, R9C3. **F. up 95, C3:** Due to 7 in B1, R4, R7, deduce 76, R5C3.

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9
R1	9	4	5						
R2		7	8	24	24	34	1	91	
R3	3	4		9		6		2	
R4							7		
R5		9	76	8		1		6	
R6			4				92		
R7		1			4		29	83	9
R8	47	28	6	17	89	89	3	5	
R9	47		95			2	610		1

Figure 2: 2nd F. up 95, B7: Due to [LS(47)] in C2, [47] in R7, deduce 3rd LS(47), B7/C1. **Stack 2: C4:** Due to 1 in B5, R9 and (24) in C4, deduce 17, R8C4. **F. up 17, R8:** Missing [24789]. Due to [247] in B8, deduce 4th LS(89), R8/B8. **F. up LS(89), R8:** Missing [247]. Due to LS(47) in B7, deduce 28, R8C2. **F. up 28, R7:** Due to 28 in R8, 2 in R9, deduce 29, R7C7. **F. up 29, B9:** Due to 6 in R8, C8, deduce 610, R9C7.

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9
R1	9	4	5						
R2	615	7	8	24	24	34	1	91	514
R3	3	4		9		6		2	
R4							7		
R5	216	9	76	8		1		6	
R6			4				92		
R7	513	1	312	7	611	4	29	83	9
R8	47	28	6	17	89	89	3	5	
R9	47		95			2	610		1

Figure 3: Stack 2 (cont'd): F. up 610, B8: Due to 610 in R9, deduce 611, R7C5. **F. up 611, R7:** Due to 3 in C1, deduce 312, R7C3. **F. up 312, R7:** By last blank cell, deduce 513, R7C1. **F. up 513, R2:** Due to 513 in C1, deduce 514, R2C9. **R2:** Deduce 615, R2C1. **F. up, C1:** Missing [128]. Due to [18] in R5, deduce 216, R5C1, **OD**. From situation analysis, clearly, from the 17th solution to the final 57th solution, the Sudoku is solved directly and easily.

Process, Hints and Tips for Sudoku Solving with reference to Sudoku Challenge (Part 5)

- Let us return to basics. The process that I use to solve a Sudoku is called "analysis". To perform it, I develop analytical tools and techniques. The tools are "row/column/block analysis". The techniques are "only-cell/only-digit techniques".
- Every digit solution is based on interpretation of the results of analysis and on logical deduction in which the only-cell logic or the only-digit logic is used, a logic that is in line with Sudoku rules.
- The methodology that I use is called the "Band & Stack Methodology". Using only original digit clues, initial digit solutions/strategic locked sets of candidates are deduced. Analysis in bands and stacks using the analytical tools are used to classify these initial digit solutions. Every result of initial digit analysis is followed up and such a process produces a chain of solutions.

- For hard Sudokus, when no blank cell can be deduced to contain a digit as solution, a set of blank cells is deduced to contain specific digit solutions in a row, column or block, otherwise analysis using "what-if" reasoning has to be used. This set of blank cells is called a "locked set of candidates" that are deduced based on Sudoku rules. 4 types are met with in solving hard Sudokus: LS(x), LS(xy), LS(xyz) and LS(wxyz). (to be continued in Part 5A)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF SUDOKU CHALLENGE (MARCH - APRIL 2017 ISSUE)

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SOLUTION

942	517	836
678	423	195
351	986	427
165	239	748
297	841	563
834	675	912
513	764	289
726	198	354
489	352	671

Welcome Notice: Sudoku-playing members of the Club are warmly welcome to submit their entries for grading. You can later compare your effort with the model answer given to improve your solving skills and to better enjoy and profit from a healthier and enervated brain.

Prize and Recognition

For this Sudoku Challenge, normally up to three (3) 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, up to 5 or more entries will receive a food voucher of RM10/- each as consolation prizes.**

Submission of Entries

Submit your entry by hand or by post to reach the Library by **31 May, 2017**.

