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# SCC Lunar New Year Celebration 2024

**Friday, 16 February**

## Celebration Activities:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Deli Verandah</b><br/><b>6pm – 9pm:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Palm Reading</li><li>▶ Chinese Calligraphy on Fan</li><li>▶ Muah Chee Live Station</li><li>▶ Dragon Bread Candy Live Station</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Courtyard</b><br/><b>7.30pm – 8pm:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Lion Dance Performance on Poles by World Lion Dance 2023 Champion – Yiwei Athletic Association</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Main Lounge</b><br/><b>8pm – 10.45pm:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Live Band Performance by Cherry Head</li></ul></li></ul> |
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## Buffet Dinner at The Oval & Verandah: 6pm – 10pm

**Member: \$62.80 | Guest: \$72.80 | \*Child: \$30**

*\*Child prices are for children below 12 years old.*

### **SALADS**

Bak Kwa (*Chinese Pork Jerky*)  
Marinated Baby Octopus with Sesame Seeds  
Chilled Jellyfish in Sesame Oil Salad  
Thousand Island Prawns Cocktail Salad

### **SOUP**

Cantonese Style Seafood Soup

### **CARVERY STATION**

Crackling Pork Belly

### **MAIN DISHES**

Cantonese Style Steamed Red Snapper Fillet in Superior Sauce  
Braised Duck with Sea Cucumber  
Crispy Spicy Pork Knuckle  
Wok-fried Red Leg Prawns with Festive Special Sauce  
Deep-fried Fragrant Spring Chicken  
Homemade Beancurd with Seafood  
Stir-fried Milk Cabbage with Fragrant Salted Fish  
Stir-fried Hong Kong Noodles with Seafood in Homemade XO Sauce

### **DESSERTS**

Assorted Nyonya Cakes  
Festive Pineapple Tarts  
Tropical Fresh Cut Fruits  
(*Dragon Fruit, Pineapple, Rock Melon & Watermelon*)

- Please note that only the buffet will be available on 16 February 2024 from 6pm onwards; The Oval & Verandah menu and GO GO SCC Takeaway & Delivery service will not be available from 5pm onwards on the day.
- Reservations are on a first-come-first-serve basis; terms and conditions apply; for reservations and enquiries, please contact The Oval & Verandah Restaurant at 6309 9116.
- A confirmation email will be sent to you once the booking has been processed within 3 working days of the date of reservation.
- Cancellation of reservations must be made in writing and received by the Club no later than 14 working days prior to the date of the Event. Please note that the full amount will be charged for cancellations made after the cut-off date. A charge of the full amount will apply for no-show on the date of the Event. In the event of a reduction in the final number of confirmed pax after the cancellation cut-off date, the full charge will be levied.
- The Restaurant reserves the right to choose an alternative seating arrangement within the restaurant to accommodate your booking.

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# Reunion Steamboat Dinner

DINE-IN ONLY



Friday, 9 February 2024 | 7pm onwards

The Oval & Verandah

Member: \$49.80 | Guest: \$59.80 | Child\*: \$23.80

## Choice of 1 Soup Base:

*Chicken or Pork Bone Broth*

## With Assorted Ingredient Platters

### MEAT

*Sliced Black Angus Beef, Chicken Tender,  
Sliced Pork Belly*

### SEAFOODS

*Black Tiger Prawns, Hokkaido Scallops,  
Sliced Barramundi Fillet, Squid*

### MEAT & SEAFOOD BALLS

*Pork Meat Balls, Beef Meat Balls, Fish Balls,  
Lobster Balls, Octopus Balls, Prawn Balls*

### NOODLES & DAIRY

*Udon Noodles, Tang Hoon, Tau Pok,  
Whole Eggs, Beancurd Skin & Egg Tofu*

### VEGETABLES

*Black Fungus, Shitake Mushrooms,  
Enoki Mushrooms, Lotus Root Slices,  
Sweet Corn, Broccoli, Sio Peh Chye,  
Tang "O"*

### DIPPING SAUCES:

*Soya Sauce, Red Cut Chilli, Vegetarian  
Chilli Paste, Japanese Sesame Dressing*

### Add On Option for \$48.80:

*10 pcs Australian Abalone*

Reservations are on a first-come-first-serve basis; terms and conditions apply.

For reservations and enquiries, please contact The Oval & Verandah at 6309 9116. \*Child prices are for children below 12 years old.





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

2023 was another wonderful year for the Singapore Cricket Club as club life returned to pre-pandemic hustle and bustle and more. We saw events and activities return to the Club, particularly during the last few weeks of the year as we celebrated with many festive programs for our members young and senior; our F&B outlets were often at full capacity as members wined, dined and interacted with one another while hamper and takeaway festive orders surged.

Meanwhile our Sections trained and competed in national and regional tournaments and many have started touring again. As you'll read in this issue's Section News, there has been a lot happening within the Sections; if you have yet to join and participate in the activities of at least one Section, do join in – we have 16 sports and social sections for you to choose from and they are a great way to get involved in our vibrant Club life. In addition there are seven academies for children of members to learn Chess, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby and Tennis, all part of the comprehensive package of opportunities available to members.

The SCC International Rugby7s 2023 tournament was a great success as more than 3,000 members and spectators descended upon the Padang for a weekend of exciting rugby action. On behalf of the General Committee and Club members, our thanks and congratulations to the SCC7s tournament organising committee for another successful chapter to this fantastic event. We look forward to hosting the 75th edition of this second oldest 7s tournament in the world this year.

Close to 100 players gathered for the 41st Interport Balut Competition proudly hosted by our Balut Section in mid-November 2023. An esteemed event, the local and overseas players were full of praise for the way the Balut

Section organised the games so smoothly, and for the excellent food and service rendered to them. We are proud to have maintained our reputation as a prestigious club of excellent service.

We are now gearing up for the SCC International Hockey6s tournament (2 - 3 March 2024) and are excited to welcome more than 50 teams – most of them from overseas including Australia, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Japan and Sri Lanka – to this 27th tournament edition with our warm hospitality. Do join us during the Hockey6s weekend for some great hockey and cheer on the four mens and ladies teams representing SCC!

While certainly not without its challenges, this new year also looks to be fuller of promise to do more, explore diverse opportunities and try new initiatives. Even as we look to the future though, let us also not forget the Club Rules and Bye-Laws that help provide structure to this well renowned and respected institution and ensure equally pleasant experiences for all members patronising our facilities and services. For this first time, our Club General Manager Mr. David Jones has penned a message in this issue (p5) which I urge our members to read intently and take to heart.

I hope you will support the Club, its management and staff; together, we can make SCC a wonderful place for all of us to enjoy.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Club in 2024, and on behalf of the General Committee, wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

**Mathavan Devadas**

*President, Singapore Cricket Club*

# Handmade Lunar New Year Goodies

For Takeaway / Delivery Only  
**15 January – 24 February 2024**

Pineapple Ball	\$25.80
Pineapple Tart (Open-Faced)	\$25.80
Love Letters	\$25.80
Florentine Mixed Almonds	\$26.80
Cashew Nut Cookies	\$22.80
Peanut Cookies	\$22.80
Spicy Prawn Rolls	\$25.80

For orders and more information, please email [festiveorders@scc.org.sg](mailto:festiveorders@scc.org.sg).

Orders must be made at least 3 working days before collection. Last day of orders is Friday, 23 February 2024, 1800hrs, while stocks last. Order is confirmed only upon receipt of the confirmation email. Lalamove Islandwide delivery option available upon request. Delivery charges apply. Delivery services unavailable on 9 – 12 February 2024.



## GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As we enter into the New Year, I would like to draw your attention to a few areas of club operations, and to some Club Rules and Bye-Laws to serve as a reminder.

### **Usage of Clubhouse Car Park**

Please be reminded that our car park is reserved only for the use of members who have purchased a valid SCC car park label for a monthly fee.

The label must be displayed on the vehicle, and the registered vehicle stated on the car park label must match that of the registered vehicle number of the vehicle that is parked. The member-vehicle owner must also be in the Club premises or grounds; in other words, he/she cannot park their vehicle and then leave it to go elsewhere.

We need to enforce Club Bye-Law A.12 to ensure fair treatment of all members, including members who pay the additional monthly fee for the right to park in the Club's limited lots.

Members who choose not to pay the fee or are hosting guests with vehicles can utilise the nearest car parks less than five minutes' walk away at Parliament House, National Gallery and The Adelphi.

### **Members Hosting Guests at the Club**

Members must sign their guests in the Guestbook at the main reception – Member Services Desk, and also be physically present in the Club throughout the duration of their guests' visit. Additionally, members are responsible for the behaviour and actions of their guests while the latter are in the Club.

Guests cannot enter the Club on their own before their member-host has arrived – they need to remain in the waiting area until the member arrives. Members should not pass their membership cards to guests as they will not be accepted unless the member is present.

SCC is a members' club and members have paid for the privilege of using the Club and its facilities and enjoying its services; members have to jointly play their part to ensure that privilege is kept.

### **Treatment of Staff**

The management and staff of SCC are here to serve all members equally as best we can and ensure you and your guests have enjoyable experiences while with us; to do this, they need to be able to carry out their work properly and unfortunately sometimes that includes reminding members of what is permissible and not permissible in the Club.

I also understand that from time to time, members may not have the experience in the club that they should expect, due to shortcomings in service, etc. However, no matter the issue or situation, I would appreciate the staff being treated with respect at all times. I know you agree that any verbal abuse or aggressive behaviour towards staff cannot be accepted.

Should you have any feedback or complaints, please direct them to the club's general email address: [scc@scc.org.sg](mailto:scc@scc.org.sg). All matters will be forwarded to my attention.

### **Usage of Mobile Phone in Club Premises**

A reminder that the use of mobile phones is not permitted in any indoors areas of the club. If you need to make or receive a call, please do so in the outdoor areas of the club. This is to provide a better experience for all members.

### **Usage of the Gymnasium**

We have noticed that an increasing number of gym users are not replacing weights after use and are leaving them scattered around. This is very frustrating for others so please respect your fellow members and use the gym equipment appropriately.

As a prestigious institution, our Club Rules and Bye-Laws have been set to cover expectations of members to help ensure equality of treatment for all, and a comfortable Club environment for everyone's leisure and relaxation. As such, I hope members will respect our Club Rules and Bye-Laws and adhere to them accordingly.

I thank you for your cooperation.

**David Jones**

*General Manager, Singapore Cricket Club*



## New Members' Introduction Night

20 November 2023

Mr. Madhav Kalyan

Mr. Ng Yi Ee

Mr. Hanumanth Bhounsle

Mr. Stephen Dunn

Mr. Michael Ee

Mr. Harry M Gurnani

Ms. Ginny Koh

Mr. Sinha Vijayanand

Mr. Alexandre J. Tham

Ms. Seema Tulshyan

Ms. Teo Seok Hiang

Mr. Sachin Anand

Captain William M Ermolovich

Mr. Alexander C. Feldman

Mr. David Larkin

Mr. Will Posey









## Singapore Hotel Association (SHA) EXSA Winners 2023

11 staff from the Singapore Cricket Club were nominated for the SHA Excellent Service Award (EXSA) this year. Of these, one obtained the highest “Star” award, six were awarded “Gold” and four were awarded “Silver”.



Jeffrey Ng, Assistant Restaurant Manager from The Oval & Verandah, was awarded the Outstanding Star Award from the Singapore Hotel Association.



Chang Phei Phei, Apple  
Food & Beverage, The Oval & Verandah  
EXSA Gold Winner 2023



Kesavadass P Chandran  
Food & Beverage, The Oval & Verandah  
EXSA Silver Winner 2023



Uthayarasu Rajendran (Vikki)  
Food & Beverage,  
Stumps – Bar  
EXSA Gold Winner 2023



Ting Wai Weng, Brandon  
Food & Beverage,  
The Oval & Verandah  
EXSA Silver Winner 2023

## Sports Winners 2023

Six of SCC's Sports Groundmen received the EXSA 2023: Four were awarded “Gold” while two were awarded “Silver”.



Isnin Bin Ishak (Sports, Groundsman)  
EXSA Gold Winner 2023



Ramli Bin Mat Sham (Sports, Groundsman)  
EXSA Gold Winner 2023



Francis Bin Ongintap (Sports, Groundsman)  
EXSA Gold Winner 2023



Rashed Miah Md Lal Miah (Sports, Groundsman)  
EXSA Gold Winner 2023



Januri Bin Mohd Yunus (Sports, Groundsman)  
EXSA Silver Winner 2023



Mahamud Bin Ismail (Sports, Groundsman)  
EXSA Silver Winner 2023



## Long Service Award



Tan Kuan Chye (KC), Senior Supervisor from Main Lounge, who has worked for the Club for 40 years.

## GYM ETIQUETTE

### Returning Gym Equipment & Accessories After Use

We would like to remind all gym users of the following:

- Please remove all gym equipment (e.g. weight plates, kettlebell weights, weightlifting bars/accessories) from the machines and exercise benches after use, and
- Please return them to their respective storage places (e.g. dumbbell rack stand, etc)

In consideration to other gym users, please wipe down and sanitise the equipment after use with the disinfecting wipes/sanitiser available in the gym.

Please be informed that users are limited to 20 minutes per machine. Kindly also refrain from talking on the phone when you are in the gym.

Thank you for observing proper gym etiquette.

