

Kelab Taman Perdana Diraja

ROYAL LAKE CLUB, KUALA LUMPUR

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020



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ARTICLES

Cuti Cuti Taiping 20

CLUB

Did You Know? 16

SPORTS

Golf-tour To Forest City Golf Resort, Johor 27



NEW YEAR'S EVE

DINNER

Thursday, 7:30pm
31 Dec 2020 @ The Orchid

Hot Vichyssoise Soup with Sauteed Bell Pepper
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Roasted Lamb Roll Marinated with
Fresh Herbs & Rosemary Sauce

or

Pan Fried Boneless Chicken topped with
Eggplant, Tomato Concasse baked with Mozzarella Cheese
.....

Chocolate Mousse
.....

Coffee/Tea

TICKET
PRICE

RM100
(MEMBER)

RM120
(GUEST)

New Year's Eve

BBOQ

DINNER

Thursday, 7:30pm
31 Dec 2020 @ Pavilion/Club Lawn

TICKET PRICE:

Members - RM80.00 | Guest - RM110.00

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From me to you...2021 – wishing you an annus mirabilis

Annus Mirabilis doesn't exactly sound great but frankly it is.

It is what the 2020 GC wishes for all RLC members and Malaysians alike. We need 2021 to be it.

The phrase is a take on what Elizabeth said. No, not Liz of this Newsletter's editorial Board. Liz II, actually. 'Liz II', in 1992, after some trying events, said on the 40th anniversary of her succession, '1992 is not a year on which I shall look back with undiluted pleasure.' Kofi Annan, the then [United Nations Secretary-General](#), used the phrase in his year-end press conference on 21 December 2004. He reflected: "There is no doubt that this has been a particularly difficult year, and I am relieved that this *annus horribilis* is coming to an end.' Sadly, he said that just before the Indian Ocean Tsunami of 26 December 2004. Probably forgot about a possible sting in the tail?

2020 was for most of us *annus horribilis* – a year, in Liz II's words, on which we certainly do not want to look back with undiluted pleasure. There is still a bit of a way to go in the year. So precaution is advised?

December is always a time for reflections and reminiscences. I will, in keeping with that 'undiluted pleasure' depart from my usual writings in this Newsletter, and highlight what 2020 has been like for all of us and, more particularly, our Club.

It has been a tough year, in all senses of that word, and as Liz II said an '*annus horribilis*', what with the lockdowns, the social, financial and economic impact and both domestic and international political shenanigans.

The headline of 2020 has been the Covid-19 pandemic or as Trump put it so emphatically 'covid, Covid, cOvid, coVid, coviD'. Regrettably the miracle he forecast is yet to happen but the vaccine is on its way.

We shut the Club down on 18 March 2020. We then used the opportunity to undertake some refurbishment wherever we could. All necessary SOPs were put in place and enforced. The Club has over the last 8 months monitored the safety bubble we put in place for members. The pandemic has affected the Club financially. Elsewhere in this issue the VP has adroitly set out the dollar-and-cents impact on the Club to the 30th June financial year end. You should look at that to get a better picture of the state of your Club.

Members will recollect that at the 2017 AGM, budget deficits of the previous 4 years were highlighted. Dire forecasts were then made. They have yet to come to pass. At the 2018 AGM the Turnaround Committee recommended five measures for the well-being of the Club. Amongst them was a pressing need for the strengthening of the management team responsible for the operations and financials of the Club as well as an increase in subscriptions. These were put in place in 2019.

Your GC in 2019-2020 also removed subsidies in view of the losses arising from a slowdown in machine room operations. The slowdown is being addressed and the GC is actively reviewing the re-opening of the machine room to generate income which will then go towards enhancing the sports and recreation facilities and services across the Club.

We are a 130 year old institution with a rapidly changing, albeit ageing demographic profile of membership. The Club needed to bring in younger, more actively involved members. Your GC attempted to address this in several ways. Clubbing is a unique activity. It becomes attractive when child members have started moving up the ladder of studies, to work, to the starting of a family, to settling into the swing of 'adulthood'. The millennials were there and becoming a force to be reckoned with. Recognising that our data bank revealed that child members were missing a cut-off age barrier at 25 of coming in as full members, the GC tweaked the Rules to bring in child members as full members up to 35. The incoming GCs must appreciate that Gen Z is hot on the heels of the millennials and that group must not be lost.

Some other issues were taken up in the constitutional amendments made in the September 2020 EGM. These have been approved by the Registrar of Societies and are in force. Our financial year now ends 31 December as opposed to the previous provision of 30 June. This effectively dictates a full year's accounts to be presented to members instead of overlapping 6 month periods spread over two calendar years and is in keeping with sound accounting, tax and reporting practices. It mandates the holding of an AGM by 30 June. The GC size has been reduced, its term has been extended to two years instead of the previous one year. This will, and should, enhance efficiency and will allow for seamless continuity to GC elections going forward will place effective policy issues of membership - Term held biennially. A new class Membership - has been introduced to draw in and cater for corporate and expatriate membership. Club membership will now be transferable within a prescribed family bubble.

We are having work done on the building, the lifts, the several other areas around the Club. The final take on 2020 that word 'bear'. We may well be a play on the new normal. After all, need to bear with the bare necessities. And as Baloo, the great bear, said - **"The simple bar necessities. Forget about your worries and your necessities of life will come to you."**



So, curl up on your sofa, gather your loved ones around and watch Disney's **The Jungle Book**. The *bare necessities* will come to you.

From me to you for 2021, in advance – *annus mirabilis*. A happy and miraculous new year!

Manjeet Singh Dhillon
12 November 2020
President

annus mirabilis

'annus mirabilis', used without capitalisation, is the title of a poem by John Dryden. It derives its meaning from its Latin origins and describes a year of particularly notable events.

MARTIAL ARTS

AIKIDO

Sundays : 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Children <12 : RM100, Adult: RM150
012-213 1829

QI GONG

Wednesdays : 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Poolside Gazebo
RM70 per month (Once a week)
012-398 9443, 017-575 2952

TAI CHI

Mondays & Wednesdays : 5:45pm - 8:45pm
Multipurpose Hall,
Thursday : 7:45pm - 9:15pm
Aerobic Room
RM80 per month
016-278 8232

TAE KWON DO

Wednesdays : 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Blue to Black Belt
Recreational Hall
Various times (Belt specific),
Saturdays : 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Sundays : 9:00am - 1:00pm
Multipurpose Hall
RM55 to RM95
017-873 7778

NEW SUN WUSHU

Tuesdays : 6:45am - 8:30am
Fridays : 6:45am - 8:30am
Multipurpose Hall
RM80 (4 sessions per month)
or RM160 (8 Sessions per month)
013-362 4348

CHESS

CHESS BY MOK TZE MENG

Sundays :
Advanced Class : 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Beginners Class : 3:00pm - 4:00pm
RM120 Advanced, RM100 Beginners,
Multipurpose Room
016-223 3536

FITNESS & GYM

STRETCHING & BODY WEIGHT EXERCISE

Mondays & Fridays: 7:30am,
Tuesdays & Saturdays: 8:00am,
Thursdays: 7:00am / 9:30am
Aerobics Room
RM60 per month (Once a week)
RM100 per month (Twice a week)
016-668 7049

BOLLYWOOD FITNESS

By Sonia Shah
Sundays: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Recreation Hall
RM60 per month (Once a week)
012-430 0085

PILATES

Tuesdays: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Wednesdays: 10:00am - 11:00am
Friday: 10:00am - 11:00am
Aerobics Room
RM430 (for 3 months)
017-878 8559

ZUMBA

Wednesdays & Fridays : 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Aerobics Room
RM80 per month (Once a week)
017-3656685

AEROBIC

Mondays : 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Aerobics Room
RM80 per month (Once a week)
017-3656685

BELLYDANCE

Saturdays : 11:30am -12:30pm
Aerobics Room
RM80 per month (Once a week)
017-3656685

YOGA

By Divine Life Society
Tuesdays : 6:15pm - 7:15pm
Saturday : 8:45am - 10:00am
Recreational Hall
RM140 for 3 months payable in advance
012-2787409, 012-202 3592

By Aman Merican

Tuesdays : 10:30am - 11:30am
Fridays : 11:00am - 12:00pm
Recreational Hall
RM60 per month (Once a week)
RM120 per month (Twice a week)
RM180 per month (Thrice a week)
011-1140 3436

By Lau Wai Fong

Wednesday : 7:30am - 8:30am
RM60 per month (Once a week)
Recreation Hall
016-656 8905

**DANCESPORT/BALLROOM CLASSES/
BOLLYWOOD DANCE FITNESS**

Eric Tan (012-3212083)
Tuesdays : 7:30pm - 10:30pm
Wednesdays : 8:30pm - 9:30pm
Aerobics Room
RM65 per month (Once a week)

Luisa Lau (019-2204678)
Mondays : 10:00am-11:00am,
7:30pm-10:00pm, Aerobics Room
RM65 per month (Once a week)

William Lor (7:30pm-8:30pm)
Luisa Lau (8:30am-9:30pm, 9:30pm-10:30pm)
Tuesdays, Recreation Hall
RM90 per month (Once a week)

Luisa Lau (019-2204678)
Thursday :
6:30pm-7:30pm (Line Dancing)
7:30pm-8:30pm (Latin/Ballroom)
8:30pm-9:30pm (Beginner)
Recreation Hall
RM65 per month (Once a week)

ART

CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING

Thursdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Fridays: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Recreation Hall
RM145 per month
Tel : 03-7781 0699 / 017-881 4344

CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY

Thursdays: 10:00am - 5:30pm
Recreation Hall
RM130 per month
03-4022 2860 / 012-979 2005

COMPETITIVE SPORTS

BADMINTON

Mr.Lee Guan Ching (016-226 9877)
Mondays: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Wednesdays: 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Thursdays: 9:00am - 11:00am
Fridays: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Yap Yee Hup (019-275 8479)
Mondays to Fridays: 7:00am - 4:00pm

Cheng Sai Kit

Fridays: 4:00pm - 11:00pm
Saturdays: 7:00am - 1:00pm
Saturdays: 6:00pm - 11:00pm
Sundays: 7:00am - 9:00am
016-421 5639

TENNIS

Clement Chan (013-330 5812)
Saturdays : 8:00am - 11:00am, 3:00pm - 7:00pm
Sundays : 8:00am - 11:00am, 3:00pm - 6:00pm

TABLE TENNIS

Chong Choi Thing (012-378 4883)
Saturdays : 4:00pm - 5:30pm
RM100 per month
Table Tennis Hall

SQUASH

Mary Lee (012-386 7378)
Adult Class: Per session- 60 minutes
One to one - RM90 per session
Group of 2 - RM100 per session
Group of 3 - RM150 per session

Children Class: Per session- 45 minutes
One to one - RM68 per session
Group of 2-4 - RM75 per session

Group Monthly Basis:

Under 10 - RM110
Above 10 - RM130

COMPETITIVE SWIMMING

Instructor: Ong Lye Hing
Thursday, Fridays & Sundays :
7:00pm - 9:00pm.
RM150 per month
Main Pool

SWIMMING

Gan Kok Yee (012-200 8934)
Mondays to Fridays: 3:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturdays: 8:00am - 12:00 noon
& 2:00pm - 6:00pm
Sundays: 8:30am - 11:30am
RM65 to RM120 per month

Rajaandran (012-399 0702)
Mondays, Fridays: 3:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturdays, 8:00am - 12:00noon &
2:00pm - 6:00pm
Sundays: 8:30am - 11:30am
RM65 to RM120 per month

Ong Lye Hin (016-212 1947)
Mondays to Fridays: 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Saturday : 8:00am - 12 noon
Sundays : 2:00pm - 6:00pm &
8:00am - 12noon
RM65 to RM120 per month

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IMPORTANT Update your email addresses!!