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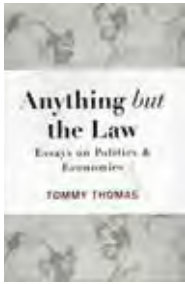
- Fill in the blank cells in the Sudoku with digits from 1 to 9 so that each row, column and block contains the digits from 1 to 9 without repeating any.
- Also, mark-in the *critical* and *strategic* "locked" sets of candidate digits to break the Sudoku code in the grid itself. This is a required condition.
- Record your sequence of results in A4 paper using the template provided below. Attach your results to the solved Sudoku. Show the *critical* and *strategic* locked sets in your table of results by replacing the column "Digit Solution" with "Locked Set" (LS), where relevant. The LS can be in a block along a row/column or split in 2/3 blocks in a row/column. Give the logic used: OC/OD logic.
- The decision of the judges is final.

Criteria for Winning Entries	
Quality	a) Sequence of solutions indicate quality solutions based on proper follow-up guidelines; b) solutions are deduced directly, where possible; c) use of simpler tools and techniques; d) valid logical reasoning via use of locked sets.
Reporting of Results	Report on solutions should include their sequence and the strategic locked sets of candidates. The solved grid should provide the locked sets of candidates. Provide a) R/C/B analysed, b) sequence of digit solution, c) position of solution, d) only OD logic to be provided. Locked sets to be shown in grid (in smaller size)

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

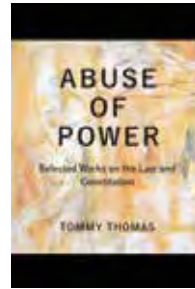
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NEW BOOKS



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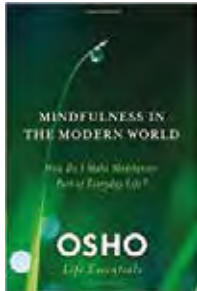
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Mindfulness In The Modern World by Osho

When the mind disappears and thoughts disappear, you become mindful. What is mindfulness? It is awareness. It is perfect awareness. In Mindfulness in the Modern World, Osho helps us explore both the inner and the outer obstacles that prevent us from bringing more awareness to all our daily activities. He emphasizes that while techniques can be useful in pointing the way, in themselves they are not meditation. Rather, meditation – or mindfulness – is ultimately a state of being in which we are capable of action and stillness, work and play, and able to be fully present to each moment of life as it comes. Osho's insights into the nature of the modern mind, with its tendency to judge and compare, provides a helpful entry point for long time meditators as well as beginners. Mindfulness in the Modern World covers a wide range of topics, including five experiential techniques that will help you bring awareness to your everyday life.



The Last Mile by David Baldacci

Convicted murderer Melvin Mars is counting down the last hours before his execution--for the violent killing of his parents twenty years earlier--when he's granted an unexpected reprieve. Another man has confessed to the crime. Amos Decker, newly hired on an FBI special task force, takes an interest in Mars's case after discovering the striking similarities to his own life: Both men were talented football players with promising careers cut short by tragedy. Both men's families were brutally murdered. And in both cases, another suspect came forward, years after the killing, to confess to the crime. A suspect who may or may not have been telling the truth. The confession has the potential to make Melvin Mars--guilty or not--a free man. Who wants Mars out of prison? And why now?

OBITUARY

The Club extends its condolences to the family and friends of the following Members who passed away recently.



Chan Keng Meng passed away peacefully on 2 January 2017. He had been a member since 15 December 1996.



Cheam Tat Pang passed away peacefully on 8 March 2017. He had been a member since 19 March 1976.



Chuah Mei Lin passed away peacefully on 6 January 2017. She had been a member since 18 July 2005.



Fred Chan Swee Fatt passed away peacefully on 7 April 2017. He had been a member since 17 July 1982.



Rohini Cecelia May a/p Kandiah Ayadurai passed away peacefully on 19 January 2017. She had been a member since 9 March 1971.



M Mahalingam passed away peacefully on 16 April 2017. He had been a member since 1 December 1977.

Al-Fatihah



Mohd Shayariz Bin Abu Kassim passed away peacefully on 6 January 2017. He had been a member since 2 January 2015.



YBhg Dato' Zulkafli B Md Nor passed away peacefully on 22 March 2017. He had been a member since 10 October 1973.



YBhg Dato' Abdul Manan Othman passed away peacefully on 18 January 2017. He had been a member since 26 December 1973.