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Singapore Cricket Club



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## A Compilation of Memories of the Life and Career of Chai Hon Yoong

(1 Nov 1933 – 30 October 2023)

Known affectionately to his friends as just “Chai”, Chai Hon Yoong hailed from Ipoh when Malaya was still a British crown colony. He had five brothers and three sisters and was seventh in his family.

He trained and received his Diploma in Civil Engineering at the Technical College in Kuala Lumpur before moving to Singapore. He then went on to take further studies in Civil Engineering at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland. Upon returning from Glasgow, Chai commenced work with the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) and was assigned to projects such as the development of Jurong Port and local hospitals. He was seconded to the Port Authority of Singapore (PSA) in 1968 and was involved in the construction of the East Lagoon container terminal near present day Vivo City. Later he joined Woh Hup Pte Ltd as project manager; some of the projects he undertook while there included the development of Robertson Quay and Sembawang construction before his retirement in 1998.



His fellow hockey players recall Chai playing in Combined Schools Hockey Div 1. Chai was never seen without his hockey stick and was an exceptional sportsman. He played hockey for Singapore, captaining the team for many years and representing the nation at many international competitions such as the Asian Games etc. He was well known as a solid fullback hockey player in the early days but he could take on any position. Chai's older brother Chai Hong Yam also represented Singapore in hockey and played in the 1957 Melbourne Olympics.

In 1967, Chai persuaded a few friends to join with him as SCC members for the serious purpose of playing hockey; at the time membership cost \$50 each to become ordinary members. With several Singapore hockey internationals playing for SCC's previously depleted hockey team, the new SCC hockey team won all their league matches and were promptly promoted from Division 3 to Division 2 and finally to Division 1, soon becoming serious contenders for the Division 1 championship every year. When SCC began fielding such a strong hockey team, an increasing number of excellent players, even from Malaysia, came to join the SCC team.

Chai Hon Yoong met his future wife Lew Foong at a mutual friend's gathering in 1976 and that marked the beginning of their love story. They married in 1977. During their dating days, they had vastly different sports interests. Lew Foong played tennis and squash, and Hon Yoong played a range of sports from hockey to billiards.

In later years, when he had had enough of Hockey after having played it for almost 20 years, he started to play Lawn Bowls at the Singapore Cricket Club. At Lawn Bowls he again excelled and was the champion in the singles tournaments played at SCC.

Bowls brought the couple closer together in sports. It was not until 1995 that Lew Foong started to play bowls seriously and since then she has never looked back. Meanwhile Chai was the first Singaporean bowler to be selected to play in the Commonwealth Games held in Victoria, Canada in 1994. Throughout his bowling years, he bagged several medals including a silver in the singles game at SEA Games Brunei. Lew Foong recalls proudly how the couple also both participated in the Champion of Champions Bowls Tournament 2005 in Warilla, Sydney, Australia.

Chai's extensive sporting achievements led to him becoming the first recipient of the SCC Lifetime Achievement Award in the inaugural SCC Sports Award Night in 2008.

Chai also played a role in the development of Bowls in Singapore. With the encouragement of Mr. T Q Lim – Chai and close friends worked on plans to establish Bowls Singapore, first drafting a constitution, and then coordinating work to construct a Green. Chai Hon Yoon showed his professional mettle and helped much as a civil engineer. His friend Dhillon helped acquire a plot of land from the Singapore Sports Council to build the Green and raised funds. Under Chai's supervision, the Bowls Green was built at Kallang.

Chai will be deeply missed by many in SCC and beyond.

## OBITUARIES

The Club records with deep regret the passing of our Members.  
Our sincere condolences go out to the families of the departed.



Mr Chai Hon Yoong



Mr N. H. Jhala



Mr Landis W Hicks



Mr Sim Hong Boon



# SCC Sports Stars

*The prolific sportspeople of SCC compete not just in interclub tournaments, but also national leagues and international competitions, excelling in their fields.*

*We speak to three such SCC talents to get to know them a little better.*

## **Peter Gilchrist - Billiards**

Peter Gilchrist is one of the greatest billiards players ever with five world titles from 13 finals across four decades. He won the World Billiards Championship (English billiards) in 1994, 2001, 2013 (long format), 2019 and most recently in October 2023, as well as the International Billiards and Snooker Federation world titles in 2015 (short format), 2016 and 2019 (long up). He was also World Matchplay Champion in 2000.

In the most recent 2023 season alone, the world No. 1 won three out of five finals and posted an exceptional win-rate of 40 out of 42 matches. Representing Singapore, Gilchrist has won 15 medals in billiards at the SEA Games, including seven singles gold and one doubles gold.

A SCC Member since 2014, Peter Gilchrist is also currently the Convenor of the Club's Billiards & Snooker Section.

### **HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU FIRST STARTED PLAYING? WHAT LED TO IT?**

I was 12 years old when I started playing billiards. I used to play football, but one day the match was cancelled due to heavy snow, so I went into the club and had a game of billiards... and loved it.

### **WHAT IS IT ABOUT BILLIARDS THAT ATTRACTED YOU AND HAS KEPT YOU PLAYING FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS?**

I've been playing for more than 40 years actually! I love the fact that it's a game where you're constantly learning and trying to improve.

### **FROM 2003 WHEN YOU MOVED TO SINGAPORE TO BECOME THE NATIONAL BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER COACH TO TODAY, HOW HAS THE SPORT DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS?**

It's definitely gained a better reputation. Many years ago, it was maybe said that if you were good at cuesports, it was a sign of "a mis-spent youth". Not anymore!

### **IN THE 2000S WHEN YOU WERE COACHING AND PLAYING AT THE SAME TIME, THERE WERE HIGHS AND LOWS IN YOUR GAME. HOW WAS THAT PERIOD FOR YOU AND WHAT KEPT YOU GOING?**

Yes, that was a difficult time. I wasn't able to train as much as I needed to and therefore would turn up for the odd tournament I was able to play in, unprepared and would get beat by players I knew I was better than.... Very frustrating! Rrrrr! I'd forgotten about those times! Rrrrr!

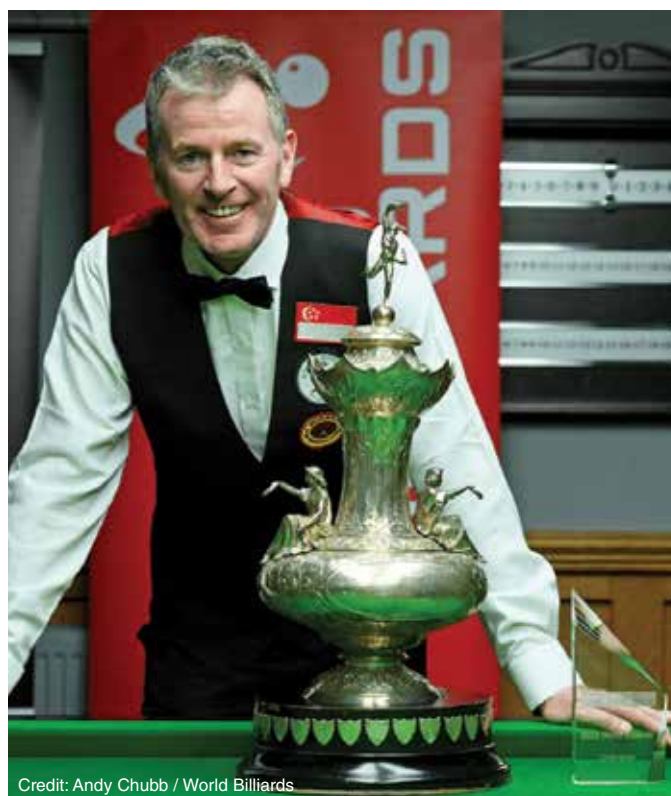
### **YOU HAVE COMPETED IN MULTIPLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SEA GAMES; WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COMPETITIONS FOR YOU?**

The World Championships are played over a longer timeframe. (The final is played over five hours)

Whereas the SEA Games final is played over a best of 5x 100 up format, which could be over in 20 minutes!

### **DO YOU HAVE ANY FAVOURITE MOMENTS IN THE COMPETITIONS YOU HAVE BEEN IN?**

Kuala Lumpur was special, Cuesports Singapore managed three gold medals, under Victor Yeong (also a SCC Member) as our team manager, which is a record haul for Cuesports.



Credit: Andy Chubb / World Billiards

### **WHAT DO YOU ENJOY AS A SCC MEMBER? WHAT IS A TYPICAL DAY/EVENING SPENT AT SCC LIKE FOR YOU?**

Obviously my main haunt is the billiards room where I have many friends, but I love frequenting Stumps Bar and the Main Lounge where staff and members are also extremely friendly - like all parts of the Club.

### **YOU WERE ELECTED AS CONVENOR OF THE SCC BILLIARDS & SNOOKER SECTION IN 2023 – DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS FOR THE SECTION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPORT IN THE CLUB AND BEYOND?**

Yes, I was very honoured to become convenor. We have a very committed working Section Committee and have many plans for the coming year... watch this space!





## **Chang Guo Guang - Football**

A Club member since 2013, Chang Guo Guang (affectionately known as “Guang”) is a SCC talent and a former professional (S-League Champion 2014 - Warriors Football Club; Prime-League Champion 2011 - Geylang United Football Club).

At the FAS Awards Night in November 2023 (Football Association Singapore), Guang won two prestigious Singapore Football League (SFL) awards: the Golden Boot and the Player of the Year. At the same awards in 2022, Guang won the Top Scorer award with his 20-goal haul for that season.

In addition to playing for SCC in the SFL, Guang is the JSM Representative for the SCC Football Section, and the Tournament Chairman for the upcoming SCC International Soccer7s Tournament 2024 in April.

### **WHEN DID YOU START PLAYING FOOTBALL?**

The first time I kicked a ball was when I was five years old. Things became more serious when I was 14 years old; that was when I was invited to train with Tampines Rovers U-16 after being scouted at a street soccer court.

### **WHEN DID YOU JOIN SCC AND HOW HAS YOUR GROWTH JOURNEY IN SCC BEEN?**

I joined SCC as a Junior Sports Member (JSM) in 2013 but took a gap year subsequently to return to the S-League (now known as Singapore Premier League) with Warriors FC. I have been back at SCC since 2015 and most recently completed my 10th year with the SCC Singapore Football League (“SFL”) team.

I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with great coaches, managers and footballers from not just the SFL team, but also other teams within the SCC Football Section. I personally benefitted from tips and advice from other more experienced Members of the Football Section, many whom have been there and done that in their younger years.

If I am to assemble my dream team from just within the SCC Football Section alone (assuming all players are in their prime years), I will have a massive selection headache.

Off the pitch, many of the senior Members in our Football Section have also become my mentors in life and I am truly grateful to have them.

### **HOW HAS THE SCC FOOTBALL SECTION EVOLVED SINCE THE YEARS YOU FIRST JOINED?**

Today the Football Section has several teams apart from the SFL team. These teams include the Tigers, WNFL, O45 Masters, Thirds, Lions, Pads and Legends.

Throughout my time at SCC, I have been able to connect with the different generations of footballers who have come before me and I am heartened to share that these core members of our Football Section remain in good shape and are still very much involved in their teams' matches.

### **HOW DOES THE SCC SPL TEAM TRAIN AND BOND?**

The team typically starts pre-season training after the New Year and we will use the RBSC Soccer 7s held in Bangkok, Thailand as our pre-season tour. This is where new players get initiated into the team.

The team will continue to train twice on weekdays and have a match on weekends throughout the rest of the season.

The team has also historically sought clearance from the Football Association of Singapore to not have a match scheduled during a specific weekend in May, so that the SCC team can travel up to Hong Kong to compete in the prestigious HKFC Soccer Sevens tournament which typically feature several professional English Premier League clubs.

These valuable experiences will help the players push their boundaries and foster camaraderie within the team.

### **YOU HAVE WON THE FAS GOLDEN BOOT AWARD FOR TWO YEARS RUNNING NOW – WHAT DO YOU THINK CONTRIBUTED TO THAT SUCCESS?**

Full credit goes to both the coaching team as well as my teammates.

The coaches designed specific drills in trainings to help improve the finishing aspect of the players and on matchdays they were fully switched on to make decisive tactical calls that helped improve the team's probability of creating dangerous offensive gameplay.

Football is a team game; I have also been blessed with many world-class and selfless teammates who have helped me with multiple assists.

### **HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU WERE ANNOUNCED AS FAS'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2023?**

Grateful.

Fun fact. Every year at the FAS Awards Night, the host will announce three nominees before revealing the winner. I had actually been named a nominee for the past two editions and did not go on to win. I was close to completing my hat-trick of being a nominee and not winning.

### **WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE SCC SPL TEAM?**

Our targets have not changed. The SFL team will try and win all competitions it is involved in. The rich history and heritage of this Club does not allow us to settle for second best.

Furthermore, the SFL team - being the most competitive within the Football Section - also has to be accountable to the many great ex-SCC SFL players who have dedicated their playing years before our time, many of whom are still within the Club today.

To continue being competitive, the SFL team needs to be able to attract the best talents, both young and experienced. We have been able to achieve a healthy balance of youth and experience within the SFL team and it is important that we continue to maintain that. Providing support to our JSMs is therefore fundamental to our success. I like to take this opportunity to also thank the many seniors and sponsors within the Football Section whose support over the years has helped us get to where we are today. I am a product of your support and I too believe in paying it forward for the future generations of SCC footballers.

### **WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR FOOTBALL IN SCC AND SINGAPORE?**

For SCC, I hope to be able to look back 10 or 20 years later and proudly say that I was once a part of this great team.