In line with the Club embarking on digitalization and moving away from paper-dependent notifications and correspondences, the GC agreed that the Club will communicate with members electronically from 1 August 2020.

Members, in order for the Club to send the monthly statements and weekly email blasts to you, please give us/update your email addresses to the Club.

AGM & Transfer of Membership

The General Committee is pleased to inform our members that the Registrar of Societies has approved the recent amendments to the Club Constitution. In line with this, the General Committee has decided as follows:

1. The date of the Annual General Meeting is now rescheduled for Sunday, 23 May 2021. The earlier date of 29 November is now vacated.
2. Transfer of Membership and Term Membership – the Application Form is available at the Reception from 1 November 2020 onwards.



Taiping Lake Gardens 20



EGM 2020 8

Are you interested to write articles for the newsletter? E-mail your name, handphone number, club number and area of interest to newsletter@royallakeclub.org.my.

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Missed the Boat?

IT USED TO BE 25...

In the past, the Club accepted applications for voting membership from children of members at preferential entrance fees subject to the following:

*A Member's Child between the age of **18 years and before his/her 25th birthday, single and a full-time student** is eligible for membership if the Parent Member has been a Voting Member of the Club for at least 5 continuous years before the child applicant attains the age of 21.*

- (i) **Study within Malaysia** - the application must be received by the Club within 6 months from the date of the certificate/diploma/degree OR on or before the applicant's 25th birthday, whichever is earlier.*
- (ii) **Study outside Malaysia** - the application must be received by the Club within 6 months from the date of return to Malaysia, OR on or before the applicant's 25th birthday, whichever is earlier.*

There had been instances where children of members waited past their 25th birthday to apply for membership because:

- a) They preferred to complete their education (up to Masters and Doctorate) before returning to Malaysia. By the time they return they would be invariably above the age of 25.
- b) Due to possible permanent residency of the country where they study, they are required to complete a period of working there.
- c) They were unable to complete the membership processes from interview and provisional membership pending introduction for voting membership. Although granted membership they were not eligible to apply for absent membership status.
- d) Their parents with a few children might face difficulties in raising funds to apply membership for their children before their 25th birthday especially so after funding the children's education.

Extending the age limit from their 25th birthday would allow these young adults time to kick-start their career and to fund their own membership application. This in turn would make them value the membership of the Club.

Early this year, the Club decided to extend the age limit and allow applications from children of members as long as the applications were made before they reached their **36th birthday**. That decision was very well received and the Club received a total of **64 applications**, out of which **6 were third-generation members**, from children of members thus far.

A Glimpse into the Club's Financial Performance

Members would be interested to know that, in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Club's financials are still intact. For the year ended 30 June 2020, the Club managed to turn in an unaudited surplus of above RM2 million. Members would be aware that at the Extra-ordinary General Meeting held on 20 September 2020, five resolutions were passed, in which one of them pertained to the change in financial year-end to 31 December. Hence, the Club's next financial accounts would be for a period of 18 months ending 31 December 2020, which will be presented to members at the Annual General Meeting to be held in May 2021.

The Club, too, is also impacted from the Covid-19 pandemic but its financial performance started to improve after June 2020 with the RMCO. However, with the latest imposition of CMCO from 12 October 2020, the Club's financials began to suffer negatively. Moving forward, with uncertainty in income from Food & Beverage and Sports & recreation activities, the Club has to manage and control costs, reduce wastages and cut out unnecessary expenses. The Club is grateful to members who continue to pay their subscriptions promptly and help to ensure the facilities are being maintained and upkeep properly.

Members would be pleased to note that the Club continues to improve the accounting and financial management system of the Club with proper control and governance procedures being enforced and introduced. Stringent financial controls are put in place so that the Club does not have to suffer the problems that have besieged the Club since 2013. The Club would continue to improve and rectify weaknesses in record keeping and ensure accurate and timely information is being provided for informed decision making. In this respect, the Finance Department has been reorganised and revamped in the last 3 months by employing staff who have the requisite accounting qualifications and experience. It is hoped that the Club would begin the new financial year of 2021 with greater accountability and governance that all members would be proud of.

Bernard Foong
 Vice President, Royal Lake Club
 Chairman, Finance Sub Committee

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RELAX

Smile

during Covid-19



LIFE AND BEER ARE VERY SIMILAR CHILL FOR BEST RESULTS	MY RELATIONSHIP WITH WHISKEY IS ON THE ROCKS	OUR MOUNTAINS AREN'T JUST FUNNY THEY'RE HILL AREAS	FOR CHEMISTS ALCOHOL IS NOT A PROBLEM IT'S A SOLUTION
COWS HAVE HOOVES BECAUSE THEY LACTOSE	DOUBLE NEGATIVES ARE A NO-NO IN ENGLISH	I HATE THIS SNOW! NO... WAIT I LOVE THIS SNOW! SIGNED, BI-POLAR BEAR	AFRAID OF SANTA? YOU MAY BE CLAUSTROPHOBIC

EGM

Sunday, 20 September 2020

by MS Dhillon



The Club EGM on 20th September where 6 Resolutions were tabled went ahead as scheduled. For those who were unable to attend, this update provides the salient details. For those who were there, the GC extends its thanks and appreciation for the support given and for members to have taken the time to be in the Club on a Sunday morning.

Because of the Covid-19 SoPs and social distancing requirements only voting members were allowed into the Meeting Hall. 158 voting members in the Banquet Hall satisfied the quorum requirements and a timely commencement to the EGM.

As there were amendments to the Constitution being proposed, the following show-of-hands voting procedure was followed to ensure a conclusive, timely and efficient meeting.

1. Every resolution was tabled separately and was clearly displayed on the screens around the Meeting Hall.
2. On each separate resolution, the Chair first called for voting members abstaining. The number was noted.
3. The Chair next called for voting members against the resolution being tabled. The number was noted.
4. The Chair then called for voting members in favour of the resolution.



The details of the resolutions are in the EGM Notice that was sent out to all members. The EGM outcome was as follows:

On Resolution 1 – Change of Club financial year end to 31 December

0 abstained, 0 voted against and all remaining voting members voted overwhelmingly in favour of it – unanimous.

On Resolution 2 – Reduction in GC size / Lengthen tenure/ Enhanced candidate eligibility

1 abstained, 23 voted against the resolution, and all remaining voting members voted overwhelmingly in favour of it. An 85% vote for the resolution.

On Resolution 3 – Membership Transferability

0 abstained, 7 voted against and all remaining voting members voted overwhelmingly in favour of it. A 95% vote in favour of the resolution.

On Resolution 4 – New class of Short-term membership

1 abstained, 0 voted against, and all remaining voting members voted overwhelmingly in favour of it. A 98% vote in favour of the resolution.



On Resolution 5 - Electronic communication with members

0 abstained, 1 voted against and all remaining voting members voted overwhelmingly in favour of it. A 98% vote in favour of the resolution.

On Resolution 6 – A vote of appreciation for past Committee work

0 abstained, 0 voted against and all remaining voting members voted overwhelmingly in favour of it – unanimous.

Introduction Dinner

Thursday, 17 September 2020

by Gasper Gnanamuthu

Our third Membership Introduction was held on 17 September 2020. This time around, it was held at the *Banquet Hall* instead of *The Orchid* so that we could accommodate the number of persons attending the event and be still in compliance with the Covid-19 SOPs.

The Club welcomed 41 new members to the Club that evening. Membership Chairman Gasper Gnanamuthu made the necessary introduction of the Committee members and encouraged the new members to enjoy the various facilities and recreational activities the Club has to offer.

After dinner, President Manjeet Singh Dhillon congratulated the new members for choosing the Royal Lake Club as their preferred Club and making it their second home. He said that being a new member they carry the responsibility of ensuring the continuity of the Club in the manner and direction it should be governed and managed. The President then presented the Introduction Kits to the new members and the evening came to an end with exchanges of pleasantries.



Annabelle
Ng Ern Ting



Arif Aljafri



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Mohd Reza &
Azlina Abdul Aziz



Brindha Dorai
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Cheong Toon Muim



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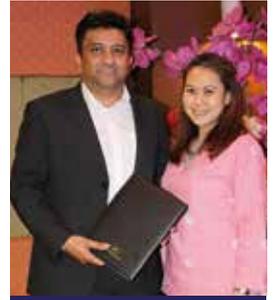
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& Bronwyn Louise Petterson



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Teh Kok Kam



Teoh Shyh Chen



Thiru Kumarar



Tie Yung Jiet



Hj Burukan Mohamec
& Hjh Rozan Begam



Wong Suet Ming



YBhg Dato William
Stanley Walker Davidson
& Datin Sharifah



Lionel Wong Zhin-Seng
& Zoe Randhawa

Induction Night

Tuesday, 22 September 2020

by Gasper Gnanamuthu

The Club held a Membership Induction for new Temporary Members at 6.00pm on 22 September 2020 at The Orchid. The gathering was small with 14 new members being inducted and welcomed. All measures were taken to ensure compliance with the Covid-19 pandemic SOPs.

In his welcome speech, Mr Gasper Gnanamuthu appraised them of the various facilities and recreational activities available to them and their families and urged them to consider the Club as their second home. He also reminded them 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.

In closing, President Manjeet Singh Dhillon presented the Membership Kits to our new members.

The evening continued with the new Temporary Members getting to know each other over coffee and tea.



Redhalina & Affendi



Avinder Singh Gill



Balakrishnan, M S Dhillon & Nawar Mani



Jasmine Jane, M S Dhillon & Chia Chee Hoong



Soon Pooi Pooi, M S Dhillon & Chua Chan Wee



Erwin Selvarajah



Malvinder Singh & Sharan Kaur



Ravindra, M S Dhillon, Aditi & Gasper



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Datin Talweender Kaur & Dato Rajiv Masih



Dato Meor Zain Azman



Datuk G.Chidambaram & Datin Periyakaruppan



Logitha & Yuvapandian

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The Club, Covid-19 & Membership Interview

Thursday, 8 October 2020

by Gasper Gnanamuthu

Year 2020 was hard, for everyone – the Club and its members. Members were understandably cautious especially so if they need to come together in larger groups, even in the safe-haven of the Royal Lake Club and the Club was doing everything possible to comply with the Covid-19 SOPs in planning events and functions for its members.

So, during the MCO, CMCO, RMCO and then CMCO again, the Club held many events and there were a lot of planning involved to ensure social and physical distancing, preventive measures including strict temperature taking, wearing of face masks and frequent hand-washing and sanitization as well as periodic cleaning of all surfaces as and when the need arises. The Club had the Town Hall meeting in July and an EGM a couple of months ago in September where a number of members turned up to express their views on what was best for the Club and the better way forward. Club business went on as usual, but under the new norm. Membership Interviews and Introductions were carried out. Some of the usual processes and procedures of these events were tweaked to comply with the SOPs in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Recently, the Club held the Membership Interview where approximately 100 persons, candidates and their sponsors turned up at the *Banquet Hall* of the Club. Instead of lining up at the usually-crowded foyer, these candidates and sponsors were immediately seated in their pre-assigned tables and it was on a no sharing with other candidates' basis. Once the registration of attendance was completed, they were whisked off for the face-to-face interview with the Committee members. Having done that, they were then escorted to the lift where the candidates and their sponsors continued patronizing the Club at the various outlets. They say a picture paints a thousand words, so here they are....