SUNDAY

at the Mini Theatre



7
MAY

MAY

JUNE

4
JUNE

NINE LIVES

11.00am

A stuffy businessman finds himself trapped inside the body of his family's cat.



ALLIED

3.00pm

In 1942, a Canadian intelligence officer in North Africa encounters a female French Resistance fighter on a deadly mission behind enemy lines. When they reunite in London, their relationship is tested by the pressures of war.



THE RESCUERS

11.00am

Bernard and Miss Bianca, two New York City mice, are members of the Rescue Aid Society, an international team that operates beneath the United Nations and comes to the aid of those in need. After receiving word that Penny, a young orphan, has been abducted by Madame Medusa, an evil woman seeking a precious diamond, the two set out to bring her back home, with help from other animal friends.

DEEPWATER HORIZON

3.00pm

On April 20, 2010, the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig explodes in the Gulf of Mexico, igniting a massive fireball that kills several crew members. Chief electronics technician Mike Williams and his colleagues find themselves fighting for survival as the heat and the flames become stifling and overwhelming. Banding together, the co-workers must use their wits to make it out alive amid all the chaos.



21
MAY

IZZIE'S WAY HOME

11.00am

A constantly picked-on aquarium fish escapes her yacht home, unaware of the dangers that await her in the open ocean. With the help of other misfit sea creatures, she learns not only how to brave the perils of the deep, but how to be true to herself.



LA LA LAND

3.00pm

Mia, an aspiring actress, serves lattes to movie stars in between auditions and Sebastian, a jazz musician, scrapes by playing cocktail party gigs in dingy bars, but as success mounts they are faced with decisions that begin to fray the fragile fabric of their love affair, and the dreams they worked so hard to maintain in each other threaten to rip them apart.



FINDING DORY

11.00am

The friendly but forgetful blue tang fish, Dory, begins a search for her long-lost parents, and everyone learns a few things about the real meaning of family along the way.

18
JUNE

JASON BOURNE

3.00pm

Jason Bourne is again being hunted by the CIA. It begins when Nicky Parsons, a former CIA operative who helped Bourne who then went under and now works with a man who's a whistle blower and is out to expose the CIA's black ops.



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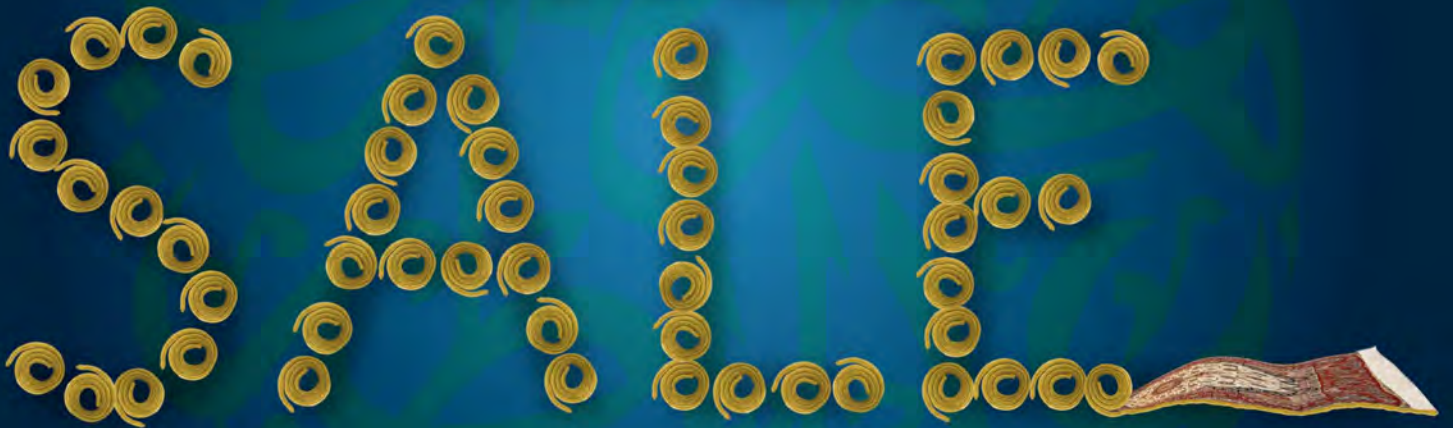
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