For Singapore, the journey to get to where we need to be may be long and arduous, but I remain hopeful we will get there with the right people.

As a Club, SCC can continue to contribute by adding to the vibrancy of our football scene with our SCC Soccer 7s. The upcoming edition in April 2024 will be our 30th year and this tournament helps to bring the football community in Asia closer together. I look forward to welcoming all the teams from abroad and over Singapore for a weekend of fun-filled action at our Padang!

## Philomena Goh - Bowls

A prolific lawn bowler, Philomena started playing bowls when she and her late husband Aziz - who was a SCC member - saw people playing on the Club's bowling green, were intrigued, and joined a social session. Barely six months into playing bowls, she took part in her first international competition in 2000.

Philomena has won bronze and gold medals at the SEA Games 2001 fours and 2019 triples respectively. Not one to let age get in her way, Philomena also competed in her first Commonwealth Games at the age of 63. In September 2023, she made her first international debut in the singles event of the World Bowls Champion of Champions tournament; she beat many top bowlers, including Australia's no 1 Karen Murphy to win a joint-third placing.

**THE 1970S WHEN YOU FIRST STARTED IN SPORTS PLAYING HOCKEY IN SECONDARY SCHOOL WAS A PERIOD WHEN ATTITUDES TOWARDS SPORTS IN GENERAL AND FEMALES PLAYING SPORTS WERE MORE CONSERVATIVE. HOW DID YOU OVERCOME THOSE NEGATIVE PERCEPTIONS AND/OR WHAT SORT OF SUPPORT WERE YOU ALSO ABLE TO RECEIVE?**

Initially, my father was against me playing hockey for the Combined Schools and going overseas at the age of 16. But with the help of my coaches, they were able to convince my father to allow me to pursue my love and passion for the sport. It was not easy as there was no financial support or career prospect as a female athlete. I just followed my heart, persevered, and worked hard through sweat and tears to overcome challenges and hurdles to reach where I am now.

**WHAT WAS IT ABOUT BOWLS THAT ATTRACTED YOU / HOW DID YOU GET STARTED WITH BOWLS?**

I started playing Bowls in the year 2000 at the Singapore Cricket Club. I was invited to try out the game by several veteran bowlers and as I was eager to transition into another sport that I could compete in, I took up their offer. You can say that I took to it like duck to water and the rest is history.

**IT IS OFTEN SAID THAT BOWLS IS VERY MUCH A MENTAL GAME; HOW DO YOU BUILD MENTAL SKILLS AND TRAIN YOUR MIND?**

Bowls is indeed a mentally demanding sport. Every delivery of a bowl needs complete focus and if not done properly, it can be game-changing. My focus is always to remember the line and weight control before delivering each bowl. My pre-shot routine involves four simple steps: to tell myself to slow down, to focus, to stay low, and to follow through.

**YOU HAVE PLAYED MANY TIMES IN THE PAST AS PART OF A TEAM IN PAIRS, TRIPLES AND FOURS, BUT IN SEPTEMBER 2023 YOU COMPETED FOR THE FIRST TIME INTERNATIONALLY IN THE SINGLES EVENT IN THE WORLD BOWLS CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS TOURNAMENT. HOW WAS THE EXPERIENCE PLAYING IN THE SINGLES VS PLAYING IN TEAM EVENTS?**

Playing in team events is not as pressurising as you have the constant support of your teammates. We are able to discuss what shots to make and encourage each other along the way – be it a good shot or a bad one.

When I won the National Singles in 2023, I knew I would be competing in the singles event in the World Bowls Champion of Champions tournament. There wasn't going to be any team discussions or your teammates encouraging you. I knew I would have to conquer this event myself and I was feeling the pressure in the earlier games. However, I remained calm and focus on the process. Thankfully I finished well.



Singles is indeed a lonely game in which you have to make your own decisions and ensure you execute the right choice of shots. You will also need the mental discipline to stay focused no matter what thoughts run through your mind.

**COULD YOU DESCRIBE HOW IT FEELS STANDING ON THE PODIUM TO RECEIVE A MEDAL AND HEAR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM PLAYED?**

The gold medal I won with Shermeen Lim and Margaret Lim at the 2019 SEA Games in the Philippines was a really special one for me. When the national anthem was played, I could not stop the tears from flowing. It was indeed a dream come true after so many years of playing for your country.

The bronze medal I won at the 2023 World Bowls Champion of Champions tournament was also a memorable one for me. As I stood on the podium, I was grateful for all the opportunities and support from Bowls Singapore. I am happy I had the chance to achieve my goal.

**WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING TO RELAX?**

I enjoy driving around, exploring the sights and sounds of Singapore. Besides that, having a good meal with my family, shopping, and hanging out with my fellow bowlers and an occasional game of mahjong.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK COULD BE SOME OF THE WAYS SENIOR PEOPLE COULD BE ENCOURAGED TO TRY EXERCISING AND SPORTS?**

Firstly, I would like to tell all senior people that one can never be too old to try anything new. As long as one feels young at heart and is brave enough to take up the challenge, you should take up any sport or exercise. I am already 65 and I am thankful to be winning, let alone playing competitively, at my age. If I can do it, so can you!



# PROSPERITY ROASTS & YUSHENG 2024

1 February – 24 February 2024

## ROASTS TAKEAWAYS

*For Takeaway & Delivery only*

### ROASTED WHOLE DUCK

With Hoisin Sauce  
& Plum Sauce  
\$52.80

### ROASTED WHOLE CHICKEN STUFFED GLUTINOUS RICE

With Garlic-Chili Sauce  
\$45.80

### ROASTED CRACKLING PORK BELLY (1.5kg)

With Dijon Mustard  
\$68.80

### SUCKLING PIGLET (3kg)

\$238.80

## YUSHENG SPECIALS

*For both Takeaway & Delivery, &  
Dine-In at The Oval & Verandah*

### MEDIUM PLATTER

(serves 5 – 6 persons)

Salmon Yusheng: \$42.80

Abalone Yusheng: \$52.80

### LARGE PLATTER

(serves 6 – 10 persons)

Salmon Yusheng: \$62.80

Abalone Yusheng: \$72.80

### ADDITIONAL SERVINGS FOR MEDIUM & LARGE PLATTERS

Salmon: \$10.80

Abalone: \$18.80

*For orders and more information, please email [festiveorders@scc.org.sg](mailto:festiveorders@scc.org.sg).*

*Orders must be made at least 3 working days before collection. Last day of orders is Friday, 16 February 2024, 1800hrs. Orders is confirmed only upon receipt of confirmation email. Collection of orders available from 1 February 2024 onwards; timing is from 11am onwards. Lalamove Islandwide Delivery option available upon request; delivery charges apply. Delivery services unavailable on 9 – 12 February 2024.*

# Valentine's Day

Wednesday, 14 February 2024

## 5-Course Dinner

Member: \$128.00 | Guest: \$148.00

*\*Includes a complimentary glass of prosecco*

### Amuse Bouche

#### FOIE GRAS LOLLIPOP

*Pistachios, Cream Cheese, Onion Gel*

### Appetizer

#### BAFUN UNI & KALUGA QUEEN CAVIAR CAPELLINI

*Sakura Ebi, Salmon Roe, Essence Truffles Oil  
& Seaweed Powder*

OR

#### KING SALMON MOSAIC

*Tomato Confit, Burnt Mandarin Orange &  
Cucumber Gazpacho*

### Soup

#### LEMONGRASS INFUSED LOBSTER BISQUE

*With Crispy Wonton Skin & Chives*

### Interlude

#### LEMON SORBET

*With Osmanthus Jelly & Egyptian Flower*

### Main

#### ARITA MIYAZAKI A4 WAYGU

*With Berries Compote, Black Garlic Confit Puree  
& Chervil*

OR

#### VANILLA BEAN-DUCK DE CANARD CONFIT

*With Carrot Puree, Baby Carrots & Orange Reduction Jus*

OR

#### HOKKAIDO SCALLOPS BEETROOT RISOTTO

*With Asparagus Tip, Crispy Garlic & Sorrel Cress*

### Dessert

#### WHITE CHOCOLATE YUZU PARFAIT

*Berries compote, Grand Marnier Gel, Nougatine Chips*

OR

#### DECONSTRUCTED STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

*Chantilly Cream, Vanilla Ice Cream*

#### COFFEE & TEA

*Served with Petite Four*

*\*Vegetarian menu available upon request*

Please contact The Padang Restaurant at 6338 9271 ext: 386 for reservations.

A confirmation email will be sent to you once the booking has been processed within 3 working days of the date of reservation.

Cancellation of reservations must be made in writing and received by the Club no later than 14 working days prior to the date of the Event.

Please note that the full amount will be charged for cancellations made after the cut-off date. A charge of the full amount will apply for no-show on the date of the Event. In the event of a reduction in the final number of confirmed pax after the cancellation cut-off date, the full charge will be levied.

The Restaurant reserves the right to choose an alternative seating arrangement within the restaurant to accommodate your booking.





# SINGAPORE HAWKER DELIGHTS NIGHT

The Oval  
a verandah



TUESDAYS | 6PM – 10PM

9 January 2024

## PASEMBUR ROJAK

Malaysian Indian style rojak with shredded jicama and cucumbers, prawn & vegetables fritters, fried bean curd & marinated jelly fish, tossed in sweet potato sauce & sesame seeds

\$10.80

## SCC POPIAH

Thin pancake wrap stuffed with braised turnip filling with prawns, eggs and lettuce, with chili & sweet sauce

\$6.80

## APPAM WITH CHICKEN KORMA

Appam pancake made with fermented rice batter & coconut milk

\$14.20

## SCC FRAGRANT CHICKEN, MUTTON & PORK SATAY

With traditional condiments & chunky peanut sauce

Half Dozen \$10.80

One Dozen \$16.20

## SAMBAL ONION STINGRAY (300gm)

With cincalok, calamansi & pickled onions

\$18.80

## CHILI CRAB (400gm)

Served with 4 pcs of mantou

\$44.80

## MUTTON MURTABAK

Roti prata stuffed with minced mutton, chili, onions & egg, served with mutton curry

\$11.20

## PRATA (Choice of Plain, Egg or Onion)

Served with choice of fish curry, chicken curry or dhal & pickled onions

\$8.80

## PULUT HITAM

Sweet dessert made from black glutinous rice porridge with coconut milk

\$6.80

## CHENG TENG (Served Hot or Cold)

Sweet, dried longan soup with red dates, white fungus, barley beans, ginkgo nuts & lotus seeds

\$6.80

23 January & 27 February 2024

## PASEMBUR ROJAK

Malaysian Indian style rojak with shredded jicama and cucumbers, prawn & vegetables fritters, fried bean curd & marinated jelly fish, tossed in sweet potato sauce & sesame seeds

\$10.80

## KUEH PIE TEE (6 pcs)

Thin and crispy pastry tart shells filled with spicy, shredded Chinese turnips & sweet mixture of thinly sliced vegetables

Plain \$6.80

Add prawn \$8.80

## ROTI JOHN MUTTON

French loaf omelette & onion sandwich topped with minced mutton

\$10.20

## SCC FRAGRANT CHICKEN, MUTTON & PORK SATAY

With traditional condiments & chunky peanut sauce

Half Dozen \$10.80

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\$8.80

## CHENDOL

Shaved ice with red beans, green jelly, coconut milk & gula melaka

\$6.80

## BUBUR CHA-CHA

Medley of sweet potatoes, taro & tapioca jelly cooked in pandan coconut milk

\$6.80

# SPIRITS & WINES

BOTTLES OF THE MONTH

**LUNAR NEW YEAR SPECIALS!**



**SAVE \$30.00**

**Glenfiddich 12 years CNY pack 2024**  
\$118.00 per bottle  
(Usual Price: \$148.00)

**Buy 2 Bottles and get a Limited Edition Decanter \***



**SAVE \$218.00**

**John Walker & Sons XR21**  
\$318.00 for 2 bottles  
(Usual Price: \$536.00)



**SAVE \$336.00**

**John Walker & Sons XR21**  
\$468.00 for 3 bottles  
(Usual Price: \$804.00)



**Buy 3 Bottles and get a Limited Edition Johnnie Walker Mahjong Set \***



**SAVE \$80.00**

**Highland Park 15 Years Old**  
\$168.00 per bottle  
(Usual Price: \$248.00)



**SAVE \$40.00**

**Mother of Pearl Vodka**  
\$108.00 per bottle  
(Usual Price: \$148.00)



**SAVE \$100.00**

**John Walker & Sons XR21**  
\$168.00 per bottle  
(Usual Price: \$268.00)



**Gerard Bertrand Heresie Corbieres Blanc, France**

Expressive with floral scent & aromas of dried apricot/round creamy with tense finish but great freshness.

\*89/100 WINE SPECTATOR (2021)  
\$58.00 per bottle / \$14.80 per glass



**Gerard Bertrand Heresie Corbieres Rouge, France**

Powerful complex but fruity/ notes of red fruits & spices / balanced with velvety tannins.

\*90 PTS WINE ENTHUSIAST (2020)  
\$58.00 per bottle / \$14.80 per glass



**Bindi Sergardi - Rosso Toscana "Achille" IGT, Italy**

Intense ruby red colour. Intense and fruity bouquet. More evident are the accents of mature red fruit, cherries and blackberries. Round, sweet and soft in the mouth. The finish is characterized by a persistent flavor.