Remembering a past member - Datuk Ikmal Hisham Albakri

Saturday, 5 September 2020

by Lizuryaty Azrina Abdullah



Did you know that Datuk Ikmal Hisham Albakri was bestowed with an Honorary Degree by the University of Sheffield in 1992, joining the ranks of HM the Queen Mother, Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Michael Palin, Sir Roger Bannister, T.S Eliot and Vice President Al Gore?

Photo credited to the University of Sheffield

His name is synonymous with many great buildings in Kuala Lumpur – the National Mosque, Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), the National Library, the old Bank Bumiputra headquarters, and those familiar with Teluk Chempedak in Kuantan, the Hyatt Hotel, among others. His designs often reflect the Malaysian identity and rich cultural heritage such as the National Library which was fashioned after the traditional Malay headgear *Tengkolok*, a symbol of intellectual pride and respect in Malaysian culture, with the roof tiles containing *songket* patterns (Source: National Library).

Datuk Hisham, who hailed from Kampung Pisang, Batu Gajah, Perak, studied at the Malay College, Kuala Kangsar, went on to be the first Malaysian to complete the diploma course in Architecture at Sheffield University in 1956, and continued to study tropical architecture at the AA School of Architecture in London.



The Pan Pacific Hotel, KL
Photo credit to Fazlina عثمان



National Library
Photo credit to gpsmycity

He served as a senior architect with the Public Works Department for eight years, before opening his own architect firm, Kumpulan Akitek, in 1964. Apart from being the first President of the Malaysian Institute of Architects, he was also internationally recognised and became the President for the International Union of Architects in 1999.

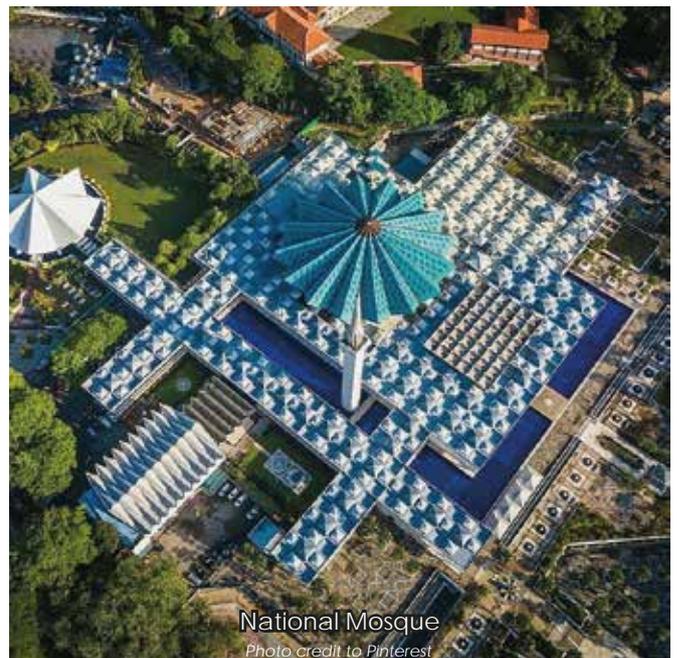
His joint work with Datuk Baharuddin Abu Kassim and Howard Ashley on Masjid Negara is still talked about today due to its intricate design, which is different from any other mosque in Malaysia due to the absence of the traditional dome but rather a main dome that resembles a 16 points semi-opened umbrella, and a 73-metre-high minaret resembling a folded umbrella.

As a member of RLC, which he joined in 1959, he was instrumental in getting squash started in the Club, which led to Datuk Hisham becoming the first President of the Squash Racquet Association of Malaysia (SRAM). Although he passed in 2006, many recognised and remembered his legacy to both architecture and sports. During my interview a few months ago with the squash national champions, Datuk Hisham was fondly remembered by Tan Sri Y.M. Tunku Imran, Datuk Hood Salleh, Anna Kronenburg and Allan Kronenburg as the impetus to the start of squash in Royal Lake Club. This was the stepping stone for Malaysia's success in squash in subsequent decades.

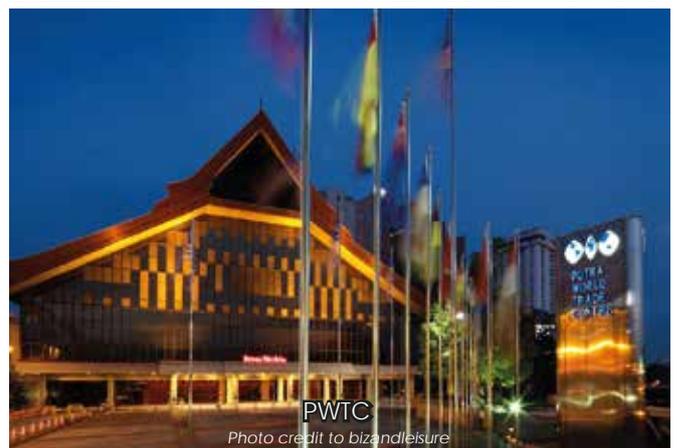
It is important for us to remember how his ideas have given Kuala Lumpur some of its unique physical identity representing snippets of our Malaysian culture. As current members, it is vital for us to remember what and how past members have contributed to the Club and country. My regular walking route, which takes me from the Club, across the Lake Gardens, down to Jalan Cenderawasih and Jalan Perdana, then back up to the Club via Jalan Lembah, never fails to present me the magnificent view of the National Mosque, with its blue tiled roof and unique minaret. I am proud to honour a member who had contributed to nation building architecture, many built within 5km radius of the Club!



View of the semi-opened umbrella design of the main dome and folded umbrella design of the minaret from the Islamic Arts Museum



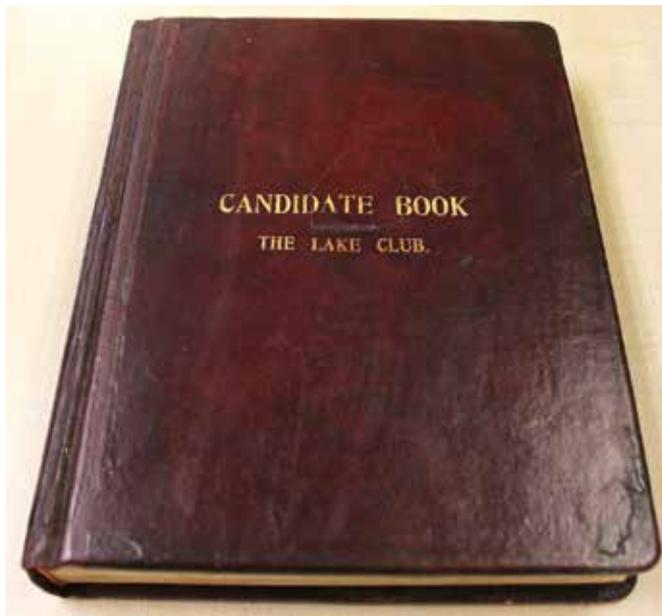
National Mosque
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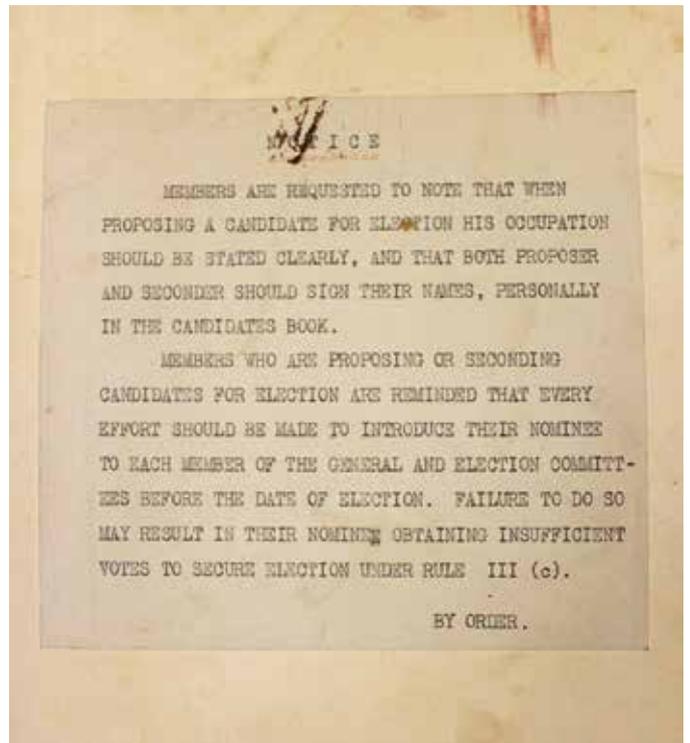
by Lizuryaty Azrina Abdullah



In this edition of the newsletter, we are starting a column called 'Did you know?'. The purpose is to highlight some either well known or little known facts about the Club. Maybe we have forgotten some of these and the column will hopefully jog our memories for us to have a deeper appreciation of the Club – right from its beginnings to what it is now.

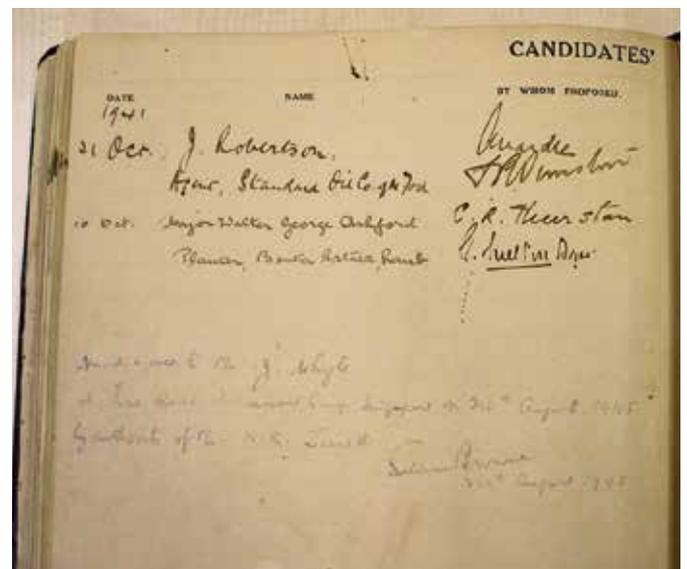
The Changi story fascinated me when I was read D.J.M. Tate's *The Lake Club 1890 – 1990: The Pursuit of Excellence*. This story speaks volumes about loyalty in times of hardship, torture and even death. The Candidates Book, which has been restored and is now kept by the Club, is a 130 year old document which not only immortalised the founder members but also serves as evidence of the continuing membership during the Second World War when the Japanese took over the Club between 1941-1945 and used the Club premises as a repair workshop for the broken down vehicles of the Japanese forces.

"The story of this great hiatus in the life of the Club cannot end without relating the tale of the Candidates Book, which every good Club member will have committed to his heart.... Its removal from the Club, when the British Army requisitioned the buildings in December 1941, to the home of Doug Hampshire (past president) in 164 Ampang Road; its removal from Hampshire's house the day before Kuala Lumpur fell to the advancing Japanese by another veteran member, James Whyte, who brought it (the Book) with him to Singapore and eventual captivity in Changi Goal; its being taken from the hands of Whyte and placed amongst the books of the Camp library to avoid its being discovered by a Japanese search party – this the result of a Club 'committee' meeting presided over by N.R. Jarrett (the last pre-war president of the Club and former Federal Secretary) – and its subsequent transfer to the Sime Road Camp along with the Changi Library; its return to the hands of James Whyte as authorised by Jarrett after the



Japanese surrendered, and finally, in May 1946, its being formally handed back to the Club by James Whyte – this remarkable odyssey speaks for itself.

