

As the year comes to a close, the General Committee (GC) and I would like to take this opportunity to thank members for your support and friendship.

The year-end is always a time for family and friends' get-togethers and celebrations. To usher in the magic of Christmas was the well received Light Up on 28 November 2015. Do keep a look out for the notices around the Club and in this Islander on the fun-filled events and the new concept New Year's Eve Family Countdown Party. Do participate actively and rejoice with fellow members.

ISLAND LAND LEASE

The Club has received an indicative lease extension premium for Island Location until 31 December 2040 at an estimated \$85 million, subject to further studies on the safeguarding of reservoir edges and boundary survey. We are actively following up with the authorities on the renewal process and hope to conclude this very soon.



FINALISING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)

At the last AGM, the Club was updated that the deadline for SICC and Labour Movement (LM) to reach an agreement was 30 November 2015. As there are still various issues pending resolution, in particular the Exit Rights proposed by LM, the Club has written to the Ministry of Law (MinLaw) to seek an extension of time. We look forward to finalising the MOA soonest possible.

Meanwhile, Management, the Planning and Redevelopment Committee (PRC) and GC will continue to engage the respective government agencies and review our redevelopment options - to ensure all membership needs and activities are addressed.

REDEVELOPMENT OF BUKIT FREEHOLD LAND

The PRC and its Facilities Working Committee (Facilities WoCo) have met with Park + Associates to fine-tune its winning design to take into consideration feedback from the professionally conducted Members' Survey and recent AGM issues.

A detailed review of the pros and cons of all sensible options based on impact on operations, functionality, work-scheduling, budget and membership profile is being conducted so as to ensure relevance to membership in an overall context.



REDEVELOPMENT OF ISLAND GOLF COURSES

The PRC and its Golf Working Committee (Golf WoCo) are actively working with the golf course project consultant to review the redevelopment of the Island golf courses in a comprehensive manner. The intent is to create extra capacity and playability so as to accommodate the golfing traffic subsequent to the two likely deadlines of 2021 and 2030 when the Club loses 18 and 36 holes respectively at the Bukit Location.

While exploring the various options, capital expenditure and disruption to golf and F&B operations, and the appropriate speed of implementation will be taken into consideration.

The GC will look into the recommendations of the PRC and, ultimately, present to membership for approval.

CATERING FOR INCREASED GOLFING TRAFFIC ON BUKIT COURSE

Meanwhile, the GC is actively working on a buggy track for the Bukit Course.

In view of the disruption due to renovations to our Island golf courses in the next 5 years and our losing at least Sime Course in 2021, the Bukit Course must be prepared to cater for more traffic. Its current low patronage, on account of being a walking course, will be overcome by installing a buggy track. Two routes have been proposed and we welcome your feedback on these. You may have seen notices around the Club for the same, and more details on the matter will also follow on page 12 in this *Islander*.

MAINTAINING THE GREENS

We have paid close attention to course maintenance in an effort to enhance your golfing experience. The greens and fairways continue to improve as we adopt and monitor the appropriate time-tested practices. Kudos to the efforts of the golf course maintenance team under the guidance of Club Captain. We are also actively engaging our peers at other golf clubs to learn their best practices and such cross-sharing of experience have been valuable. Further, we are searching for a suitable head of agronomy.

Do have a Merry Christmas and we send best wishes for a good 2016 ahead!

Yours sincerely,



Alex Ooi
President