

### 7. 1887 Navy Cup and other Club trophies

Pride of place among Club trophies goes to an 1887 cup presented to the Club by a grateful British Royal Navy, in recognition of the many games played on the Padang. The British took pains to design the cup with oriental features, such as its handles, fashioned as elaborate Chinese dragons chasing pearls.



### 11. Club trophies

Lining two sides of the Padang Restaurant are cabinets with trophies that celebrate the glorious sporting history of the Club. Of special interest are a magnificent ornamental "cakestand" which dates from 1908 and was presented by C. McArthur, and a pre-World War II bowls trophy made of lignum vitae with ivory inlay.



### 12. "Tuan Besar" gallery

This gallery pays tribute to tuan besar (or "big shots") who featured prominently in the history of the Club. They include the first three presidents of the Club, Louis J.R. Glass, Charles Stringer and Sir Cecil Clementi Smith; also Andrew Gilmour, who probably did more for the Club than any other president, saving it from bankruptcy not once but twice.



### 13. Sports photographs and memorabilia

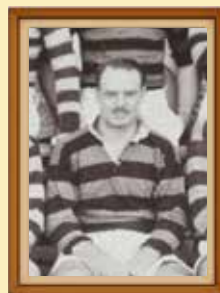
Stumps, the Club's sports bar, has a host of sports memorabilia, such as rugby and soccer jerseys, cricket bats and squash and tennis rackets, and photographs of well known personalities who have visited the Club, such as Geoffrey Boycott, Bobby Charlton, Imran Khan and Bobby Robson.



*From Stumps, return to the lobby and walk down the steps to the Men's Bar.*

### 14. Sports photographs and memorabilia

Despite its antediluvian name, the Men's Bar welcomes both sexes. Here are dozens of team photographs taken over the years. See if you can spot some well known personalities in the history of the Club, such as Bernard Ablitt, Club President 1938 to 1939, after whom the Ablitt Cup, the main trophy in the annual SCC Rugby Sevens tournament, is named.



### 8. Cabinets of Club ephemera

These cabinets contain small items that show the sporting and social life of Club members in the past. For example, there are rugby fixtures from 1931 to 1932, and a summary of chits for food and drinks signed by a member days before the Fall of Singapore to the Japanese on 15 February 1942.

### 9. 100 Years Of The Singapore Cricket Club display

The earliest photograph, taken in 1861, shows a small tent where members gathered for refreshments after their games. The first permanent Clubhouse was not built until later in the 1860s.



*From The Oval, return through the Main Lounge to the lobby and the staircase to the Padang Restaurant.*

### 10. Paintings by Singapore Artists

This display on the staircase leading to the Padang Restaurant features works by Singapore artists who painted local scenes in the 1970s and 1980s. They include Ang Ah Tee (born 1943), Gog Sing Hooi (1933 to 1994), Koeh Sia Yong (born 1938), Low Puay Hua (born 1945) and Ong Kim Seng (born 1945).