So does the existence in Changi of the club 'committee' consisting of Jarrett as president, Gilham Browne and the honorary secretary (and also Camp Librarian), L.C. Corney (pre-war auditor Federated Malay States (FMS)), and James Whyte himself. For them, and doubtless for many other members, the Club was something more than a social institution and a meeting place. It had acquired a spirit of its own which symbolised a code of conduct and an esprit de corps, which neither defeat nor dissolution could destroy".



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November Promotion



Thai Fried Rice
RM13+ per portion



Spaghetti Napolitana (Vegetarian)
RM13+ per portion

December Promotion

Kam Heong Chicken
RM13+ per portion



Chicken Vol Au Vent
RM13+ per portion

Daily (Lunch: 12:00noon - 2:30pm | Dinner: 6:30pm - 10:30pm)

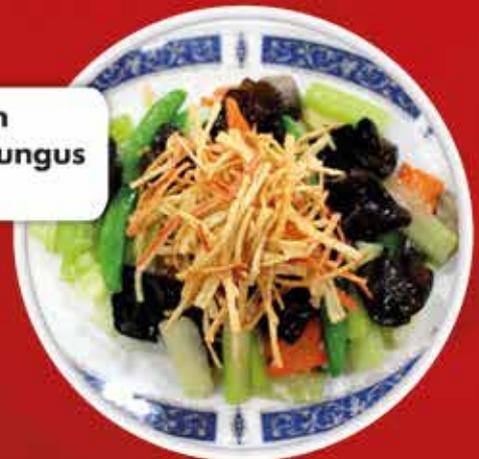


November & December 2020 Bunga Raya Promotion Lunch & Dinner



Claypot Curry Chicken
RM35.00/portion

Fried Celery with
Crabstick and Black Fungus
RM38.00



Monday to Sunday
Lunch (12:00 - 3:00ptg) | Dinner (6:30pm - 11:00pm)

PAVILION

NOVEMBER PROMOTION

FILLET OF
BUTTER FISH
SERVED WITH BASIL SAUCE
& VEGETABLE OF THE DAY

@RM18.90.



NASI GORENG
KERABU WITH
GRILLED LAMB
SERVED WITH GRILLED LAMB
& VEGETABLE OF THE DAY

@RM18.90.



DECEMBER PROMOTION

SEAFOOD PLATTER
SERVED WITH GARLIC SAUCE

@RM24.90.



UBI KAYU
REBUS
SERVED WITH SAMBAL
TUNGS OR KELAPA PABUT

@RM10.00.



The Orchid

Christmas Eve Dinner

24 DECEMBER 2020

@ RM150.00 P.H+

Smoked Duck Mesclun Salad, Cherry Tomato and Chilled Asparagus topped with Balsamic Vinegar

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Cream of Seafood Chowder Soup

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Roasted Turkey with Chestnut Stuffing served with Cranberry Sauce

or

Pan Fried Butter Fish with Mushroom Sauce

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Vegetables of the day

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Potatoes of the day

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Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce

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Coffee / Tea



The Orchid

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

FRIDAY, 25 DECEMBER 2020

• Adult @ RM150.00+ •

Seared Tuna Loin with mixed Mesclun Salad,
Chilled Asparagus and Japanese Sesame Dressing

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Minestrone Soup

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Roasted Turkey with Chestnuts Stuffing served
with Cranberry Sauce

or

Braised Lamb Shank D' Orchid

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Vegetables and Potatoes of the day

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Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce

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Coffee / Tea

• Children @ RM70.00+ •

Minestrone Soup

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Grilled Cajun Chicken with French Fries,
Coleslaw and Mixed Salad

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Banana Split

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The Orchid

CHRISTMAS TAKE AWAY ORDER 2020

1. Roast Turkey with Chestnuts, Stuffing Gravy and Cranberry
Sauce (4kg-5kg / 5kg-6kg).....@RM 60.00+ per kg
2. Roast Leg of Lamb with Gravy and Mint Sauce.....@RM250.00+
3. Minced Pie per piece.....@RM 12.00+
4. Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce.....@RM 75.00+

Collection time at 12:00 noon onwards at The Orchid,
except Sunday at the Reception Counter

* Please provide your own container or tray- two days before the date of collection
or we will provide @RM14.00+ each per foil ware tray.

Karaoke Section Night

Saturday, 19 September 2020

by Zuriah Hj Mohd Said



The Karaoke Section Night was held at *The Orchid* on Saturday, 19 September 2020. With the Corona virus still making its rounds, we were still lucky to enjoy a Western sit-down dinner in the beautiful ambience of *The Orchid*. Appropriately the theme was "YOU CAN KEEP YOUR MASK ON"

Menu for the night comprised : Roasted pumpkin soup with buttered herb croutons, a choice of Roast Chicken with piri-piri sauce served with roasted mixed vegetables and potatoes or Pan Fried salmon trout with tartar sauce.

Due to strict SOPs to stick to, the usual singing and performances were not allowed. The DJ played lovely music and songs from the karaoke machine while we dined and chatted. An impromptu search for best dressed, masked ladies & gents, was held to rev up the evening.

Pay Lil and Janice paraded on behalf of the ladies but the gentlemen however, were not keen to strut their stuff. So feisty Gwendoline stepped in for them. Gwendoline, Pay Lil & Janice walked off with a bottle of wine each as gifts for being sporting as well as for their shimmering masks, outfits, and catwalk poses.

The night ended rather early, but nevertheless, all the 54 attendees enjoyed themselves in the era of the "new normal".



Cuti-Cuti Taiping - The Malaysian Town of many Firsts - My hometown

by Tan Chin Poh

The Taiping I grew up in

Located in Perak, **TAIPING**, the old town of Everlasting Peace, is the idyllic haven of a sleepy hollow that I grew up in. I will always think of Taiping as my home town even though I have lived more years in the Klang Valley than in Taiping. This former tin mining town played a crucial role in the early history of modern Malaysia. Previously known as Klian Pauh, Taiping was established in 1874 after the end of the Larut War to mark peace between warring mining groups.

Growing up in Taiping was a wholesome experience. I enjoyed both the primary and secondary education at **Malaysia's first Methodist Girls school in Malaysia established in 1889, Treacher Methodist Girls' School (TMGS)**. As TMGS did not have Form 6, I joined King Edward VII Secondary School for two years. KEVII had one of the best rugby teams in Malaysia then, often playing against the Royal Military College and Malay College Kuala Kangsar. As school children, we mixed seamlessly, regardless of race and economic backgrounds, and that exemplified the multi racial country of ours. Many of us cycled to school and cycled everywhere else after school hours: To tuition in Creagh Road (present day Jalan Muzaffar Shah), to curry mee and ice kacang at the junction of Jalan Assam Kumbang and Jalan Thompson, char koay teow and ice kacang again at the Casual market after some sports.. As Taiping is relatively small, most places are only 10-15 minutes away on a bicycle.

Across from the Casual Market is **Peace Hotel, a Heritage Building built in 1928** in Straits Eclectic architectural style. After World War II it became the headquarters of Lee Rubber Co Ltd. My father worked for Lee Rubber and the rooms above the ground floor offices were allocated to the staff as living quarters, one room per family. Since Grandpa was the manager, he had a room too, so we children had two rooms to frolic between. It had a roof garden where I would help mum hang out the clothes to dry. The roof garden was such a novelty as not many houses had them. It was a shock to me when Mum later told me that I was born at home, delivered by a midwife in our own bedroom. Wow! What a humbling revelation. I remember the building fondly when we moved out in 1959 to the new offices in Kota Road. The building was then converted into *Peace Hotel* upstairs and a coffeeshop downstairs that remains till today.

Taiping's Notable Firsts

Malaysia's first public park -Taiping Lake Gardens opened in 1880.

The former tin mine has ten artificial lakes, a jogging track and houses Taiping Zoo. Mist-covered hills dominate the horizon.

The iconic gigantic **Rain Trees**, or Pukul Lima trees, stand in the southern part of Taiping Lake Gardens. Branches curve over the street towards the water. From a distance, they appear to be bending to drink from the lake. A nature friendly town, when one of the decades old rain tree leaned lowly over the adjacent road, instead of sawing off the branches, the town municipality propped

up the trunk and closed the road. Will only happen in Taiping. (See photo overleaf)

Malaysia's first Airport - Taiping Aerodrome is the oldest airstrip in the Federated Malay states and South East Asia. Also known as Tekah Airport, it was built by the British in 1929 for non-military use. The Taiping Aerodrome became famous when aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart made a refuelling stop there on June 7, 1937, before continuing her journey to Singapore and New Guinea in her historic attempt to circumnavigate the globe.

Malaysia's first Clock tower - Taiping's colonial clock tower was built in 1881 entirely from timber. Due to the high maintenance of wood it was replaced in 1890 with a 20 m high brick building. An example of Malaysia's best British colonial architecture. The tower has served as a timekeeper, police station and fire station. Today it operates as a tourist information center.

Malaysia's first Hill Station - Having been founded in 1884, Bukit Larut (Maxwell Hill) claims to be the oldest hill station and was accessible by the government jeeps. Penang Hill, although reached by horseback in 1788 on a horse track plotted by Captain Francis Light was not easily accessible. The first attempt at a mountain railway on Penang Hill began in 1897 but only materialized and opened to the public on 21 October 1923.

Malaysia's first Magistrate's Court - British officials commissioned these when Taiping was their state capital from 1876 to 1937.

Malaysia's first Museum - also known as Perak Museum which dates back to 1883, was the brain child of Sir High Low, the state's third British Resident. Moorish architecture of colonial India with Neo-Classical and Victorian design.

Malaysia's first and only zoo that offers a night safari - Taiping Zoo is among Taiping's most well-known attractions. Opened in 1961, the zoo grew to house more than 1,200 animals. Orangutans, crocodiles and rhinos are among the 140 species. Unlike other zoos in Southeast Asia, Taiping's doubles up as a conservation and research center. Tremendous efforts are made to increase the populations of their endangered species including our orange-haired primate cousins.

Malaysia's first Post Office - Completed in 1884 it has recently been converted into the Telegraph Museum.

Notable people from Taiping.

Tan Sri Dr Lim Swee Aun - when TS Dr Lim Swee Aun, a distinction student from University of Malaya, Singapore Medical Faculty, became the Minister of Commerce and Industry in 1962, his responsibility was to industrialize the country...and Kamunting Industrial Estate was established. This industrial estate provided many jobs and stimulated the economy of Taiping.

Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik - Tun Dr Ling grew up in Taiping and was President of MCA and Minister of Road Transport. Our club member, he is currently the Chancellor of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman

Prof Dato' Dr Saran Kaur Gill - Saran was head girl of TMGS in 1969 and was a Perak State hockey player and represented North Perak as a badminton player. She joined UKM after graduation and created history for women and the Punjabi-Sikh community when she was appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Industry and Community Partnerships) at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in September 2007 till 2014. Her other half, Mahan Singh Gill, has been a member of RLC since 1973 and has been a staunch supporter of the F & B facilities.

Taiping's Popular Tourist Destinations Today

The dolphins tour off Kuala Sepetang - On a lucky day, one may sight Pacific humpback dolphins, Indo-Pacific finless porpoises and Irrawaddy dolphins that ply the Sungai Sangga estuary and Kuala Sepetang's coastal waters.