\$55.00 per bottle / \$13.80 per glass



**Ciu Ciu - Falerio "Oris" ORGANIC DOP 2022, Italy**

Bright straw yellow, with green shades. Sweet with a fruit and white flowers perfume. Fruity and harmonious, fresh and slightly bitter.

\$55.00 per bottle / \$13.80 per glass

\* No limit on purchase, while stocks last.

Storage of bottles capped at 2 bottles per month per purchase, due to storage limitations. Not applicable for banquets, private functions and birthday voucher.



# INDIAN KITCHEN

## SPECIALS

Fridays, 6pm onwards

### JANUARY

5 January

#### Black Pepper Mutton Curry

Served with Butter Naan

& Onion Salad

\$15.00

12 January

#### Spicy Prawn Masala

Served with Steamed

Basmati Rice & Mango Chutney

\$16.50

19 January

#### Keema Matar

Served with Chapatti

& Cucumber Salad

\$14.50

26 January

#### Kambing Soup

Served with Toasted

Baguette & Fried Shallots

\$10.80

### FEBRUARY

2 February

#### Chili Chicken

Served with Vegetable

Pulao & Achar

\$13.50

9 February

#### Ayam Masak Merah

Served with Steam Rice

& Mango Pickled

\$13.50

16 February

#### Lamb Masala

Served with Kulcha Naan

& Cucumber-Onion Salad

\$15.50

23 February

#### Kambing Soup

Served with Toasted

Baguette & Fried Shallots

\$10.80



## CAKE

OF THE MONTH

\$49  
PER KG



### Prosperity Mandarin Orange Cream Cheesecake with Strawberry Boba

Visit The Oval & Verandah or call 6338 9271 Ext: 373 to place a cake order for your special occasion or birthday celebration!

# OVAL DAILY SPECIALS

### JANUARY

Monday 8, 15, 22, 29 January

Mutton Biryani, or  
Oven-roasted Striploin with  
Vegetables & Potatoes, or  
Pink Leg Prawn Noodle Soup  
with Fresh Clams

Tuesday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 January

SCC Laksa, or  
Pan-fried Seabass Fillet with Lemon  
Dill Sauce, Vegetables & Potatoes, or  
Butter Chicken Masala with  
Mixed Vegetables & Naan

Wednesday 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 January

SCC Chicken & Egg Curry  
with Steamed Rice, or  
Roast Leg of Lamb with Vegetables  
& Potatoes, or  
Fish Tikka with Mint Chutney,  
Mixed Vegetables & Naan

Thursday 4, 11, 18, 25 January

SCC Chicken Rice, or  
Baked Salmon with Vegetables  
& Potatoes, or  
Palak Chicken with Vegetables  
& Brown Rice

Friday 5, 12, 19, 26 January

Fish Moolie with Steamed Rice, or  
Grilled Chicken Chop with  
Vegetables & Potatoes, or  
Channa Masala with Stir-fried  
Vegetables & Chapatti

Saturday 6, 13, 20, 27 January

SCC Laksa, or  
SCC Chicken Rice, or  
Mock Mutton Curry with  
Vegetables, Mango Chutney  
& Naan

Sunday 7, 14, 21, 28 January

Chicken Biryani

### FEBRUARY

Monday 5, 19, 26 February

Mutton Biryani, or  
Braised Duck Leg with Orange  
Sauce, Vegetables & Potatoes, or  
Pink Leg Prawn Noodle Soup  
with Fresh Clams

Tuesday 6, 13, 20, 27 February

SCC Laksa, or  
Pan-fried Seabass Fillet with Lemon  
Dill Sauce, Vegetables & Potatoes, or  
Butter Chicken Masala with  
Mixed Vegetables & Naan

Wednesday 7, 14, 21, 28 February

SCC Chicken & Egg Curry  
with Steamed Rice, or  
Grilled Dory Fish with Vegetables  
& Potatoes, or  
Fish Tikka with Mint Chutney,  
Mixed Vegetables & Naan

Thursday 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 February

SCC Chicken Rice, or  
Baked Salmon with Vegetables  
& Potatoes, or  
Palak Chicken with Vegetables  
& Brown Rice

Friday 2, 9, 16, 23 February

Fish Moolie with Steamed Rice, or  
Breaded Pork Loin with Vegetables,  
Apple Chutney & Cheese Cream  
Sauce, or  
Channa Masala with Stir-fried  
Vegetables & Chapatti

Saturday 3, 17, 24 February

SCC Laksa, or  
SCC Chicken Rice, or  
Mock Mutton Curry with Vegetables,  
Mango Chutney & Naan

Sunday 4, 18, 25 February

Chicken Biryani



Braised Duck Leg

On public holidays, the Daily Set Lunch option at The Oval & Verandah will only be SCC Laksa.



# DINNER SPECIALS

AT THE OVAL & VERANDAH

Available 6pm onwards

**JANUARY**



**Herb Butter Seared Beef Tenderloin**  
Served with Mashed Potato, Garden Root  
Vegetables & Black Pepper Sauce  
**\$28.00**



**Seafood Crispy Hong Kong Noodle**  
Prawns, Flower Squids, Red Snapper Fillet  
& Xiao Bai Chye  
**\$13.00**



**Chicken Tikka Masala**  
Served with choice of Garlic Naan,  
Butter Naan or Plain Naan  
**\$14.50**

**FEBRUARY**



**Pan-fried Red Snapper Fillet**  
Served with Mashed Mousseline, Mango Salsa  
& Roasted Garden Root Vegetables  
**\$25.00**



**Murgh Malai Tikka Masala**  
Served with Chapati & Onion Salad  
**\$14.50**



## SCC DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION 2023

Friday, 17 November 2023

The evening's celebration commenced with a lamp lighting ceremony led by our President, attending members of the General Committee and Social Subcommittee and our General Manager.

The festivities unfolded into a kaleidoscope of cultural delights with a Bhangra dance and DJ spinning. Beyond the stage, members enjoyed our fringe activities, including the rangoli kids craft, henna painting and indulging in delicious traditional Indian ice cream.

The evening sparkled with the Best Dressed Couple award winners – Gurpreet Singh Dua and Simran Kochhar, before members danced the rest of the night away with live band entertainment.





## SCC CHRISTMAS FESTIVE EVENTS

In the run up to Christmas, the Club organized several delightful festive events that ushered the spirit of joy to members. The holiday season started with the Christmas Chocolate Making Workshop, where attendees not only delved into the theoretical aspects of chocolate but also indulged in a hands-on experience creating delectable chocolate treats.

Up next was the Kids Gingerbread House Decorating Workshop that provided an outlet for our children to showcase their creativity, turning plain gingerbread houses into edible masterpieces.

Meanwhile, the SCC Members' Christmas Private Shopping Evening was a jolly time with many vendors showcasing their unique wares to a Main Lounge packed with members shopping for Christmas gifts, food and tableware.

Adding a touch of enchantment, the Frozen Pantomime show "Let It Snow" captivated members and children of all ages. The magical performance brought beloved characters to life, spreading the joy and magic of the season.

Members also participated in our Christmas Scented Candle Workshop. Here, not only did they gain insights into the art of candle making but they also learned about different scents that could be combined to create unique and fragrant natural wax candles. The workshop provided a sensory experience that allowed members to craft candles that embodied the essence of Christmas.

Rounding off the festivities were our celebrations on Christmas Eve with the popular Lucky Draw event, carollers and live band entertainment. Santa also came to visit us on Christmas Day itself, spreading joy and cheer (and goodies too!).

Overall, SCC's Christmas events successfully created heartwarming memories, offering a delightful blend of education and entertainment and filling the hearts of our members and their children with festive cheer.

### SCC CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, 18 November 2023



### A FROZEN PANTOMIME: LET IT SHOW

Sunday, 3 December 2023





## INAUGURAL SCC MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PRIVATE SHOPPING EVENING

Wednesday, 29 November 2023

A festive whirlwind swept through the SCC Christmas Fair, turning it into a dazzling spectacle of holiday cheer! This was the first time we organized the SCC Christmas Fair and witnessed an overwhelming attendance, painting the venue with an array of smiling faces and festive spirits, and creating such an atmosphere buzzing with joy.

Thank you once again for making the SCC Christmas Fair a memorable celebration. We extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every member who made this event a success, and also give a big shoutout and sincere thanks to our vendors who contributed to the success of the event. We look forward to continuing this tradition, bringing even more joy and magic to the Club and creating more magical moments for all members in the future.





## SCC GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING WORKSHOP

Sunday, 26 November 2023



## SCC CHRISTMAS SCENTED CANDLE MAKING WORKSHOP

Sunday, 17 December 2023





## CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY & LUCKY DRAW

Sunday, 24 December 2023





# SCC Christmas Eve Lucky Draw 2023 Results

**Congratulations to all the winners of our SCC Christmas Eve  
Lucky Draw 2023 conducted on 24 December 2023!**

## PRIZE WINNERS

- 1 **William M Ermolovich**
- 2 **Clemente Benelli**
- 3 **Timothy McMahon**
- 4 **Clive Cheong**
- 5 **Adrian Ashman**
- 6 **Lewis Hart**
- 7 **Mike Gibb**
- 8 **Susobhan Dasgupta**
- 9 **Cambala Srinivas**
- 10 **Evered Lee**
- 11 **Celynne Go**
- 12 **Edward Higgins**
- 13 **Supramaniam Sinnakannu**
- 14 **Ong Whatt Kim**
- 15 **Mehul Agarwal**
- 16 **Michael Tillmann**
- 17 **Ow Fook Sheng**
- 18 **Bhavik Mehta**
- 19 **Johnson Tan**
- 20 **Edward Bentley**
- 21 **Gaurav Lakhanpal**
- 22 **Sharmistha Sen**
- 23 **Dhiraj Bajaj**
- 24 **Matthew Ward**
- 25 **Ashley Spencer**

## LIST OF PRIZES

- 1 Raymond Weil Men's Watch worth \$2,990
- 1 x 3-month membership @ The Ring Boxing Community Choa Chu Kang worth \$1,290
- Apple iWatch worth \$599
- Apple iWatch worth \$599
- Apple iWatch worth \$599
- Apple iWatch worth \$599
- Whizz Kidz Children's Birthday Party Voucher worth \$550
- 1 x 3 boxing PT session @ The Ring Boxing Community Choa Chu Kang worth \$500
- Apple Airpod Pro worth \$362
- Apple Airpod Pro worth \$362
- SCC Beverage Hamper worth \$159
- 1 bottle of Royal Salute 21 YO worth \$265
- 1 bottle of Royal Salute 21 YO worth \$265
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- 1 bottle of Royal Salute 21 YO worth \$265
- A pair of ticket to SCC Wine & Cheese Party worth \$116
- Hand painted ink illustration of the SCC by artist Elizabeth Marlow of By Fable. (This is an unframed A3 print) worth \$110
- SCC F&B Voucher worth \$100
- SCC F&B Voucher worth \$90
- 1 Bottle of PJ Grand Brut worth \$80
- 1 Bottle of PJ Grand Brut worth \$80
- 1 Bottle of PJ Grand Brut worth \$80
- 1 Bottle of PJ Grand Brut worth \$80
- Takashimaya Shopping Voucher worth \$50
- Takashimaya Shopping Voucher worth \$50



**Congratulations  
to our first prize winner:  
William M Ermolovich!**



**CHRISTMAS DAY AT SCC***Monday, 25 December 2023*



## SCC NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION 2023

Sunday, 31 December 2023

What an unforgettable night we had at the SCC New Year's Eve Countdown Party! Live bands played in both Padang Restaurant and Main Lounge, and everyone feasted and partied wearing a variety of fascinating fun hats. As the clock ticked closer to 2024, members and their loved ones gathered at the multi-purpose court to listen to the bagpipers ushering in the new year while fireworks lit up the sky. SCC started the new year giving away prizes: congratulations to Mr. Ravinder Pal for winning a SCC Beverage Hamper worth \$300, and Mr. David Eliathamby for winning two pairs of tickets to Adventure Cove Waterpark worth \$160.







# Feng Shui & 12 Animals Zodiac Forecast 2024

The Year of the Dragon

Talk By Master David Tong

**Wednesday, 17 January 2024**

**7.30pm – 9pm | The Victoria Room**

Complimentary Session for all SCC Members  
\$20 per person (Guest)

*Find out if your animal zodiac sign may encounter good or bad luck in 2024 in wealth, career, health, and relationships; also be cautioned on the problems you may face this year so you can learn how to mitigate them to ensure a smooth year ahead.*

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Master David Tong is the Founder and Principal Consultant of Chinese Metaphysics Global Consulting (CMG Consulting), a renowned Feng Shui consultancy firm based in Singapore. With numerous accolades to his name, his expertise in authentic Classical Feng Shui stands out. He emphasizes the practice's true essence, focusing on its status as an art and science rather than mere superstition or tradition.

David holds a Masters of Technology degree from Australia and has studied under world-renowned Feng Shui masters, including the lineage of the late Grandmaster Tan Yang Wu's School of San Yuan Feng Shui in Jiangsu, China. He follows the same methods and applications in his Feng Shui audits, ensuring accurate results akin to those achieved by his late Master.

His achievements include being the recipient of prestigious awards such as the "Asia Excellence Award 2013" for outstanding products and services, the "Wedding Accolade 2013 Award" as the "Best Wedding Geomancer in Singapore," and the "Singapore Outstanding Enterprise 2014 award" honoring his entrepreneurial spirit in operating small and medium-sized businesses.