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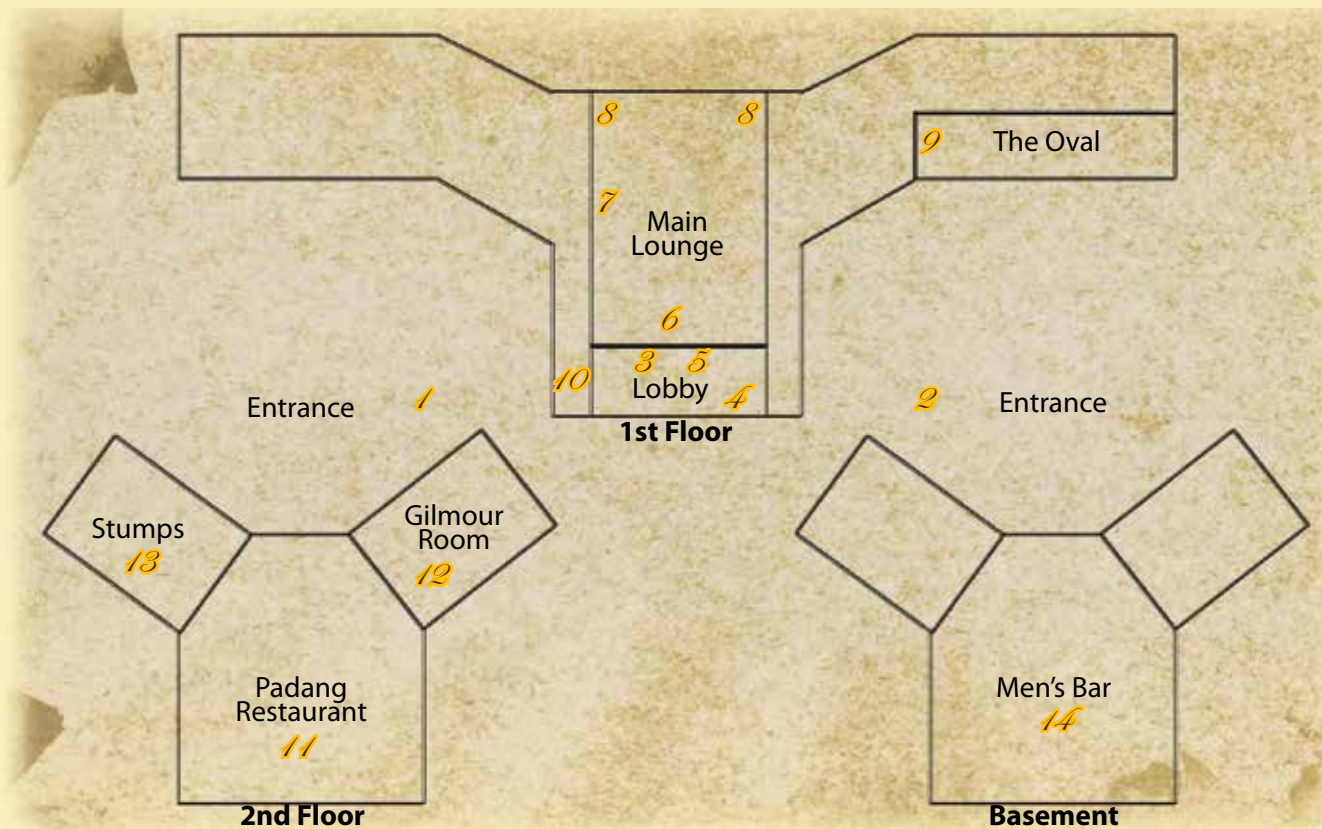


# Heritage Trail



*"The Esplanade and cricket have always been associated... The first recorded cricket match was played on 14 October 1852, under the title of 'A Picked Eleven against the (Singapore Cricket) Club'."*

*-- 100 Years Of Singapore by Walter Makepeace, Gilbert E. Brooke and Roland St J. Braddell. In the early days, the Padang ("field" in Malay) was also known as the Esplanade.*



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**1. Club plaque**

These plaques are a good place to start the Heritage Trail. Then on to the Club lobby, Main Lounge and The Oval restaurant on the first floor; then to the Padang staircase, Padang Restaurant, Gilmour Room and Stumps sports bar on the second floor; and finally to the Men's Bar in the basement.



**2. National Heritage Board plaque**  
The Clubhouse building was given conservation status by the Urban Redevelopment Authority in 1994. This means it must be restored in accordance with URA conservation guidelines. All original structural and architectural elements must be retained and restored.



**3. Roll of Club Presidents**  
This lists all Presidents of the Club since Louis J.R. Glass from 1880 to 1881 (until 1880 the principal office in the Club was that of Captain). They include three who went on to become Governor of the Straits Settlements -- Sir Cecil Clementi Smith, Sir Frank Athelstane Swettenham and Sir Arthur Henderson Young.

**4. World War I plaque**

This plaque honours not only Club members who died during World War I but also those who perished during the Singapore Mutiny of 1915. Those who are interested should also visit the Cenotaph, a few steps from the Clubhouse in Esplanade Park.



**5. Cricket On The Padang**  
Taken in front of the third Clubhouse, probably between 1890 and 1906, this is the earliest known photograph of cricket on the Padang. Singapore cricket saw its heyday during the 1880s and 1890s, when the Club played its first "away" matches against clubs and later state sides in the Federated Malay States.

**6. Paintings and prints of the Padang, 1837 to 1851**

These four paintings and prints show the Padang between 1837, the year of the first recorded cricket match in Singapore, and 1851, one year before the establishment of the Singapore Cricket Club.