The Matang Mangrove Eco-Educational Center - opened in 1992, to educate Malaysians on the critically important mangrove ecology. Reputed to be one of the best managed mangrove forest in the world, navigate Matang Mangrove Forest Reserve's 1 kilometre boardwalk past chalets for hire and down platforms that put you at eye level with the water-logged forest floor. Various species of birds live in the reserve including rare migratory birds. Boat trips take visitors through the narrow channels next to the alien-like trees dominating the mangroves.

The Kuala Sepetang charcoal factory - A stone's throw away from the mangrove center is the charcoal factory. Sustainably sourced from Matang's Mangrove Forest, Kuala Sepetang's traditional production of charcoal is fascinating. Harvested from trees of a specific size and age, the logs are transported to factories via canals then sealed in massive kilns. Heated to extremely high temperatures in extremely low oxygen conditions for approximately 20 days, the result is high quality, mostly smokeless charcoal that is largely exported to Japan.

Malaysia's Oldest Coffee Mill – Antong Coffee Mill where Dr Sun Yat Sen stayed in the building next to the mill with Chen Cuifen 陈粹芬 (1873-1960) who was also known as "Forgotten Revolutionary Female" and "The first revolution partner" of Sun Yat-sen 孙中山. After the Chinese revolution of 1911, Chen stayed in the villa which was known as Changchung Garden (长春圃).

Taiping - 3rd most sustainable city in the world

At the International Tourismus-Börse (ITB) travel trade show held in Berlin, Germany in March 2019, in the "Best of Cities" category of Sustainable Top 100 Destination Awards, **Taiping was placed third**, right behind Ljubljana, Slovenia and Vancouver, Canada. This award went to cities that displayed leadership in urban sustainability and avoided disruptive over-tourism.

Taiping – Popular Retirement Town.

Fondly referred to as a 'pensioners' paradise, Taiping will soon have a retirement village. The National Society of St Vincent de Paul is developing a RM5mil retirement facility, The Ozanam Retirement Village, in Klian Pauh, Taiping, and construction began in October 2020. The entire retirement village which spans over 1,003sq m. will have 118 rooms and be able to take in about 150 independent and able-bodied residents depending on their preferences for sharing or single rooms.

In today's Covid 19 environment, Taiping would be a most interesting cuti cuti Malaysia destination when the travel ban is lifted.

TAIPING, here we come!



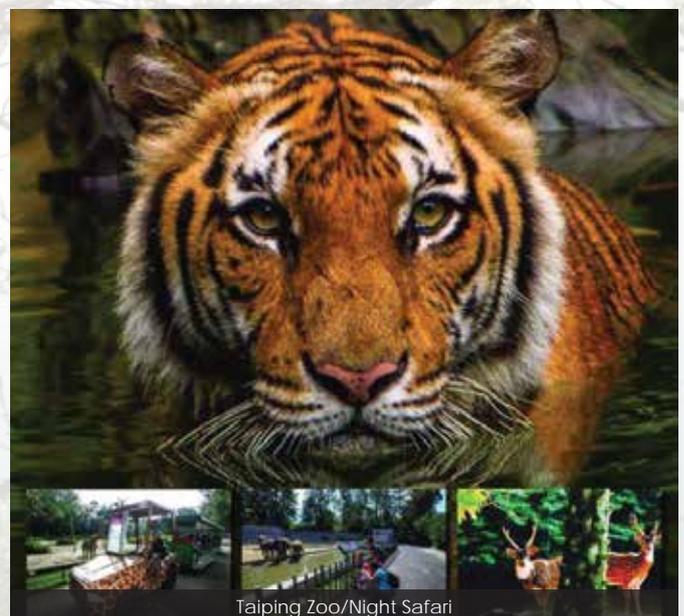
Peace Hotel



Taiping Lake Gardens, Malaysia's first public park



Fallen tree - propped up the trunk and closed the road



Taiping Zoo/Night Safari



Taiping Clock Tower



Bukit Larut (Maxwell Hill)



Kuala Sepetang Charcoal Factory



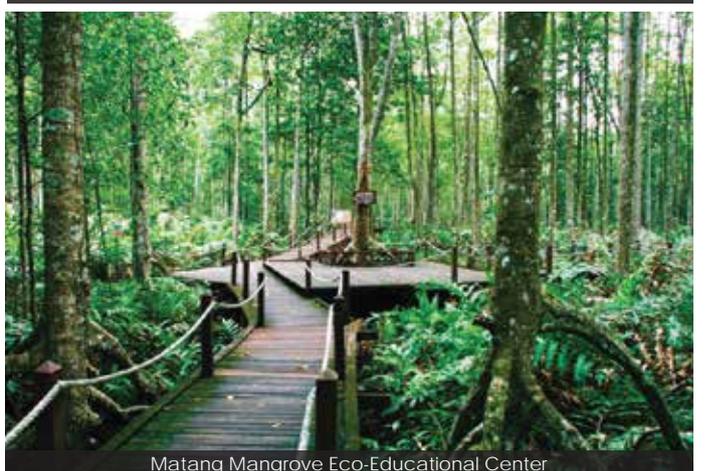
Dolphin off Kuala Sepetang



Perak Museum



Taiping Prison



Matang Mangrove Eco-Educational Center



Poolside Terrace CHEVON HAINANESE CAFÉ

Monthly Promotion
November & December 2020



MENU

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| 1) Pineapple Fried Rice (Chicken) | RM 15.00 |
| 2) Pineapple Fried Rice (Seafood) | RM 18.00 |
| 3) Chicken Curry Laksa | RM 9.00 |
| 4) Seafood Curry Laksa | RM 12.00 |
| 5) Chevon Goat Soup | RM 22.00 |
| 6) Salmon Steak | RM 25.00 |
| 7) Sweet Potato | RM 5.00 |
| 8) Onion Ring | RM 5.00 |
| 9) Vegetarian Fried Rice | RM 7.00 |



Lunch - 12:00nn to 2.30pm | Dinner - 6:30pm to 10:30pm

PRESIDENT'S SELECT



White Wine:
HOLE IN THE WATER
Marlborough
Sauvignon Blanc

In the nose expressive with notes of fresh grass and pink grapefruit along with red currants and strawberries.

* by bottle....RM 64.0 nett
* by glass.....RM 11.5 nett

Red Wine:
SAINT CLAIR VICAR'S CHOICE
Marlborough
Pinot Noir

The palate is fruit-driven and seamlessly structured with juicy dark fruits and a fine tannin structure. The wine is balanced well with delicate savoury notes on the finish.

* by bottle....RM 87.0 nett
* by glass.....RM 15.0 nett



Squash Annual Championship

Sunday, 6 September 2020

by Shamsudin Mustafa



A total of twenty nine men and ladies aged between 15 and 81 (no typo here - you read it correctly - 81!!) participated in this year's Annual Squash and Racquetball Championship, arguably one of the largest number of participants in recent history. This year also marked the inaugural Racquetball Championship which attracted nine participants.

The twenty nine participants were divided into six categories and battled it out in a round robin format which was designed to ensure that every participant had at least two games to play. There were many closely contested matches but the highlights included 75 year old Amman Singh upsetting the two time defending champion Ting Ing Siew 11-6, 11-9 in their group match, Rajiv Vijayanathan edging Teh Lip Jin 8-11, 16-14, 12-10, 11-2 in the final of Men's 50 and over and arguably the closest and most exciting match of all, 16 year old Aidan Yunus defeating the defending champion in the Men's Open, Nicholas Lee 11-9, 9-11, 11-13, 12-10, 11-9 in their nail biting group match. I say, nail biting because I was the umpire and I was biting my nails!



But at the end of the day, it was the usual suspects, Mark Low, Rajiv and Mary Lee who triumphed over all others while Rajendra Navaratnam and Jimmy Chen were the new winners this year.

After the tournament, a sumptuous high tea was organised where the medals were presented to the winners and runners up by Mr Udharam Mohandas, Chairman of the Sports Section of the Club. Prior to this, an important demonstration of how an AED machine is operated was shown to the players, a machine that could make all the difference in a life threatening situation.

I would like to thank Baskar and his team for helping to organise this year's Championship and all the participants and their numerous supporters who turned up to make this year's Championship a success!

SQUASH	WINNER	RUNNER UP
Men's Open	Mark Low	Aidan Yunus
Men's Veteran (50 and over)	Rajiv Vijayanathan	Teh Lip Jin
Men's Super Senior (60 and over)	Rajendra Navaratman	Amman Singh
Ladies Open	Mary Lee	Jessie Anne De Bruyne

RACQUETBALL	WINNER	RUNNER UP
Men's Open	Mark Low	Daniel Lim
Men's Veteran	Jimmy Chen	Jack Chia



The Half Past Six Squash Team

by Shamsudin Mustafa



Richard Hawkins, Don Miller, Raj Kanapathy, Amman Singh, David Choon, Jessie Anne de Bruyne, Henry Sim

Squash is a relatively young sport in Malaysia and many may not realise that the Royal Lake Club was paramount in the birth and the development of the game in the country. For a start, ours was the only club with squash courts and practically the entire national team were members of the club.

It was one evening in December 1973 when the late Eric Baxedale, a prominent architect and member of the club, and the indomitable Amman Singh were soberly chatting away over a bottle of champagne and came up with the idea of forming a group to play squash early in the morning on weekdays. Fast forward to 2020 and after almost forty seven years, this group continues with their Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning ritual which begins at 6.30am. They have since adopted the name, 'The Half past Six Squash Team', and currently comprise eight members. Yes admittedly, many of the original members have stopped playing or are not with us any longer but I decided to drag myself out of bed early one Monday morning to meet up with this colourful group of members. I even managed a game with two of their older members, Henry Sim Poh Khun who is 81 and Amman Singh who is 75. I can only envy their enthusiasm and ability, and hope that I will be able to replicate it one day.

The group comprising Jessica Anne De Bruyne, Richard Hawkins, Don Miller, David Choon, Raj Kanapathy, Yap Chan Peng, Henry Sim and Amman Singh would regularly meet up three times a week to battle it out for ninety minutes before adjourning to breakfast at the *Garden*

Cafe where some would enjoy a well-deserved *Nasi Lemak* while others were happy with their toast and eggs. The late Tan Hau Kiang who left us very recently was an avid member of this group and spent his last days playing squash with this group. He is sorely missed. Such is the camaraderie between this group that I noticed that despite them coming from all walks of life, various professions and having varying squash skills, they move in one unit and are undivided.

In the recent Club Annual Championship, Amman Singh, Henry Sim and Jessie De Bruyne had more supporters than anyone else. Almost the entire Half Past Six Squash Team and some of their spouses were there to provide moral and vocal support. One could not help but notice their colourful bespoke Polo Shirts with their names written at the back! Amman and Jessie both emerged as runners up in their categories but it was not so much the medals (ok maybe it was the medals too since they beat players much younger than them!), more the fact that they participated and added colour to the tournament. One could clearly witness the closeness within the group, the fellowship, and the friendship.

I was even more humbled when I found out that every year this group would invite the staff from the changing room out for a meal; and for the staff who were working on that day, the food would be brought in for them. This, my friends, is what the Royal Lake Club is all about - the Half Past Six Squash Team for me is the definition of fun, joy, perseverance, discipline, sportsmanship, humility and genuine camaraderie. Long may it continue!

RLC Weekday Social Game

Saturday, 22 August 2020

by Jalil Darus



Glenmarie Golf and Country Club (GGCC) showcases a 36 hole-golf course and is one of the premier golf courses within the Klang Valley. A renowned haven for both leisure and golf, and also for hosting international tournaments.