Moreover, David is a trailblazer in the industry, being the first and only Feng Shui consultant to incorporate magic and conjuring arts into his live Feng Shui Seminars/Talks. With over 18 years of experience in the conjuring arts, he delivers engaging and informative talks, enhanced by professionally crafted interactive visual aids, making his presentations unique and highly sought after worldwide.



David Tong



Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/sccfengshuitalkandzodiacforecast24>

Registration Deadline: Sunday, 7 January 2024

For more information, email [eventsdept@scc.org.sg](mailto:eventsdept@scc.org.sg)

Remove this centre spread and put it up on your fridge or notice board so you'll always be updated on what's happening at the Club!

JANUARY						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>1</b>  <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>Wednesday Live Band</b> • Main Lounge • 7.30pm – 9.30pm	<b>3</b> <b>Afternoon Tea</b> • Main Lounge and The Oval & Verandah • Available Daily • 3pm – 5.30pm <b>Wednesday Live Band</b> • Main Lounge • 7.30pm – 9.30pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Seafood Friday</b> • Available at All Outlets except The Padang Restaurant • From 6.30pm <b>Indian Kitchen Specials</b> • From 6pm	<b>6</b> <b>Saturday Live Band</b> • Main Lounge • 8pm – 10.45pm	<b>7</b> <b>Sunday Brunch</b> • The Padang Restaurant • 12pm – 3pm
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## FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Lunar New Year Specials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handmade Goodies: 15 January to 24 February 2024, while stock last!</li> <li>Roast Hampers &amp; Yusheng: 1 February to 24 February 2024</li> <li>Ala Carte Special: 5 February to 24 February 2024</li> <li>Reunion Steamboat Dinner: 9 February 2024</li> </ul>			<b>1</b>	<b>Seafood Friday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available at All Outlets except The Padang Restaurant</li> <li>From 6.30pm</li> </ul> <b>Indian Kitchen Specials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From 6pm</li> </ul>	<b>Saturday Live Band</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Main Lounge</li> <li>8pm – 10.45pm</li> </ul>	<b>Sunday Brunch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Padang Restaurant</li> <li>12pm – 3pm</li> </ul>
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All information accurate at time of print but may be subject to change.



# SATURDAY LIVE BAND *BY THAT'S LIFE*

3 February – 27 July 2024  
8pm – 11.45pm | Main Lounge



*SCC crowd-favourite band  
“That’s Life” is back!*

Catch them live from February to July.  
Enjoy your favorite songs, hit the dance floor and let  
the music move you! Don't miss out and come join us  
at the Main Lounge every Saturday from 8pm.



## MEMBER ENGAGEMENT APPRECIATION NIGHT 2023

Thursday, 26 October 2023

The Members Engagement Appreciation Night was a special occasion dedicated to expressing gratitude and recognition to our active members who have participated and led various MEC Interest Groups. We also extended our appreciation to the MEC Convenors, partners, and national association for their invaluable guidance and unwavering support in all MEC activities.

The MEC Subcommittee took this opportunity to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their dedicated involvement and contributions to SCC. We acknowledge the following individuals for their outstanding efforts in different interest groups:

- **Ramesh Shahdapuri:** Natural Trail Walk
- **Jon Robinson:** Natural Trail Walk
- **Zoher Motiwalla:** Pickleball, Natural Trail Walk & Book Club
- **Ketki Sen:** Natural Trail Walk
- **Lee Terk Yang:** Cycling
- **John Koh:** Cycling
- **Susan Milford:** Book Club
- **Ashish Raivadera:** Quiz Night
- **Naveen Gupta:** Wine Circle Convenor
- **Prakash Pillai:** Chess Section Convenor
- **Diana Hon:** Mahjong Convenor FY 2022/23
- **Carolyn Chan:** POT Games – Ten Pin Bowling
- **Louis Lim:** POT Games – Ten Pin Bowling

Their dedication has played a key role in making our community vibrant and engaging. We look forward to more exciting endeavors together in the future. Thank you once again for your contributions!





## SCC PICKLEBALL AT THE PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE INTER-CLUB PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT 2023

Sunday, 29 October 2023

**By Zoher Motiwalla**

SCC participated in the President's Challenge Charity Inter-Club Pickleball Tournament organized by the Chinese Swimming Club (CSC). Together with the other Clubs, a total amount of \$3,700 was raised for the President's Challenge Charity. We are very grateful to CSC for inviting us to participate in this event and to play a part in helping the larger community.

We fielded a team each in two categories: Intermediate and Novices Plus. The format of play was 2 x Men's Doubles, 1 x Women's Doubles and 1 x Mixed Doubles, requiring eight players per team.

For a fledgling Pickleball group having only regular once-a-week Pickleball sessions for just slightly over three months, SCC competed strongly and favourably against the longer established Picklers of SICC, CSC and the Heritage Club, many of whom have been playing for over five years.

Our Intermediate Team finished 6th in their group, narrowly missing out 5th placing on countback by just one point.

In the Novices Plus category, we managed to secure the 3rd placing, giving the SCC its first Pickleball medal.

Our thanks to all the players for your participation, in the process establishing SCC firmly on the Pickleball landscape in Singapore.





## SCC QUIZ NIGHT

Tuesday, 10 October and Thursday, 16 November

The monthly SCC Quiz Night sees teams gather to compete in six challenging rounds of quizzes that test their knowledge on a variety of topics such as News & News Trivia, Connection, Pictures, Music and Sports Celebrities.

The October edition saw tension fill the venue by the final round as teams GOBS and Sticky Wicket found themselves in a tie. The intense tiebreaker focused on items with the closest price tags and after an exciting battle, Sticky Wicket emerged victorious!

In November though, it was GOBS that wrestled back victory and won the Quiz Night!

Thank you to all teams who participated and congratulations to the winners!

To find out more about SCC Quiz Night, please email [memberengagement@scc.org.sg](mailto:memberengagement@scc.org.sg).



## SCC CYCLING INTEREST GROUP – INTERMEDIATE RIDE



Saturday, 21 October 2023



Our latest Intermediate Ride, which spanned an impressive 60km, saw a great turnout that kicked off at 6am from SCC, setting the wheels in motion towards Nicoll Highway. The team met some members midway along Fort Road and continued their journey as they pedalled along East Coast Park service road, passing by the National Sailing Centre before reaching NSRCC where we enjoyed a well-deserved break that provided a chance to recharge and interact with one another.

Our members pushed forward, conquering Tanah Merah Coast Road and reaching Changi Exhibition Centre. Before they got to Still Road, our group had a satisfying second break for breakfast at Lor 1 Geylang and made their way back to the Club, completing the entire 60km journey.

This invigorating cycling experience not only tested the endurance of our members but also strengthened the bond within our cycling community.



For more information about the SCC Cycling, please email [memberengagement@scc.org.sg](mailto:memberengagement@scc.org.sg).



## SCC NATURE TRAIL WALK

Saturday, 30 September 2023

23 of our SCC members embarked on a journey that started from Jacob Ballas Children's Garden Carpark at the Botanic Gardens. Members immersed themselves amongst the greenery and the leader of the walk, Ketki Sen, posed trivia questions and fun facts to engage the members. Other members chimed in and shared what they had learned about the sites and the flora and fauna as well, summing up an overall engaging and relaxing walk.



Saturday, 28 October 2023

The month's Nature Trail Walk was led by GC member Jon Robinson, taking off from the SCC carpark towards Fort Canning Park. Members were able to enjoy the serenity nestled in the city while getting their daily steps in. The walk ended at Mount Emily where the members then treated themselves to a hearty prata breakfast!







# SCC

## First Tuesday Book Club

**The Green Room**  
**First Tuesday of every month**  
**19.00 for 19.15 start**

*If the book interests you, read/listen to it and come to the Green Room ready to share your perspective and enjoy the insights of others. A five-minute introduction to the book and author will be followed by a couple of thematic questions to encourage "the little grey cells."*

*Refreshments available from the Deli.*



**February: A Terrible Kindness**  
By Jo Browning Wroe

**March: Babel**  
By R F Kuang

**April: Klara And The Sun**  
By Kazuo Ishiguro



Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/sccbookclub23>  
For more information, email [laychi.wan@scc.org.sg](mailto:laychi.wan@scc.org.sg).



## SCC RUG TUFTING WORKSHOP

Saturday, 21 October 2023

This workshop provided members with an exclusive hands-on experience of rug tufting. Over the course of the session, the members explored a rich palette of colors, textures and patterns, allowing them to craft personalized rug designs. In 2.5 hours, members transformed ordinary fabrics into extraordinary contemporary masterpieces, making the workshop a truly exceptional and enriching experience for all.



## SCC TERRARIUM WORKSHOP

Saturday, 18 November 2023

The SCC Terrarium Workshop was a serene and calming experience for members who designed their very own terrarium bowls, also referred to as mini gardens, with a variety of items such as moss, succulents, rocks, and flowers in various colours. At the end of the session, members were taught to care for their mini gardens at home, wrapping up this fun and enriching workshop!





## The Hockey SCChool Doubles Down!

The Hockey Section's academy - Hockey SCChool has grown since its inception in 2021.

The SCChool currently offers classes on Tuesdays at SCC Dempsey, 71G Loewen Road. Hockey SCChool @ Dempsey will restart on 16 January 2024 with Term 9 on the dates listed in the table below.

We are also working on offering one more weekday session where kids can simply play small-sided games on astro turf in a league format with other academies. We are working hard to nail down the turf bookings at either Delta Hockey Pitch or 21 Evans Road Pitch and will announce details as soon as we can.

The Padang is not available for the time being due to nation-centric events being held on it.

**To register for the new term or find out more, please email us at [join@hockeyscchool.com](mailto:join@hockeyscchool.com).**

**We look forward to seeing you all at Hockey SCChool!**



### TERM FEES

At the Hockey SCChool we employ a fair pricing model where instead of paying for the whole term, you only pay from the date you join in that term.

For example, if you join us on 6 February 2024, you'll only pay for nine lessons (\$146.25 for SCC Hockey Section Members/ \$195 for SCC Members/ \$243.75 for non-members)

### TRIAL SESSIONS AVAILABLE!

You can attend a trial session and if you choose not to join the Hockey SCChool at the end of it, the trial session is free. Should you choose to join the academy after the trial, the date of the trial session will be considered your commencement date. You will also have to buy the official kit - this is priced at S\$86 for a set of top, shorts and socks.

All prices include 9% GST.

Lesson Date	16-Jan	23-Jan	30-Jan	6-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb	6-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	3-Apr	10-Apr
Lessons	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
SCC Hockey Member	\$195.00	\$178.75	\$162.50	\$146.25	\$130.00	\$113.75	\$97.50	\$81.25	\$65.00	\$48.75	\$32.50	\$16.25
SCC Member	\$260.00	\$238.33	\$216.67	\$195.00	\$173.33	\$151.67	\$130.00	\$108.33	\$86.67	\$65.00	\$43.33	\$21.67
Non-Member	\$325.00	\$297.92	\$270.83	\$243.75	\$216.67	\$189.58	\$162.50	\$135.42	\$108.33	\$81.25	\$54.17	\$27.08



# SINGAPORE CRICKET CLUB INTERNATIONAL RUGBY 7S 2023

## Main Tournament Winners

Ablitt Cup	Daveta (Fiji)
Jug	Iskandar Pirates (Malaysia)
Plate	Palmyra (Australia)
Bowl	Singapore Cricket Club (Singapore)
Player of the Tournament	Gage Philips #4 (Lloyd McDermott)
Player of the Final	Navitalai Bakewa #10 (Daveta)

## Schools & Colleges Winners

Sithawalla Cup (U19)	Tanglin Trust School
John Clark Shield (U17)	Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)
Len Foster Trophy (U14)	Tanglin Trust School











From top left, clockwise: November winner Renee; November highest single scorer Fatema; October highest single scorer Yasmin; October winner Bala.

## SECTION GAMES

We continue to have good attendance at our monthly games averaging around 50% of our total membership number.

Our 17 October Section game was a night game with the following result:

- Winner: Our evergreen A N Balagopal with 654 points
- Runner Up: Jasmin Fisher with only 1 point behind at 653 points
- Highest single score: Yasmin Gaffoor with 154 points scored in Round 3
- Lowest score: Rod Murchison with 474 points

25 November was a Saturday afternoon game exactly a week after the Interport. We had a solo guest Jenny Wood making an appearance after many years and we were also pleased to have Lloyd and Evelyn Yeo who had been missing for many games.

- Winner: Renee Balagopal (they take turns!) with 637 points
- Runner Up: who else but Bala with 619 points
- Highest single score: Fatema Sadik with 145 points in Round 2
- Lowest score: Vashi Sajnani with 476 points



## 2023 INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT

We hosted the final round on 11 October and our Team 3 comprising of Rajula, Vashi, Renee and Anwar did well as the winners for this round with a total score of 2,442 points.

Unfortunately this win was not enough for the overall placings and the final result was NUSS Team 3 clinching the trophy for 2023.

Gana from the winning team was highest scorer with 711 points over eight rounds with our Rajula in second spot with 674 points



Interclub Round 6 winners SCC Team 3.



## 41ST INTERPORT BALUT COMPETITION 2023

When we won in Bangkok last year, there was apprehension if we should host the event given that overseas Clubs find Singapore an expensive place to visit. We mulled over giving our hosting right to another Club either in Sabah or in Sarawak but as we last hosted the Interport nine years ago in 2014, the Section Committee made the decision to host it at our prestigious Club and do our best to put on a good show.

