



Wishing everyone a fabulous New Year!

First of all, I hope you and your loved ones had a great year.

The new year brings new hopes and expectations for our club. Indeed, there is much we want to do to improve SICC and make it an outstanding Club for our members.

It starts with having a capable and committed team, at the GC and the various sub-committees. I am happy to report that all the appointments have been made and we have published their names in the last issue of the Islander and in this issue. The terms of reference of the various committees will be uploaded on our website progressively. You can also find the Club's whistleblowing policy in this issue.

I have stressed to all committee members the importance of upholding the highest standards of discipline and governance when discharging our duties. The GC has laid down the objectives and would be geared towards meeting them within the GC's term.

I am also happy to report that we have made progress on all our major projects.

Our priority is to finalise and conclude the terms and conditions of the land lease agreements with the authorities. On the Island land lease, we are hoping to finalise the Building Agreement for the construction of public access along the reservoir edge near New Course. This is a requirement by the authorities, to be done by Q1 2018, and to complete the land lease renewal application by Q2 2018. We hope to hold an EGM by September 2018 to get members' approval on the terms and conditions and the premium payable for the Island land lease.

On the Bukit land lease, the timeline is dependent on the outcome of the LTA's Cross Island Line feasibility study due end of this year. Once it is completed, we hope to finalise the Facilities Sharing Agreement and License Agreement with the Labour Movement (LM) within the next six months. This is essential for the Club in securing the Bukit land lease. An EGM to get members' approval on the terms and conditions and the premium on the Bukit land lease will then be held.

At the EGM held on 6 April 2017, members resolved that alternative design options be considered in addition to the "5 Acre Woods" design which was presented at the meeting. The Planning and Redevelopment Committee 2 (PRC2) chaired by Mr Edwin Lee was tasked to look into this. PRC2 decided that alternative proposals which would not require the total demolition of the existing tennis and squash facilities, be prepared for members' consideration, and approval.

A design competition to select two alternative designs was held in October 2017. The competition was open to both local and foreign design and architectural firms. PRC2 with the assistance of a panel of independent non-SICC member assessors are screening the submissions over three rounds of shortlisting and will recommend the most suitable proposals for GC and Club Chairman's endorsements. The best entries, together with the "5 Acre Woods" design will be presented to members by Q3 2018. Once members have selected an option, we will proceed to fine tune the design and endeavour to complete the project by end 2021.

We also need to work on longer-term plans for our golf courses at the Island location.

The Golf Redevelopment and Planning Committee (GRPC) is currently reviewing golf redevelopment options, to ensure the Club can continue to cater to our golfing needs when we lose the Sime Course by end 2021, and Bukit by 2030. Given the anticipated future golfing demand and course conditions, GRPC is resolving to recommend a cost-effective and practical option that provides the best golfing experience for members. GRPC will provide an update on the project next month.

A draft master plan depicting the key milestones is appended below to aid planning, facilitate member consultation, feedback and approval before project implementation.



Key Projects and Milestones

Activities

ISLAND LAND LEASE RENEWAL

Building Agreement with NParks

Land lease renewal application

EGM on lease premium and renewal

BUKIT LAND LEASE RENEWAL

Final clearance from LTA

Sharing agreement with LM

Land lease renewal application

EGM on lease premium and renewal

BUKIT FREEHOLD CLUBHOUSE

Design concept & preparation

Presentation and feedback from members/ EGM approval

Final detail design, tender & award

Construction & TOP

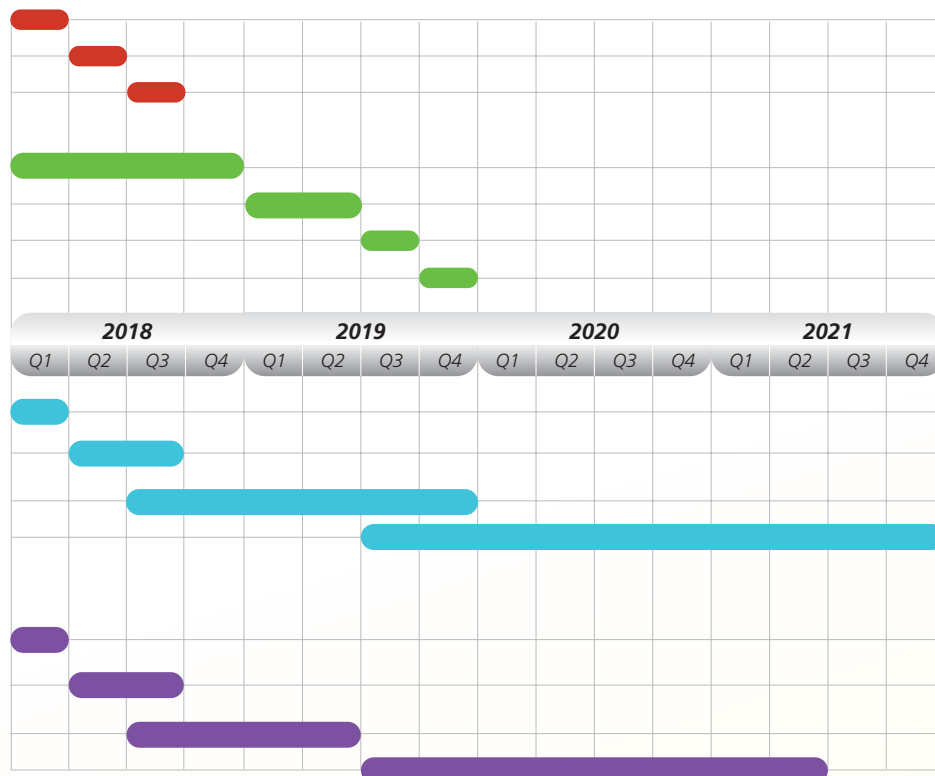
GOLF COURSE REDEVELOPMENT (NEW/MILLENNIUM)

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As rightly pointed out by members during the last AGM, the Club Rules and Bye-Laws governing the running of this Club have to be reviewed to ensure they remain practical and relevant to evolving needs. The Constitutional and Legal Committee is undertaking this review and gathering feedback from members. It will make its recommendations to GC and the Club Chairman for approval, and the approved amendments will be submitted in due course to the Registry of Societies.

A tender to outsource the GCM works at the Bukit golf courses has been called to invite competent vendors who can guarantee the delivery of quality golf courses within a specified budget.

In this issue, you will also find details of our newly revamped website with a refreshing look and feel. With the implementation of these new features, to be rolled out in stages, members will be able to check their past transactions, as well as update member particulars online. Moving forward, we are leveraging on technology and innovation to improve web portal transactions capabilities, connectivity and enhance members' online experience.

Finally, I would like to invite members to join us in ushering the Year of the Dog at our annual Chinese New Year Lion Dance on Saturday, 24 February held at both the Island (11:00am) and Bukit (2:30pm) locations. Do bring your family to enjoy the performances and receive blessings for a wonderful year ahead.

I wish you and your family a healthy, joyous and a prosperous year ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Low
President