They contacted the Royal Lake Club (RLC) before the MCO to propose a collaboration of opportunities including giving us reduced golfing rates at their prestigious club. They presented their promo package at RLC just before one of our monthly Golf Section Meetings. After they left, Golf Section Chairman Mr Udham Mohandas asked for the SC's opinion. It did not take long to decide, as all agreed to the irresistible rates they were offering.

The golfing rates offered were: weekdays @RM165 per pax for RLC members against RM360 for visitors. On weekends, the rate is RM350 for RLC members against RM500 for visitors. The rate includes green fees, buggy and insurance.

A collaboration agreement to confirm our acceptance was signed by our GM. This collaboration was announced to all RLC members as it was not exclusive to Golf Section Members. One of the attractions was that members were allowed to bring their golf partners at the offer rates. This agreement is for one year with terms and conditions inserted.

The inaugural game at GGCC was to be on 27 July. After Maniam sent out the news in the morning, 40 eager members signed up. It was a record number of registrations in a day. The response was overwhelming. We had to put some on the waiting list. With Covid-19 SOPs to adhere to, GGCC only allowed 20 pax, i.e., 5 flights. After our request to open up more flights, they

gave another 3 flights, but this was still not enough. Then they gave us another 2 to make the final to 10 flights. Despite telling members we were drawing the line after the 40th registrant, appeals still came in. Well, an extra 3 more to make 13 flights was the last call.

So, 52 very keen golfers from RLC made their way to GGCC on 27 July. Due to the stringent Covid-19 SOP's, competitions were not allowed. It was simply a social game. The new normal: none of the usual before-game-breakfast and after-game-lunch. Members had to bring their own towels if they needed to change and shower.

GGCC allowed us a 2 point-start. Teeing off at white. Mode of game was stable ford points. Everyone enjoyed themselves despite the odds we had to face during this pandemic. The day ended well. Hopefully there will be more golf outings to look forward to in 2021, In Sya Allah (God Willing). Results are as follows:-

Stable ford Points		HC	Points
Champion	: Ong Tien Kai	(24)	43
Runner up	: Khor Teik Leng	(23)	42
3rd	: Dato' Prof. Dr. C B Lian	(24)	38 OCB
4th	: M K Azmey	(12)	38
5th	: Jalil Darus	(20)	37 OCB
6th	: Jamil Haroun	(24)	37
7th	: Anthony K F Low	(24)	36 OCB
8th	: Hj. Mansor Salleh	(18)	36 OCB
9th	: Rashid Ali Hasan	(24)	36 OCB
10th	: Tan Yong Teck	(15)	36 OCB
11th	: K S Chiam	(22)	36
LADIES			
Champion	: Datin Noor Aini Samsudin	(19)	35
Runner up	: Emy Yap	(20)	33

Golf Tour to Forest City Golf Resort, Johor

Monday-Wednesday (28-30 September 2020)

by Bobby Tan



A total of 28 Golfers and 11 Non-Golfers left by Coach (maximum) from Royal Lake Club on Monday, 28 September 2020 at 11.00 am to the famous Reclaimed Forest City Golf Resort at Gelang Patah, Johor Bahru. After two scheduled stops, Lunch at R & R Ayer Keroh, followed by a comfort break at R & R Machap, we arrived at the Forest City Golf Hotel, a little after 4.00 pm to check-in. Since meals, except breakfast were on our own, for both nights, all those interested to join the Coach for dinner at restaurants in and around Gelang Patah town, were requested to meet at 6.30 pm. Lunches after Golf were scheduled at the Hotel only cafeteria, but on 30 September, we decided to have our lunch at R & R Pagoh.



The next morning Tuesday, 29 September, the Legacy Golf Course designed by the Golden Bear, Jack Nicklaus was the first 18 holes for us to conquer. Considered a tougher course with wide well manicured fairways, guarded by numerous bunkers and scattered wild bushes. However, as buggies were allowed on the course, it was a breeze for the seasoned golfers. All the Golfers enjoyed themselves and even some of the Seniors came back with very good scores as reflected in the results. On the third morning Wednesday, 30 September, the Golfers were looking forward, to attack the Classic Golf Course designed by the World Famous, Liang Goukun from China. Thinking that it was an easier course based on the Slope Rating, many of us were having problems negotiating the narrower fairways guarded either by the lakes or the Rough Vegetation. Generally, the results were not as good, especially those unable to tee-off straight, except for the winners.

Personally, I find both the Courses were well designed with contrasting character. The Legacy with Jack's signature bunkers and wild bushes was made easier for beginners to enjoy their golf. The Classic was designed with more specific Landing Areas and Bunkers guarding the Greens, which beginners will find more difficult, as they must find the Landing Areas and cannot hope to run the ball up the Greens. The weaknesses of both Courses were looking for the direction to play the next shot, whether straight or doglegged, especially the Classic. Trees, bushes, bunkers, lakes, etc. normally used to define the Fairways were not very well defined and it was made worse if the flag visibility on the green is dark blue. The tolerance and understanding by the golfers had been outstanding during the Coach Rides at night to Gelang Patah and around, taking us more than an hour searching for different Dinner Places for different groups. This should be noted for future Golf Tours, where food is not included and a proper set of rules to be set, with no free for all like this one.

Overall, the golfers had a very enjoyable outing considering the cost was inclusive of a 2 night stay at a 5-star hotel with breakfast and playing 2 Games at 2 well maintained Courses designed by World Renown Designers. The attractive cost was made possible due to the absence of the usual high number of golfers from neighbouring countries resulting from the travel restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic. It was noted that the Golf Section has been getting very good response for all our activities such as Tours, Overseas & Local, Social & Inter Club games, etc and as such, Members keen are to respond early as places are often limited. Thank you and congratulations to the Winners.

The Winners - Legacy Course

Champion :	Ong Tien Kai	(H/C 20)	44 pts
Runners-up :	Md Yusof Hussian	(20)	39
3rd Placing :	Datin Noor Aini	(19)	38 OCB
4th Placing :	Dato Lian Chin Boon	(23)	38
5th Placing :	Caroline Chiam	(27)	37 OCB
6th Placing :	Dato Tan Seng Chee	(20)	37
7th Placing :	Mary Lee	(36)	36 OCB
8th Placing :	Arthur Law	(22)	36

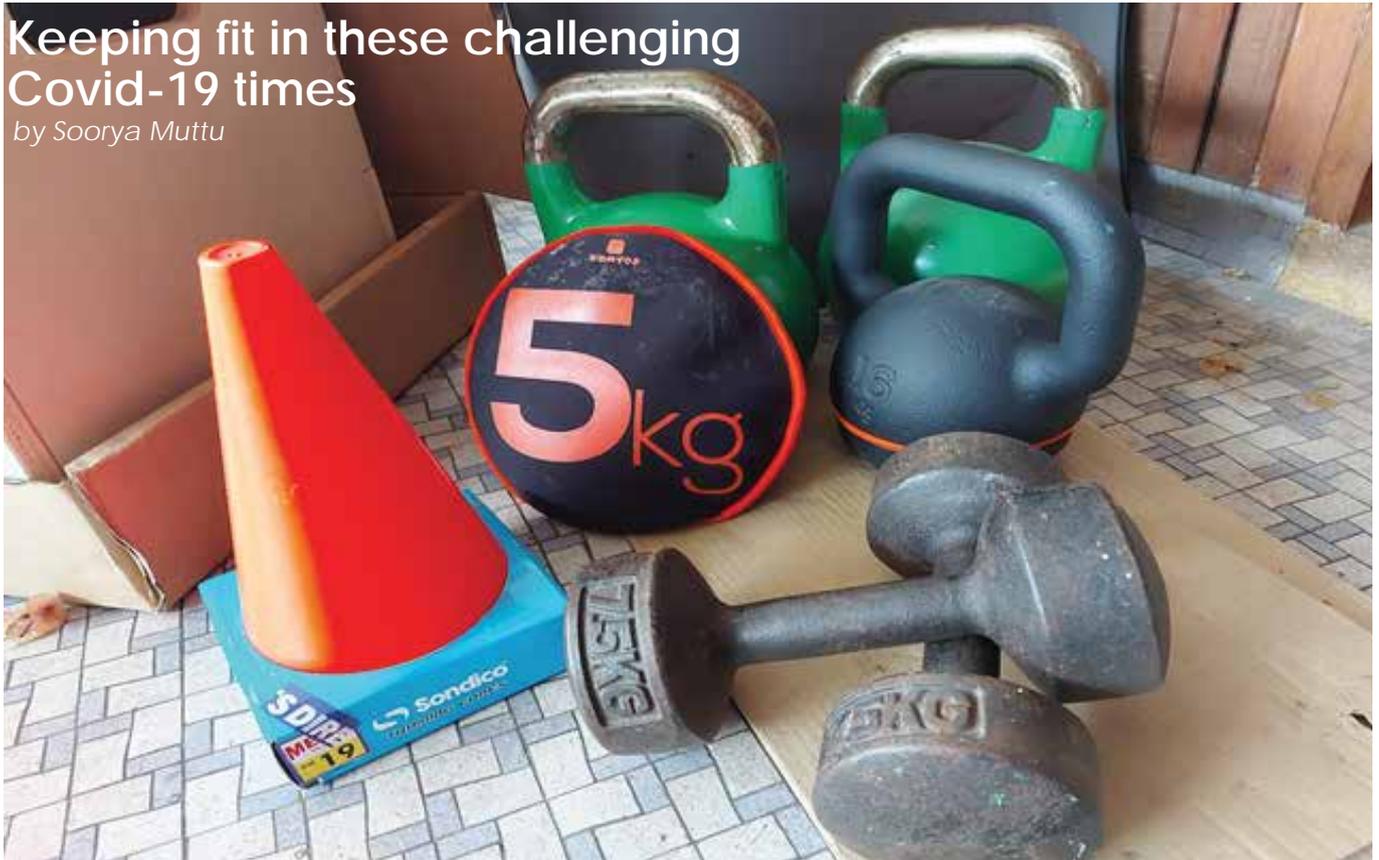
The Winners - Classic Course

Champion :	Rashid Ali Hassan	(H/C 22)	47 PTS
Runners-up :	Dato C Thavarajah	(24)	41
3rd Placing :	Hj Shahriman Rahim	(19)	36
4th Placing :	Tony Liew	(24)	35
5th Placing :	May Liew	(35)	34 OCB
6th Placing :	Dr Eddie Chiew	(17)	34
7th Placing :	Roslan Yahya	(20)	32
8th Placing :	Che Roslan Abd Ghani	(15)	31



Keeping fit in these challenging Covid-19 times

by Soorya Muttu



I remember the start of 2020 with much pride...after all this is the year that our beloved nation Malaysia is scheduled to achieve the coveted "Fully-Developed Country" status, as projected by our then 4th Prime Minister way back in 1990/1991.

Returning to the matter in hand...little did I realise that Q1 2020 was a deceptive little precursor to what would ultimately be labelled a truly "Annus Horribilis".

My fitness routine had pretty much revolved around a habitual gym-based protocol, whether in the guise of group training sessions (a shout out to Coach Syed Zamani of the RLC) or my own workouts, under-pinned with the flexibility of state-of-the-art equipment, dedicated instructors & the "gym-buzz" atmosphere taken for granted.

It all came crashing down painfully on 18th March, 2020 with the Federal Government's imposition of the Movement Control Order or MCO to combat the scourge of the CoVID-19 pandemic...Overnight, gyms nationwide became no-go areas and I was at a total loss as to how to take stock of the situation and revive my scuppered fitness regime.

The Internet would provide a viable solution. A veritable virtual rabbit hole to thousands of home-based workouts, which I needed to sift through and decide which I could realistically sustain and even enjoy during these dark days, weeks or possibly months ahead.