This is what we achieved as the Interport on 17 -18 November is recognized as one of the best ever and we received loads of praises and appreciation from all attending Clubs. Mind you, this was not easy to organize; we had meetings after meetings trying to put everything in place and there were some close calls when a couple of arrangements went off the grid. Call it divine intervention if you must but with barely a few weeks to go before the event, everything was smoothened out and we were ready to welcome our guests on the evening of Friday, 17 November, for the welcome reception.

The food served throughout the tournament was of high standards befitting our Club including our showcase dish, the SCC Chicken Rice, amongst others for lunch before the game. We then laid out a generous spread for the tea break and the highlight was most surely the dinner with a mixed offering of local and international dishes thoroughly enjoyed by all.

But what about the game itself? Indeed the Interport is not only about food but a meet up of Baluteers from Singapore and around the region and in spite of our earlier misgivings, we had a final attendance of 96 players from a total of eight clubs including one each from Sabah and Sarawak. Not bad at all.

The games went on like clockwork over eight rounds under the watchful eye of our Convenor Jan Singh who volunteered to sit out playing so that he could oversee the play and make the necessary announcements. It went on so well that we actually had time to spare and, on this note, the cooperation of all players was noted with appreciation. There was not much time-wasting or frequent biological breaks or for a puff that would otherwise have disrupted the proceedings.

The results of the Interport Balut Competition 2023 are as follows:

- Winners: Singapore Recreation Club Team 1 with a total of 3,228 points
- Highest Overall Scorer: Dorothy Tham from The Sarawak Club with 929 points
- Highest Pair: Yvonne and Sonny from SRC with a combined score of 1,728 points
- Highest single scorer: our very own Cheng Ah Lain with 156 points in Round 1 – what a good start!

At this juncture, we must acknowledge the fantastic support of the Club from the President and GC to the GM, HODs and all other staff involved without whom such a successful hosting would not have been possible.

In particular, a loud shout out to Becky for the food and room arrangements and to Rachel who faced immense pressure from the Section Committee in the lead up to the event and who had to attend to every single detail.

The good work is amply testified by the many compliments we received from the attending Clubs. Some even moaned that SCC has raised the bar so high that they will struggle to match our standards should they host future Interports.

A heartfelt thank you to all from the Section Committee.



President throwing the box to declare the Interport open.







The SCC Balut Section at the Interport.



From left: Balut 2023 Interport Champions SRC; Balut Interport Highest Overall Score winner Dorothy Tham; Our Cheng Ah Lian winning highest single score.



Interport 2023 Organising Committee can now relax.







From top, clockwise: Balut Christmas Party welcome speech by Convenor, Christmas Party's big winner Balvin; Good fun and smiles all around.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

A rolling good time was had by 28 members and five guests at our final event for the year on Saturday, 9 December.

There was no Balut played but we did organize some fun throws to give away many prizes including the top prize of a one-night stay with breakfast for two at Shangri-La Hotel which was won by Balvin befitting his status as a newlywed.

## JANUARY / MARCH 2024 SECTION GAMES

Please note the following dates in your calendar:

- Thursday, 11 January: night game from 6.30pm
- Saturday, 17 February: afternoon game from 12.30pm
- Tuesday, 12 March: night game from 6.30pm

Location for all games is The Gilmour Room and members will be invited to register closer to each month's game.

In closing, the Balut Section had a very eventful and memorable 2023 and we thank all members for their good support.

We will soon organize the full calendar for 2024 and members will be informed when this is finalized.





# Billiards

Convenor: Peter Gilchrist | Article by: David Yim

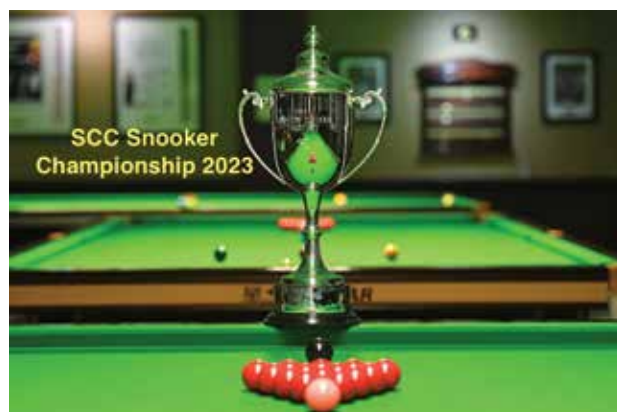
## SCC B&S 2023 ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AND DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

The Billiards & Snooker Section held a one-day tournament on Saturday, 28 October, in the Men's Bar. The Section decided that it was best to have a one-day event as we could gather everyone together. It was also good to see Section supporters show up to enjoy the matches and lunch provided.

Singles was a 6 Red Best of 3 frames knock out format. Jason Tan was the eventual 2023 Club Champion after a close fought final against Bhavin Sham.

The Doubles winner was Victor Yeong and Bhavin Sham.

Congratulations to the winners!



Second row: Billiards & Snooker Section Participants and Spectators.

Third row, from left: 2023 Club Champion Jason Tan presented the winner trophy by Convenor Peter Gilchrist; Singles finalists Bhavin Sham and Jason Tan; Singles Runner Up Bhavin Sham.

Fourth row, from left: Doubles Champion Victor Yeong and Bhavin Sham; Doubles finalists Victor Yeong, Clive Cheong, KC Chew and Bhavin Sham.



## PENANG SPORTS CLUB SNOOKER TOURNAMENT - OCTOBER 7, PENANG

The SCC team comprising Glenn Yeo, Matthew Lim, Clive Cheong, Jason Tan and David Yim made their way to Penang to take part in a 16-team 6 Red snooker tournament.

We lost in the semi-finals to Tawau Recreation Club from West Malaysia and ended up joint third in this very competitive event. Host Penang Sports Club (PSC) was the eventual winner.



From left: SCC Team and supporters at the Penang Sports Club Snooker Tournament; Joint 3rd placed teams at the PSC tournament.

## SNOOKER TABLE UPGRADE

We have upgraded one of our snooker tables to a Star table, also known as "Xing Pai Star" table, which is used in the World Snooker Championship and UK Professional Snooker tournaments.

Made by Xing Pai in China, the Star table is the current official table of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) tournaments. This includes the world snooker championship played in the crucible in Sheffield, UK and also in the UK Championship League.

The "Star" series of tables is one of Xing Pai product lines and is designed for professional and high-level snooker play. These tables are manufactured to meet the specifications and standards set by professional snooker organisations like WPBSA for use in professional tournaments.

Xing Pai Star Billiards Tables are known for their quality craftsmanship, precision engineering, and adherence to the strict standards required for competitive snooker.

### HOW DID SCC END UP WITH A STAR TOURNAMENT TABLE?

When ROSSA (Ronnie O'Sullivan Snooker Academy) ceased operations in Singapore in November this year, we were offered a chance to purchase one of the two main tables at a very good discounted price compared to a new table. These wonderful tables are less than two years old.

SCC seized this opportunity to get this tournament table at a huge savings over the cost of a new table (listed above S\$30,000), so



our members and club players can now play and train on a world class tournament table.

Fitted with Strachan superfine tournament cloth, this is a world professional snooker table and it will definitely challenge your game as it is set up to international specs.

We hope all Section Members will come and have a try. Give it a shot!





# Bowls

Convenor: Srinivasan Ramanathan | Article by: K U Menon and Srinivasan Ramanathan



Construction work on the new Green in full swing, Nov 2023; Consultant, Engineer and Contractor with Srin, Derek & Menon.

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, ...it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair...” This oft quoted and perfectly paradoxical passage from Charles Dickens’ literary masterpiece said it best in describing the year just gone by...

2023 started out with much promise and hope for our Lawn Bowlers as the nation came out of hiding after two long & dreary years of COVID-19 and all the restrictions it entailed. Finally, we could return to our little patch of Green on the Padang, renewing our hopes for some measure of serenity and civility. But sadly, “a winter of despair” was soon to follow when the Green was torn down in May to make way for NDP 2023.

## THE GREEN

Be that as it may, our new Green is taking shape. The Bowls Committee has been monitoring progress and on 8 Nov, we met up with our Club Project Manager Thiru, and representatives from Barry Bowls – design, material provider and World Bowls (WB)- recognized Bowls construction expert from Australia - and the contractor for the project.

We were given a comprehensive update, including an assessment of the damage resultant from the NDP pilings, considering computed readings taken previously by a WB-accredited independent SCC consultant before and during the laying of the present foundation layers. The readings suggest it is within tolerance limits. There was also a practical demonstration of the rigidity of the foundation layers and porosity determined by water flow through the upper stone & concrete layer. The contractors assured us that the only impediment to getting it ready by mid-December, would be rain which may cause delays.

## FAREWELL

In 2023 we bid farewell to two of our eminent members – Robin Tessensohn in April and Chai Hon Yoong in October. Robin hails from an illustrious family and the surname Tessensohn is honoured as a street name in Serangoon District. Robin’s experience as a sportsman and his long history of involvement in all manner of sports activities, including Cricket and Hockey at the Singapore Recreation Club and Bowls at the Singapore Cricket Club and his tales about the Japanese occupation is the stuff worthy of a book. He left behind his wife Rosemary, also an accomplished champion Bowler (with a Gold in the SEA Games 1999).

Chai Hon Yoong, known affectionately to his friends as just “Chai” hailed from Ipoh when Malaya was still a British crown colony. Chai joined SCC in 1967 for the serious purpose of playing hockey and was part of the SCC hockey team that propelled quickly from Division Three to Division One. When he had enough of hockey after almost 20 years, he switched to Lawn Bowls where he again excelled as champion in the SCC Singles tournaments. Bowls brought Chai and his wife Lew Foong (a champion sportswoman in her own right) together in sports.



From left: Robin Tessensohn and Chai Hon Yoong

Chai was the first Singaporean bowler selected to play in the Commonwealth Games held in Victoria, Canada in 1994. He bagged a silver in the SEA Games Singles Brunei and was the first recipient of SCC’s Lifetime Achievement Award in the inaugural SCC Sports Award Night in 2008. Chai & Lew Foong also participated in the Champion of Champions Bowls Tournament 2005, in Warilla, Sydney, Australia.

Both Robin and Chai shared much in common. They were eminent sportsmen and quintessential Gentlemen. Robin would never hesitate to hail and acknowledge everyone with a grin as he ambled his way daily past the Deli to the Main Lounge or down the steps to the Courtyard. Chai, dressed impeccably in long-sleeved white shirt and grey office pants always had a friendly word or greeting for anyone he bumped into at the Club. Chai was mentor to so many of our Section Members. They are both sorely missed.

Veteran bowler Anne Marie had the last word at Chai’s memorial service observing that “when it’s our turn to transfer to the next dimension, we will see Chai at the Pearly Gates with bowls in his hands saying, ‘Care for a Roll-up?’”





Joint TC & SCC Team at the HK Police Recreation Club, Kowloon

### HONG KONG BOWLS TOUR: 29 OCT- 4 NOV 2023

This trip was a joint Team Tour with Tanglin Club with a total of 15 bowlers. The format was two bowls Triples or Fours over 18 ends, and it was all good fun as our hosts promised.

The hosting clubs were:

- Craigengower Cricket Club (CCC)
- Hong Kong Cricket Club (HKCC)
- Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC)
- Hong Kong Police Lawn Bowls Club (HKPLBC)
- Kowloon Bowls Green Club (KBGC)
- Kowloon Cricket Club (KCC)

The weather was cool and just right and the hospitality and friendship extended to us was outstanding. We met up with the Convenors of each Club and we have reconnected and resolved to establish further links and reciprocal friendlies.

### NATIONALS FOURS OCT 18-25 NOV 2023

Played at Kallang, SCC registered four Men's and two Ladies Teams.

All four Men's teams qualified for the Knockout phase (QF); three proceeded to the semifinals. The semifinals were closely matched affairs with one match having two SCC Teams pitted against each other and the other against a rival team from Evergreen Lawn Bowls Club (ELBC).

The concluding match between SCC and ELBC was held the same afternoon. It was close with the experienced ELBC Team comprising four National squad bowlers pulling through at the end as champions. SCC's team comprising Casey, Hui Kai, Philip and James secured a silver medal.

In the Ladies Category, both SCC teams performed well with one qualifying for the Ladies Finals against ELBC. Our ladies were down for much of the game against an experienced team. However, from one point down our magnificent ladies' Quad pulled through winning the end to emerge Champions!!

Kudos to our Ladies Team comprising Philo, Josephine, Sarah and Mary!



Left: SCC's Ladies Champion Team at the National Fours, Kallang





# Chess

Convenor: Prakash Pillai | Article by: Owen M. Hawkes



Opening move: Chess Section Convenor Prakash Pillai addresses the audience.

The Chess Section passed a significant milestone on Wednesday, 29 November, when it established an SCC Chess Academy. The Chess Academy, established in conjunction with the Singapore Chess Federation (SCF), will have its first sessions in the New Year.

At the launch event, Section Convenor Prakash Pillai stated, "The launch of the SCC Chess Academy is a ground-breaking event, bringing chess into the forefront of the Club's sporting activities. We are truly blessed to have the SCF as our partner in our quest to develop chess talent and promote chess within the Club."

SCF CEO, Grandmaster Kevin Goh, added, "We are privileged that the SCC has invited the SCF to embark on this journey and we hope that this would be the start of a thriving chess community."