It took me a few weeks to make the transition to home workouts. Initially, I felt awkward cavorting about in front of a propped-up tablet but I gradually eased myself into this routine of pre-recorded workouts with several "live" events thrown in, too. I set up my "gym" in the car porch with a selection of equipment as seen above, with a bias towards HIIT (High- Intensity Interval workouts... sandbell, kettlebells, dumbbells and pylometric box.

I even got a CrossFit-style weighted plate-carrier vest to up the ante whenever I felt like things were getting stale.

THINGS I HAVE LEARNED ABOUT HOME-BASED WORKOUTS:

THE UPSIDES...

1. No gym subscriptions.
2. Basic home gym starter equipment is cheap.
3. Nothing beats the convenience training options on the doorstep.
4. No queueing for equipment and classes.
5. Travelling & traffic will be merely unpleasant memories...
6. Time-efficient...you can get a decent workout in just under 30 minutes.

THE DOWNSIDES...

1. Boredom and loss of motivation
2. Without a trainer present, it is vital to maintain form to lessen injury risks.
3. Costs may rise if you intend to upgrade your basic equipment.
4. No longer able to feed off the energy and vibes of the instructor and/or fellow attendees in physical group class settings.
5. Gym equipment may be evolving too rapidly to be considered for a home gym.

These last eight months have been difficult for most of us, especially the disruption to our cosy, established fitness protocols. We need to maintain motivation and discipline during this time to keep plugging away the best we can.

I will leave you all with a paraphrased quote from one of my on-line trainers, Coach Kozak of HASfit :

People who say they can AND People who say they can't are BOTH right...

Happy Sweating, RLC Members...

Remembering.....Dr K Vijaya Raghavan

by Gasper Gnanamuthu



He was fondly called Dr Vijay in the Club. With his dental practice and home in Bangsar, the Royal Lake Club became an extension of home after a hard day's work of "pulling teeth". Each time, if any member asked him on his well-being, he would jokingly answer 'pulling along'!

True to being a quintessential "clubber", he incorporated many aspects of his life into the Club. Many family lunches and dinners were at the Club. He would also frequent the Batek Bar where he regaled tales of his two children's academic performances and concerns of educating his two children in the United Kingdom during the Asian Financial Crisis. That was in the 1980's and 1990's. In the early millennium years, he talked about settling his children into careers and securing good spouses, with the last decade of his life being in retirement, enjoying his two grandsons. He missed his granddaughter who was born when he was taken ill in hospital.

It was also during the early millennium years that Dr Vijay answered the calling to serve the Club after being a member for close to 15 years. Over the next 20 years, he started serving in the Disciplinary Panel in 1998 followed by Membership Sub-Committee and the Investigation Committee/Disciplinary Panel. He last served in the Elections Sub-Committee in 2017.

Dr Vijay was best remembered as a person with good humour, bonhomie and believed in the goodness of all people who entered and exited his life. His untimely demise on 6 October 2020 was just days short of his 75th birthday. We take comfort that he had a memorable journey in life, with a big part of it associated with the Club that was filled with fun, fellowship and laughter.

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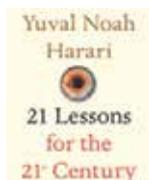
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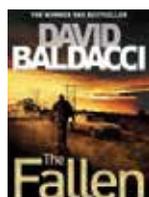
Crazy Rich Asians meets Bridget Jones's Diary in this funny and irresistible debut novel about the pursuit of happiness, surviving one's thirties intact, and opening oneself up to love. At thirty-three, Andrea Tang is living the dream: She has a successful career as a lawyer, a posh condo, and a clutch of fun-loving friends who are always in the know about Singapore's hottest clubs. All she has to do is make law partner, and her life will be perfect. And if she's about to become the lone unmarried member of her generation in the Tang clan--a disappointment her meddling Chinese-Malaysian family won't let her forget--well, she doesn't need a man to complete her. Yet when a chance encounter with charming, wealthy entrepreneur Eric Deng offers her a glimpse of an exciting, limitless future, Andrea decides to give Mr. Right-for-her-family a chance. Too bad Suresh Aditparan, her office rival and the last man her family would approve of, keeps throwing a wrench in her plans. Now Andrea can't help but wonder: In the endless tug-of-war between pleasing others and pleasing herself.

21 LESSONS FOR THE 21st CENTURY



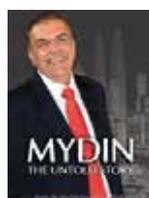
Lessons for the 21st Century is a book written by bestseller Israeli author Yuval Noah Harari and published in August 2018 by Spiegel Grau in the US and by Jonathan Cape in the UK and dedicated to his husband, Itzik. Having dealt with the distant past in sapiens : A Brief History of Humankind (2011) and with the distant future in Homo Deus A Brief History of Tomorrow (2016), Harari turns in 21 Lessons his attention to the present. In a loose collection of essays, many based on articles previously published,(3) he attempts to untangle the technological, political, social, and existential quandaries that humankind faces in the present century.

THE FALLEN



Amos Decker, David Baldacci's unique special agent with the gift of a remarkable memory, returns in The Fallen.Small towns which have seen better times are not unusual. But the mysterious events in Baronville, Pennsylvania, are raising the highly-tuned antennae of agent Amos Decker and his FBI partner, Alex Jamison. What was supposed to be a relaxing vacation turns into a murder investigation when two bodies are found in a nearby deserted house. With the body count rising, Decker and Jamison dig deep to uncover a sinister truth in Baronville, which could be the canary in the coalmine for the rest of the country. But even the duo's skills and Amos Decker's infallible memory may not be enough to save this town, or them, from becoming the next victims.

MYDIN :THE UNTOLD STORY



Being frugal is a practice of many successful entrepreneurs. There is no secret to being successful and wealthy. All successful and wealthy. All successful entrepreneurs will attest to the same conditional requirement, Hard work, the right mental attitude, integrity and to be focused. Truly, the founder of this prosperous Malaysian business concern has much to be proud of. His remarkable achievements as evident by the growing number of outlets are ample testament to his business acumen which he has passed on to his sons. Mydin The Untold Story is a delightful Malaysian success story which all of us can draw inspiration from.

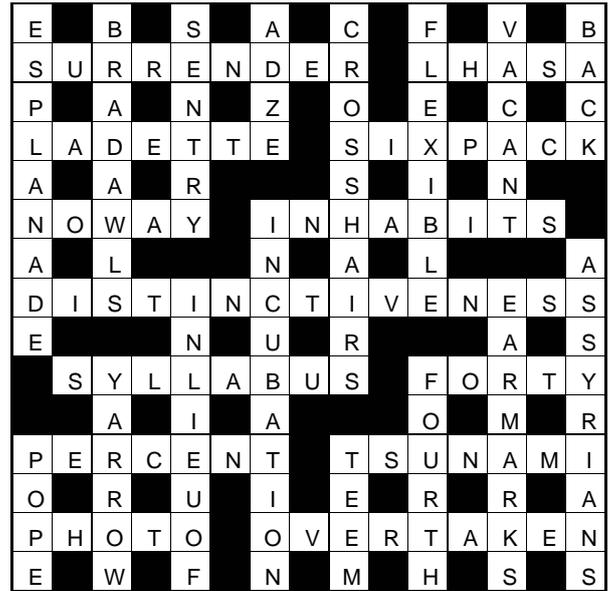


The response to RLC 240 was encouraging, with 10 entries submitted. Of these, 9 were all-correct.

Congratulations to Wong Kok Heng (12035), Datuk Tan Seng Chee (8961), Lim Lang Koon (11186), Maureen Mokhlis (10262), Ratha Krishnan Perumal (11901), Heah Kok Soon (6480), Tunku Yahya (14189), Lam Cheng Wei (L1430) and Teh Bee Kee (5634). Each of you will receive an F&B voucher worth RM30.

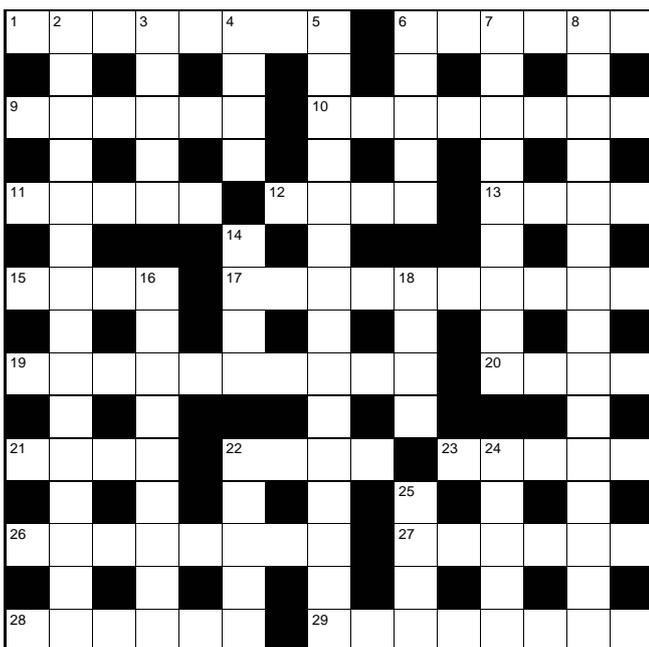
For RLC 241, complete the puzzle and email your entries to me at tv13tgv@gmail.com before noon 30 November 2020. Happy solving!

I wish you all Happy Diwali, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



Answer Grid for RLC 240

RLC Crossword No 241 set by T V Sekhar



Entry Form for RLC 241

Name: _____
 Membership No. : _____

Members who want an explanation for all the clues in last issue's puzzle are invited to e-mail tv13tgv@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 Reformed partisan candidate (8)
- 6 The French cry over Greek island (6)
- 9 One rule I'd recalled for the festival (6)
- 10 Exhibit dice even when shaken (8)
- 11 Desire company audit (5)
- 12 Inquisitive Mr Parker (4)
- 13 One in jail is murderer (4)
- 15 Go and get topless cut (4)
- 17 Country where a zebra is slaughtered on New Year's Day (10)
- 19 Anyhow, speak to Ben to watch attentively (4,4,2)
- 20 You'll be heard at Christmas (4)
- 21 Physician to miss court opening (4)
- 22 In Thailand, ready to supply heroin in club (4)
- 23 Either way, a principle (5)
- 26 Stupid drunk ranting about nothing (8)
- 27,14 Grasp on to a manufactured national car (6,4)
- 28 Cancel permit to go into river (6)
- 29 Great trumpeter? (8)

Down

- 2 To hopeful gents, I make a trivial oral mistake (4,2,3,6)
- 3 Picture that is covering publication (5)
- 4 Eager prima donna making a comeback (4)
- 5 Bother at the pews resolved by the authorities (3,6,4,2)
- 6 The ordinary people of Italy in disarray (5)
- 7 Foolish, half-heartedly going over sailing vessel in a sloppy manner (9)
- 8 Oilmen on a bounce confused very rarely (4,2,1,4,4)
- 14 See 27
- 16 Hope Beryl unravels exaggerated statement (9)
- 18 Try to acquire new tie (4)
- 22 Support for two (5)
- 24 English chop cooked for a long time (5)
- 25 Wigwam's top cut off with a sword (4)

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Worked Example of Sudoku Challenge: September/October 2020 Issue:

Adapted from Star 2; Sunday, 12 July, 2020 © Nikoli Co. Ltd., Japan. In Sudoku solving, every solution is followed up as a digit in its own R/C/B for solution by OC/OD logic and also as a missing digit in its own R/C/B in other Rs/Cs/Bs faced due to R/C/B rules for solution by OC logic, subject to solving conditions.

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

Fig. 1: 1st S. soln. B₂: [2] in R1, C6: 2₁; F. up 2₁ as [2], R₆: [2] in B4, C5, C6, C9: 2₂; F. up, C₄: [4] in B2, R5, B8: 4₃. F. up, R₄: [1] in C1, C5, B₆: 1₄; R₅: 1₅; R₁: 1₆.

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9
R1			1 ₆			4		9	2
R2			8 ₁₁	5	2 ₁			1 ₇	3
R3				6	1		8		
R4		3	7	4 ₃		1 ₄			5
R5		1 ₅	2				4		
R6	9			2 ₂			1	8	
R7			3	1 ₈	4	7			8 ₁₀
R8	1					2			
R9	4	8		3					1 ₉

Fig. 2: F. up 1₆, R₂: 1₇. 2nd F. up 1₄, C₄: [1] in B2, B5, R8: 1₈; R₉: [1] in B7, B8, C7, C8: 1₉; 2nd F. up 1₈, R₇: [8] in B7, C7, C8: 8₁₀; 2nd F. up 1₆, C₃: 8₁₁.

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9
R1			1 ₆			4		9	2
R2		4 ₁₄	8 ₁₁	5	2 ₁	9 ₁₆		1 ₇	3
R3				6	1		8		
R4	8 ₁₃	3	7	4 ₃		1 ₄			5
R5		1 ₅	2			8 ₁₂	4		
R6	9		4 ₁₅	2 ₂			1	8	
R7			3	1 ₈	4	7			8 ₁₀
R8	1					2			
R9	4	8		3					1 ₉

Fig. 3: F. up 8₁₁ as [8] facing C6, C₆: [8] in R2, R3, R6, R9: 8₁₂; R₄: 8₁₃; 2nd F. up 8₁₁, R₂: [4] in C1, B2, C7: 4₁₄; C₃: 4₁₅; 2nd F. up 4₁₄, R₂: 9₁₆.

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9
R1	3 ₁₈		1 ₆			4		9	2
R2		4 ₁₄	8 ₁₁	5	2 ₁	9 ₁₆		1 ₇	3
R3				6	1	3 ₁₇	8		
R4	8 ₁₃	3	7	4 ₃		1 ₄			5
R5		1 ₅	2			8 ₁₂	4	3 ₂₁	
R6	9		4 ₁₅	2 ₂	3 ₁₉		1	8	7 ₂₀
R7			3	1 ₈	4	7			8 ₁₀
R8	1					2			
R9	4	8		3					1 ₉

Fig. 4: F. up 9₁₆, B₂: [378]; [78] in C6: 3₁₇, OD; R₁: 3₁₈; 2nd F. up 3₁₇ as [3] facing R6, R₆: [3] in B4, C6, C9: 3₁₉; R₆: 7₂₀; B₆: 3₂₁.

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9
R1	3 ₁₈		1 ₆			4		9	2
R2		4 ₁₄	8 ₁₁	5	2 ₁	9 ₁₆		1 ₇	3
R3				6	1	3 ₁₇	8		4 ₂₂
R4	8 ₁₃	3	7	4 ₃		1 ₄			5
R5		1 ₅	2			8 ₁₂	4	3 ₂₁	
R6	9		4 ₁₅	2 ₂	3 ₁₉		1	8	7 ₂₀
R7			3	1 ₈	4	7	5	5	8 ₁₀
R8	1	7 ₂₅	5			2	3 ₂₄	4 ₂₃	
R9	4	8	5	3			2 ₇	2 ₇	1 ₉

Fig. 5: 2nd F. up 7₂₀, C₉: [469]; [6] in R3; [9] in B3: 4₂₂, OD; C₈: 4₂₃; R₈: 3₂₄; R₈: 7₂₅; 2nd F. up 3₂₄, B₉: LS(27); B₉: [5] in C9: LS(5); B₇: LS(5).

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	
R1	3 ₁₈		1 ₆			4		9	2	
R2		4 ₁₄	8 ₁₁	5	2 ₁	9 ₁₆		1 ₇	3	
R3			9 ₂₆	6	1	3 ₁₇	8		4 ₂₂	
R4	8 ₁₃	3	7	4 ₃		1 ₄			5	
R5		1 ₅	2			8 ₁₂	4	3 ₂₁		
R6	9		4 ₁₅	2 ₂	3 ₁₉		1	8	7 ₂₀	
R7			9 ₂₇	3	1 ₈	4	7	5	5	8 ₁₀
R8	1	7 ₂₅	5 ₆			2	3 ₂₄	4 ₂₃		
R9	4	8	5 ₆	3			2 ₇	2 ₇	1 ₉	

Fig. 6: F. up LS(5) as [5] facing B1. B₁: [25679]; [257] in C3; [6] in R3; 9₂₆; C₃: LS(56); B₇: [9] in C1: 9₂₇. All 28th to final 57th solns. are deduced easily.

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WINNERS: RM50/- and RM75/- meal vouchers: No winner. {Use a way to state results of analysis, e.g. like the way that I use.}

RM20/- meal vouchers: Soh Chee Gee: M15274; Ms Chew Kim Sion: M8715; Michael Godfrey: E6756 (Do write out the results.)

Note: Sudoku should be solved based on the "principle of cause and effect". Every solution should be followed-up as digit and as missing digit in its own R/C/B to deduce follow-up solution in all Rs/Cs/Bs faced by it owing to R/C/B rules, subject to solving conditions. This follow-up process continues until no follow-up solution can be deduced by OC/OD logic. We then start afresh to deduce a new source solution and resume follow-up analysis until the Sudoku is solved. See my similar remarks made at the start of the worked example.

SOLUTION		
351	784	692
648	529	713
729	613	854
837	461	925
512	978	436
964	235	187
293	147	568
176	852	349
485	396	271

Prize and Recognition:

Only fully solved entries with quality logical reasoning will receive a food voucher worth RM75/- each valid at any food outlet of the Club valid for a period of 3 months. Lower quality winning entries will however receive a RM50/- voucher. In addition, consolation winners will receive a food voucher of RM20/- each.

Submission of Entries:

Do submit your entry by hand/by post to reach the Library by **3 weeks** after release of Newsletter.

Name of Member: (Mr/Ms/Mrs/En/Cik/Puan/Dr/Dato' etc) _____

Membership No: _____ Tel/HP/Email: _____ (Please state "spouse", if app.)

(wef March/April 2018, only 1 membership no. is eligible for a prize.)

Instructions:

a) Fill in ALL 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, i.e. provide a FULL solution.

b) Also, mark-in the "locked set (LS) of candidates" (in small digits in the grid) that enables a soln.

c) Record and submit your sequence of results in A4 paper preferably up to the final solution. Do show clearly the strategic LS in your results/grid. d) The decision of the judges is final.

Criteria for Winning Entries: Quality of approach and methods: simplest solutions used; evidence of systematic R/C/B analysis; mark in the grid the deduced locked sets in R/C/B that enable follow-up solutions to be deduced and show them in your working; identify R/C/B analysed in your report.

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

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TRIBUTES

The club extends its condolences to the family and friends of the following members who are no longer with us.



Lim Boon Cheow, member since 8 July 1977, passed away on 12 April 2016 at the age of 83. RIP.



YBhg Tan Sri Chong Hon Nyan member since 6 February 1967, passed away on 15 March 2020 at the age of 96. RIP.



D E Woodford member since 21 July 1970, passed away on 8 December 2016 at the age of 85. RIP.



YBhg Dato Sri Nik Othman Nik Hussein, member since 29 May 1981, passed away on 13 June 2020 at the age of 74. Al-Fatihah.



YBhg Tan Sri Dato Ir Muhammad Radzi Mansor ,member since 4 October 1983, passed away 21 July 2017 at the age of 75. Al-Fatihah.



Faisal Abdullah, member since 18 May 1987, passed away on 30 July 2020 at the age of 71. Al-Fatihah.



Nik Hamdan Nil Yusoff, member since 30 May 1980, passed away on 15 August 2019 at the age of 69. Al-Fatihah.



Chow Sang Hee, member since 23 September 1976, passed away on 21 August 2020 at the age of 87. RIP.



Raymond Teoh Cheng Kooi, member since 11 July 1988, passed away on 29 August 2019 at the age of 78. RIP.



Abd Ghani Ahmad, member since 23 August 1977, passed away on 11 September 2020 at the age of 85. Al-Fatihah.



Dr Jagjit Singh Bhagwan Singh, member since 11 December 1992, passed away on 15 September 2019 at the age of 68. RIP.



Khairuddin Ibrahim Ali, member since 25 February 1976, passed away on 4 October 2020 at the age of 79. Al-Fatihah.



YBhg Tan Sri Dato' Abdul Aziz, member since 9 September 1985, passed away on 22 January 2020 at the age of 86. Al-Fatihah.



Dr K Vijaya Raghavan member since 9 December 1988, passed away on 6 October 2020 at the age of 75. RIP.



Lim Yee Bee, member since 9 March 1978, passed away on 3 February 2020 at the age of 90. RIP.



YBhg Dato Shaik Sulaiman member since 22 October 1986, passed away on 16 October 2020 at the age of 77. Al-Fatihah.

* The publication of these announcements are based on notifications within the last two months.

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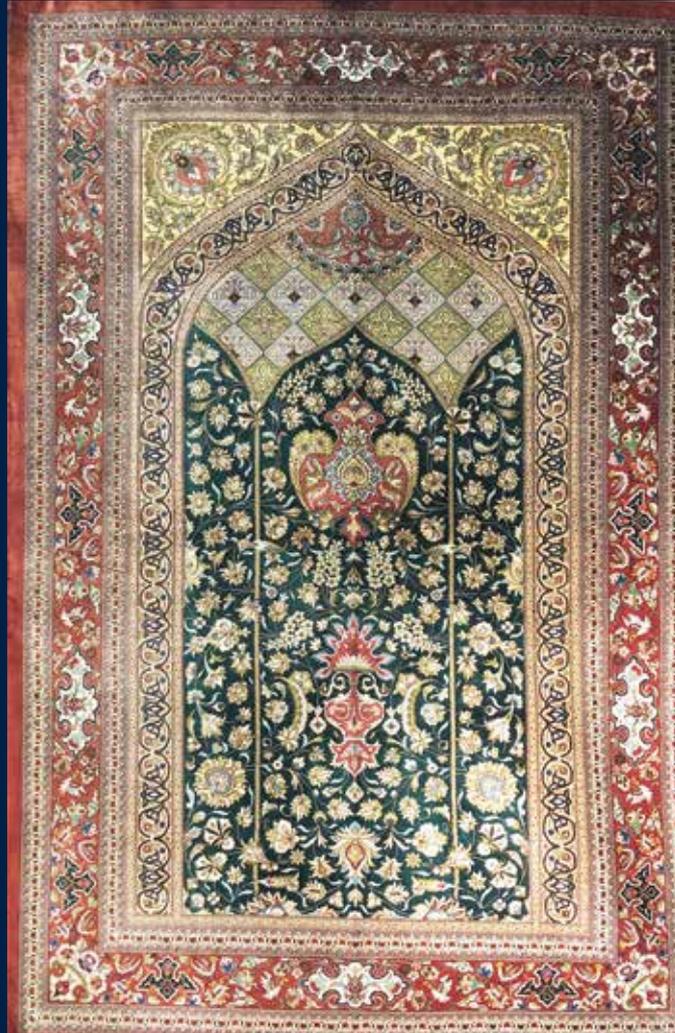


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