The SCF's Training Director, Grandmaster Thomas Luther will lead the training for the Academy, which will consist initially of beginners and advanced groups. The focus will be on introducing new and beginner players to the game through training and developing new and existing talent through advanced sessions with Grandmaster Thomas Luther.

We are keen to see younger players join the Chess Academy in the New Year. Please refer to the poster on the next page for more information



Checkmate: SCC General Manager David Jones and SCF CEO Kevin Goh sign the Chess Academy into being.



**In addition to the Chess Academy and periodic Blitz Competitions, the Section continues to hold friendly games, open to all SCC members and the Section welcomes anyone with an interest in chess, at any level of proficiency, to join us.**

**We look forward to seeing our fellow SCC members over a board soon!**





Chess Section Presents:

# Chess Academy

The Chess Academy has been set up by the SCC Chess Section in collaboration with the Singapore Chess Federation to induct, train chess players within the Club and to represent the Club in chess competitions.

## Schedule of Tuesday classes:

20 & 27 February | 12, 19 & 26 March | 9, 16 & 23 April

Venue: Green Room

Registration Fee: \$480 + GST (*Members/children of Members/Children under 13*)

Guest: \$560 + GST (*Non-Members and kids above 13 whose parents are not Members*)



### Beginner's Class taught by Women's FIDE Master (WFM) Thanda Aye Win:

1 Term: 8 Classes

Time: 6pm – 7.30pm

#### Beginner's Classes:

Assumes minimum knowledge of rules of chess and participants will be developed further from that level.

Classes focus on tactics, strategy, endgame, and basic openings.

#### About Thanda Aye Win:

Thanda Aye Win International Arbiter (IA) FIDE (World Chess Federation) 2023 has been coaching students and chess beginners since 2011. She is also The Former National Women's Champion & National Selection (Myanmar) and ASEAN Age Group Chess Championships and SEA Games (Bronze). Currently she is coaching at The Singapore Chess Federation teaching basic group courses and individualised training.



### Advanced Classes taught by Grandmaster (GM) Thomas Luther:

1 Term: 8 Classes

Time: 7.30pm – 9pm

#### Advanced Classes:

Participants should be regular chess players who would benefit from advanced training to develop their skills further.

Classes focus on tactical motifs, ways to improve your calculation skills, openings, and important elements of strategy.

#### About Grandmaster Thomas Luther:

Grandmaster Thomas Luther, born in 1969, is the first player with a disability to have entered the FIDE Top 100 rating list. In 2001 he was ranked 80th in the world. He has won the German Championship three times and is well known as an experienced and successful coach. In 2014 his achievements were recognised by being granted the title of FIDE Senior Trainer. In his career to-date he has published several books and DVDs.

*Minimum 5 participants required to commence each course.  
Fees are for 8 classes, excluding GST.*



Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/SCCChessSectionChessAcademy>

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, 6 February 2024

For more information, email [memberengagement@scc.org.sg](mailto:memberengagement@scc.org.sg).





# Cricket

Convenor: Lee Slater | Article by: Lee Slater

It seems to have come around quickly but here we are again approaching the end of another cricket season. While there are games still to play, it's been another competitive, enriching and successful season that has seen the section play 77 league games, played across six teams in three divisions, 36 games played by the Saturday XI, 120 games across various Club XI fixtures and 19 Women's fixtures.

Of particular highlight has been the Tigers second half surge which puts them in strong position to clinch the Div 1 title, the Pumas winning SCA's first U19 league and the Lionesses reaching the final of the inaugural Women's League.

The Lions carried the burden of defending the Premiership into the 2023 season, albeit into a changed format with the traditional 50 overs making way for a fully T20 league (and a change in branding to Development League). Unfortunately, two narrow defeats – as can be the way in T20 – likely means a second-place finish; a strong season but also one that will leave the squad hungry to get back to the pinnacle next year.

We had an excellent turn out for the Section AGM, Dinner & Awards night in October. This was a fantastic way to celebrate many of the personal and team triumphs of the year. There was a star-studded number of award winners from across the Section, the highlight being Sachin Banamali who was named Section Person of the Year.

Away from the deserved celebration, we have managed to make the investments we had hoped to make in coaching and infrastructure. Additionally, we will soon have the Section-funded new SCC branded electronic scoreboard, arriving in time for the start of the 2024 season. In addition, we are pleased to announce that we will also soon have the video streaming capability that will enable us to show SCC fixtures live, further enhancing our members' experience and may even help us to attract digital advertising revenues going forward.

We have collaborated closely with the General Committee to improve Dempsey. Dempsey remains at the heart of the Section strategy and a crucial part of our fixtures throughout the cricketing season. Thanks to many of the Section and other Club members supporting the refurbishments plans, the recent SGM vote passed, we can look forward to upgraded facilities at Dempsey.

It's been another great year in the field - SCC Cricket is flourishing. I thank Dene, our Captain of Cricket, and indeed all our Captains, Coaching Staff, teams and Section Members. Our on-field success and our thriving off-field community and culture continues to be something to be proud of. By the time you read this, 2024 will be underway and I hope many of you will be able to join us for the Captain's Cocktails in the Padang Restaurant on Saturday, 27 January 2024.







# Darts

Convenor: Charles Shanmugaraj | Article by: Jude Tan | Photos: Louisa Fernandez



Top left: Our Annual Darts Bulls-Eye competition champion AJ (centre) presented with the champion's trophy during our Christmas bash; Highlights from our Christmas Party on 13 Dec.

We concluded the end of 2023 with a bang with our Christmas Party held on 13 December. Lots of food, wine, beer and whisky, with entertainment to bring about good cheer! The Section Committee would like to thank all Members for making the event a truly memorable one, and would especially like to thank our new member, Harry M Gurnani of Lucky Store, for his generous sponsorship of all our top prizes of the evening, along with those for our best dressed lady and gentleman.

We are also pleased to announce the completion of our annual Darts Bulls-Eye competition, with the runaway lead champion being AJ. He was presented with the champion's trophy during our Christmas bash.

Earlier in November, our Section celebrated Deepavali during our Section meet that month, with attending members dressed for the occasion.

We have also printed our new Section t-shirts, and these will be distributed during our Section meets every month – please do drop by and collect your t-shirts!

Our regular Section training nights continue every Monday evening at the Men's Bar; please do drop by if you are free for some practice and great company.

## WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE SECTION

The Section Committee is contemplating extending the use of a coach in 2024 during some of our Section meets, to help our members appreciate the finer art of darting; more details to follow. Planning is still underway for the Section to have a friendly competition with one of our local clubs – stay tuned for more details.



Top row, from left: Our Convenor welcoming new member Harry Gurnani; Good fellowship in Darts. Bottom row, from left: Celebrating the Festival of Lights; Our Section Members modelling our new Section t-shirts!





# Football

Convenor: Glyn Vince | Article by: Graham Dickson and Selvendhran Kaliyanasontrom



## FOOTBALL TOUR TO YCAC: 13 – 15 OCT 2023

### TOUR REPORT BY GRAHAM DICKSON (YCAC/SCC)

It is indeed fitting I am writing the match report for a trophy co-sponsored with my good friend and ex-YCAC (Yokohama Country and Athletic Club) President Sada Hosogai. We had purchased this trophy in 2007 and agreed it was a way to bring the clubs SCC and YCAC together more. I played for YCAC for eight years (1985-93) and it was on the bucket list to go back after 30 years and play a game at YCAC with SCC.

We had a fabulous evening meal on the Friday at Gonpachi arranged by Football Convenor Glyn Vince and then several of the players disappeared into the nightlife of Roppongi to enjoy themselves ahead of the Saturday match. Eddie had kindly arranged 3 SUVs to take us on the one-hour trek from mid-Tokyo to the YCAC grounds where we arrived feeling confident.

The squad consisted of Kevin Teo, JP, Harmony, Mauricio, Bruce, Haresh, Robbie G, Richie, Mo, Graham, Yossi, Martin G, Naka, Eddie and our fearless Manager Glyn. We had wives and girlfriends too and even children who had made the trip from Singapore – a great Tour Event.

We started tentatively and soon realized we were in a game as YCAC looked fitter and fresher and took the lead when the ball cannoned off my face from a corner and was swept home by the striker. A bit unlucky and worse was to follow when a clear goal kick was ruled a corner and YCAC scored again with a goal from their striker Ricky who was a real handful all game; Bruce is still looking for him now. Ricky was starting to cause us problems and it was no real surprise when the same player waltzed through late on to secure a 3-0 deserved victory for YCAC.



We had numerous injuries throughout the match - Richie and Mo were injured and I could only manage the first half due to injury. We also had three players who had not played for several years. Having said that, our substitutes did very well and everyone put in a good shift both on a difficult pitch and against a younger side. We lost the match and the trophy resides with YCAC until we meet again next year. Everyone on tour enjoyed the match and the camaraderie with the YCAC team and we did manage to beat them in the morning at tennis.

We attended the post-match reception which was very good and we exchanged pennants and awards, etc and agreed to build the relationship between the two clubs to cover all sports.

The trip to Japan was one of the highlights of our calendar and we will not forget the warmth and hospitality of our hosts both at the YCAC and in general across the country wherever we went. They really do have a service mindset in Japan that is second to none. I am certain my trophy co-sponsor Sada was delighted to regain the trophy. Well done, YCAC.

### NOTE FROM SCC FOOTBALL CONVENOR GLYN VINCE:

It is our intention as the Football Section to further develop this longstanding and unique relationship with YCAC and we are in communication to discuss what other sports can be represented at the next TOUR event – football, tennis, hockey etc. It is part of our heritage that we develop these longstanding relationships with other premium sports clubs throughout Asia and to source new ones.

## CHANG GUO GUANG : OUR VERY OWN FOOTBALLING SON

In the 2023 Singapore Football League (SFL) Division 1, our Captain Chang Guo Guang, the top scorer and MVP of the season, crafted a symphony of goals and leadership. His precision in the season goes beyond statistics, with each goal a testament to his virtuosity on the field. Guang not only leads in scoring but orchestrates a cohesive team, embodying the qualities of teamwork and resilience. His journey is an inspiration, resonating with aspiring footballers and emphasizing dedication and hard work in the beautiful game. The Guang Effect extends beyond the tournament, leaving an indelible mark on the sport as he inspires the next generation of footballers. Guang's performance emerges as a fusion of goals, leadership, and enduring inspiration.

Photo credit: Football Association of Singapore (FAS)







### PADS TOUR TO PHUKET: NOV 2023

The Padantiques completed their 16th Tour of Phuket in November and successfully raised money for the YFH (Youth Football Home) to pay for further maintenance of the site, English lessons and supplied boots for football and futsal too.

The tour this year also included three days of golf for those tourists wanting to take on the Phuket courses and heat! We would like to say a big thank you for all members and non-members, both in Singapore and globally, who contributed so much to allow us to continue our support for the children at the YFH.

It was a most humbling experience to meet the children and to be greeted in only the way that they could and we are truly blessed to be able to give so much back from the sport that we love.

This year was a major tour and although the Cup was lost 3-4 against a very, very strong and younger Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) team, it was great to see such a large tour party from SCC enjoying themselves and embracing the YFH and all that it stands for.

Once again, many thanks to you all!



### SCC SOCCER TOURNAMENT'S 30TH EDITION: A FOOTBALL EXTRAVAGANZA WITH ELITE CLUBS ACROSS SEVEN EXCITING CATEGORIES

In its 30th edition, the 2024 SCC International Soccer 7s Tournament promises a football spectacle that transcends boundaries, featuring elite clubs in seven diverse categories.

1. Opens: The pinnacle of professional football, showcasing local powerhouses like Albirex Niigata FC (S), Lion City Sailors FC, and Tampines Rovers FC, along with international giants Kitchee SC, Chonburi, BG Pathum, Bangkok United, and Johor Darul Ta'zim FC.
2. Masters: A category for seasoned players, offering a platform for experienced footballers to display enduring passion and skill.
3. Veterans: Celebrating the spirit of ageless competition, providing an opportunity for seasoned football enthusiasts to showcase their prowess on the pitch.
4. Legends: Dedicated to revered football veterans, offering fans a rare chance to witness icons of the game in action, evoking nostalgia and admiration.
5. Women: Highlighting the growing prominence of women's football, this category showcases the skill and finesse of female footballers, contributing to the global rise of women in the sport.
6. Corporates: Bridging the worlds of business and sports, where companies compete in a friendly yet competitive environment, fostering camaraderie among professionals.
7. Youth: Nurturing the future stars of football, this category ensures that young talents have a stage to shine, contributing to the grassroots development of the sport.

The SCC Soccer 7's 30th edition promises to be a global extravaganza, where each category adds a unique flavour to the beautiful game. From elite clashes in the Opens category to the nostalgia of Legends, this tournament is a comprehensive celebration of football in all its facets.

For more information and to find out how your business can partner with the SCC Soccer7s, please contact Tournament Chairman Chang Guo Guang at [ggchang.2010@gmail.com](mailto:ggchang.2010@gmail.com) or Trina Tan, SCC Head of Marcom at [trina.tan@scc.org.sg](mailto:trina.tan@scc.org.sg).







# Golf

Convenor: G Shanmugam | Article by: V. Rajasekharan



The new Golf Section Committee.

## NEW GOLF SECTION COMMITTEE

The Year 2023 has passed and we welcome 2024 for another year of tournaments and social golf games, social events and golf tours. The incoming Golf Section Committee will see some new faces and a new Captain. We would like to thank the outgoing Committee for all their hard work and dedication in making it once again a successful year.

Mr G Shanmugam continues as the Golf Section Convenor as well as Mr Victor Olsen as Secretary and Mr Gobi Nathan as Treasurer. We have a new Captain in Mr Koh Kheng Guan (fondly known as "KG" by our members) who takes over from Mr Alvin Khoo. We would like to thank Mr Alvin Khoo for his time, dedication and service as our Captain for these past years. We have two new Committee Members in Capt. Raja Ray and Ms Ariuntuya Munkhchimeg ("Tuya") and the other Committee Members being Mr V Rajasekharan and Mr Rangachari Raghavan ("Rags").

- Convenor: G Shanmugam
- Captain: Koh Kheng Guan
- Secretary: Victor Olsen
- Treasurer: Gobi Nathan
- Committee Members: V Rajasekharan, Rangachari Raghavan, Capt. Raja Ray, Ariuntuya Munkhchimeg

## SCC DEEPAVALI GOLF GAME

On 17 November 2023, we had our first SCC Deepavali Golf Game at the Warren Golf & Country Club ("Warren"). It was a fun and entertaining golf event organised by the Golf Section together with members of Warren followed by the after-game dinner and a band providing entertainment for the participants.

We would like to thank our sponsors Island Law LLC and Golf & Leisure for the lucky draw prizes were given out at the dinner to the lucky winners.



SCC Deepavali Golf Game at the Warren Golf & Country Club



## GOLF SECTION CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DINNER

The final event for the Golf Section in 2023 was our traditional Christmas party and dinner held on 16 December 2023 at The Padang Restaurant. The annual Christmas party had a great turnout and was a resounding success, filling the air with warmth music and festive cheer. The event brought together friends, family and colleagues for an evening of sheer merriment.

Laughter and joy filled the air as guests enjoyed a delightful spread of holiday treats and indulged in a delectable feast. The sound of cheerful conversations mingled with the melodies of classic songs, creating a heartwarming ambiance that embodied the spirit of the season.

The joyous occasion also featured a lively dance floor, lucky draw prizes and numerous heartwarming toasts to celebrate the bonds of friendship and the joy of the holiday season.

As the night drew to a close, the Christmas party left everyone with cherished memories and a renewed sense of warmth and camaraderie. It was a delightful celebration that truly captured the magic of Christmas, leaving all in attendance eagerly anticipating the festivities of the season to come.

Finally we have an interesting tentative golf calendar for the year 2024 that promises more events both social and competitive, including golf tours overseas. Needless to say the Golf Section Committee is extremely grateful to our Golf Section Members for the amazing support given throughout the year and for making 2023 a success. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to the coming year ahead.







# Hockey

Convenor: Intekhab Khan | Article by: Kanan Packrisamy

A very busy November and December saw the Section celebrate yet another decent year of hockey. The month started with the Golden Balls, the Section's annual awards, dinner and dance.

Long standing member Pieter van Calcar was recognised for his contributions and achievements in the Section over 37 years. The Dutchman picked up the Lifetime Achievement Award but sadly could not attend as he was attending his dear friend's 60th birthday party.

The Golden Balls held on the eve of Deepavali was themed aptly "Festival of Lights" and many dazzled in their brightly coloured wears; some also came in their black and gold default dress code but the event was a pallet of fun.

Rachel Flynn picked up Section Member of the Year following a trophy-laden spell since her arrival from Ireland slightly more than a decade ago. The two-time former captain of the Ladies' 1s was moved to tears in her acceptance speech and has truly epitomised what SCC Hockey is all about.

Other big winners were Mohd Fariz Bashir as Men's Most Valuable Player - his antics in the MHL1 was telling despite carrying an arm injury. Catherine Wheeler was once again the Ladies Most Valuable Player and her drive and fire in her belly continues to inspire many as the Section looks to bring back titles.

The Junior Girls wrested the Team of the Year award from the Ladies 1s following a dizzying display of eight wins out of eight games in the National Junior League early last. Outscoring all comers, the girls used the most number of players in the league across its games and were by far the youngest team on average by age. Lucy Boa was instrumental in the Junior girls run, albeit missing some of those games; she still was influential enough and picked up the Junior Girls Most Valuable Player award. Newcomer Zikry Haqim brings fresh impetus to the Junior Boys program and he walked away with the Boys Most Valuable Player award.

Another decade-long custodian, Anandraj Rengaraj, picked up a long overdue Men's 1s Player of the Year award. He dedicated his award to his amazing teammates and the equally exceptional club culture. Petrina de Souza risked missing her dear friend's wedding to receive the Ladies 1's Player of the Year award. Her commitment to succeed with her beloved Ladies 1s saw her put in the most consistent of displays to ensure the Ladies once again won a medal in the WHL1.

Thomas Lawrence picked up Men's 1s Player of the Year, Berlinda Tan won the Ladies 2's Player of the Year and Jeremiah Thong the Men's 3s Player of the Year aided by his hatful of goals from his free man position.

The night also saw the Hong Kong Football Club Interport Tour Men's team winning the Sporting Feat of the Year with an amazing comeback from 3-goals down to win 4-3 in Hong Kong. Atul Sinha's most noble and important initiative of the Golden Mentorship scheme bagged him the Initiative of the Year award. There was still time for one more award: the Friend of Hockey is the Golden Ball awarded every time there is an individual whose service to the Section stands out and this year it was our Sports department's Clara Tan.

From the Golden Balls the attention shifted to our exploits in the National Indoor League. Due to various reasons we found ourselves out of the running for both the Men's and Women's titles. We however dug deep and in the final weekend emerged from the most unlikely positions to secure silver. The men had to beat top team OVA and then 2nd team Tornados to take the silver and we did both expertly.

The Ladies had to overcome a huge 24-goal difference to achieve similar and we did that with a 7-0 and 18-1 wins on the final day with an after-the-hooter last grasp Abigail Rhodes drag flick to put a silver lining on winning the silver.

The chock-a-block season end continued as we embarked on a tour of Bangkok with only the Men's team. We assembled a really



From top left, clockwise: HKFC Interport trophies; Teammates reconnecting in HK; Indoor silver linings.





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strong team but were goal shy on Day 1. We entered Day2 trying to qualify for the 2nd tier Chairman's Div II Cup and did that with a blistering 3-0 win over Valley from Hong Kong; we were however later undone by penalty strokes in the quarterfinals. Despite our deep disappointment, the newest Members of the Section have gelled together and 2024 is promising to be a good year with the camaraderie built.

Finally, the action does not seem to end with us as we entertained Keio University Ladies over two matches. On Monday night our Junior Girls lost 3-2 to them at Delta. A few of our seniors stepped up to lend a hand. On Wednesday despite a very heavy downpour, the excellent efforts of our ground crew (aided by our Head of Sports Janet as they were shorthanded) ensured the Padang was prepared for the match.

Our Ladies 1s ran out 4-1 winners and hosted the large Japanese contingent at the Victoria Room for dinner and some gift exchange. Keio University and hockey go back to 1906 and many of their alumni have been members at the SCC including most recently Natsuko Yoshiki.

The fun will continue with now the annual Christmas Eve Football match and lunch with the Football Section's Soccer 3rds on Sunday, 24 December, from 9am onwards. The 3rds have won both editions so far but Hockey Section is hoping 3rd time will instead be lucky for us.

On behalf of the Convenor and Section Committee, we wish you all at SCC and your families a very Happy New Year!



From top: Keio Uni show their appreciation; Ladies beat Keio 4-1





In 2023, our squash players continued to keep busy with tournaments, tours, and frequent social squash gatherings at the club. While we cover some of the 2H2023 tournaments and social games we've had below, it would be remiss to not mention the fantastic tours we've had to Hong Kong and India in the same period (but more on that next time!). Suffice to say that 2023 was a blast, and we're already courtside warming up for 2024.

## END OF NATIONAL SQUASH LEAGUE (NSL) 2023

SCC Squash has always prided ourselves on our active participation in the NSL. For NSL 2023, SCC fielded teams in every single category, including the novice, veterans, and ladies' categories. We also managed to field two teams in A Grade, C Grade, E Grade, and Ladies Division 1. Our players throughout all the categories include junior sports members and veteran players, locals as well as foreigners. This is very much keeping constant with our practice in previous years, and it reinforces our unwavering commitment to being the premier squash club in Singapore where squash players of any level will feel welcome.

Here are some of our achievements in NSL 2023:

- Premier (A Grade): SCC 1 (Premier) – 1st
- E Grade: SCC 1 (E Grade) – 2nd
- Ladies Div 1: SCC 1 – 3rd
- Ladies Div 2: SCC LD2 – 3rd

## SICC MARIGOLD INTERNATIONAL JUMBO DOUBLES 2023

In this year's edition of the Singapore Island Country Club (SICC) - Marigold International Jumbo Doubles Tournament held on 10 - 13 November, SCC was represented by a young and eager contingent. Doing us proud, these were the results of the pairs:

### Men's Open

- Benjamin Sim and Benedict Chan (UCSC) – 2nd
- Chua Man Tong and Timothy Soh – Top 8
- Sean Lim and Isaish Yeo – Top 16
- Rayden Tan and Ian Liew – Top 16

### Mixed Open

- Chua Man Tong and Vicky Lai – 3rd/4th

### Mixed Junior Open

- Ong Zhe Hon and Ong Zhe Sim – 3rd/4th

Well done all, and keep striving for greater heights!

## AMERICAN CLUB FRIENDLY

Our Annual Padang cup for the year of 2023 was played at SCC on 21 October. After last year's one-sided win, our opponents The American Club (TAC) were ready to avenge their defeat.

In line with previous years, we use the Cosmopolitan Squash League grading system for the matchups. For the adults the results were split equally. A few of the matches were very close but SCC players dug deep to win their matches.

As is becoming a tradition, we have started to include a few juniors from both clubs to this competition. This year was a continuation and we had four matches played by the juniors. The matches were well contested and the spectators applauded each and every point, irrespective of who won it. Our strong pool of juniors didn't disappoint and won three out of the four matches.



From top: Benjamin Sim (SCC, middle) and Benedict Chan (UCSC, right) – Runners up in Men's Open Category; Sean Lim (SCC), preparing to strike the ball against Phillipines 3rd seeded pair in the top 16 match-up; Players from SCC and TAC enjoying a well-deserved beer; SCC Convenor Peter accepting the Padang Cup from TAC Captain Abesh

In the end, SCC retained the Padang cup by winning six matches to four. This was the fourth win in a row and we would like this streak to continue. After the matches, the players feasted on some amazing food and we look forward to visiting our friends in 2024.



# Business Hours

(Timings accurate at time of print but are subject to change. Please check with MSD for the most updated information.)

## MEMBER SERVICES DESK

Monday – Thursday	0800hrs – 0000hrs
Friday, Saturday & Eve of Public Holiday	0800hrs – 0200hrs
Sunday & Public Holiday	0800hrs – 2200hrs

## MAIN LOUNGE

Monday – Thursday	0900hrs – 0000hrs
Friday, Saturday & Eve of Public Holiday	0900hrs – 0100hrs
Sunday & Public Holiday	0900hrs – 2200hrs

## STUMPS

Monday – Thursday	1700hrs – 0000hrs
Friday, Saturday & Eve of Public Holiday	1100hrs – 0200hrs
Sunday & Public Holiday	1100hrs – 2200hrs

## THE PADANG RESTAURANT

Lunch	Monday – Friday & Sunday	1200hrs – 1500hrs
<i>No lunch operation on Saturday &amp; Public Holiday.</i>		
Dinner	Monday – Saturday & Eve of Public Holiday	1900hrs – 2300hrs
	Sunday & Public Holiday	1900hrs – 2200hrs

## THE OVAL & VERANDAH

Monday – Saturday & Eve of Public Holiday	0800hrs – 2300hrs
Sunday & Public Holiday	0800hrs – 2200hrs

## THE VICTORIA ROOM

Lunch	Monday – Sunday, Eve of Public Holiday & Public Holiday	1200hrs – 1500hrs
Dinner	Monday – Saturday & Eve of Public Holiday	1900hrs – 2300hrs
	Sunday & Public Holiday	1900hrs – 2200hrs

## THE DELI

Monday – Friday & Eve of Public Holiday	1100hrs – 2200hrs
Saturday, Sunday & Public Holiday	1000hrs – 2200hrs

## MEN'S BAR

Monday – Saturday & Eve of Public Holiday	1100hrs – 2300hrs
Sunday & Public Holiday	Closed

## SQUASH COURTS, TENNIS COURTS, PADANG FIELD, MULTI-PURPOSE COURTS, CRICKET NETS & BOWLING GREEN

Monday – Sunday & Public Holiday	0800hrs – 2200hrs
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## GYMNASIUM

Monday – Sunday & Public Holiday	0800hrs – 2000hrs
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*Prior booking required for use of sports facilities and gym; strictly no walk-ins allowed.*

Members are advised to refer to the Club's Bye-Laws for more information on attire. Club Rules and Bye-Laws are also available on the SCC website at [www.scc.org.sg](http://www.scc.org.sg) and at the Member Services Desk. For sports attire, please refer to the Section's Bye-Laws. Information is correct at time of print.

# SCC Departments Direct Lines

Events/Banquet Enquires: 6309 9115

The Oval & Verandah: 6309 9116

The Padang Restaurant: 6309 9117

Human Resource: 6309 9111

Sports (Including facilities bookings): 6309 9110

Membership Admin: 6309 9114

Members' Billings: 6309 9112

Accounts Payable: 6309 9113



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